



Wood County

4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS

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4-H Purpose:

Engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development.

PLEDGE:

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world

Happy Autumn!

My one-year anniversary in this full-time role with Wood County 4-H is quickly approaching and WOW! Have I learned a lot! To those of you who helped set me on course, answered questions, and answered pleas for help . . . THANK YOU! Wood County 4-H remains strong because of you.

In the midst of ongoing change, we remain focused on delivering high-quality educational opportunities for our 710+ youth members and 180+ certified adult volunteers. Because of that change we need more help from you, our 4-H family. Your ideas and efforts will make all the difference to our programs.

I invite YOU to our County-wide Committee organizational meeting on **Monday, October 22**. We will meet at the Pittsville Community Center at 7:00pm. We recommend that clubs send one adult and one youth for every 15 members of your club, to our County-wide Committee Organizational Meeting. This way, all clubs will have a voice in shaping the programs, and youth will have a strong voice in decision making. Some programs we'll be working on include camp, Creative Arts Day, and Project Discovery Day.

Don't forget, reenrollment begins on Monday, September 10th!

Re-enroll right away so you don't miss a thing!

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4-H YEAR RE-ENROLLMENT

With the fair behind us, it is time to re-enroll in 4-H for next year. Re-enrollment begins on **SEPTEMBER 10th** and closes on October 31st. Re-enrollment must be done through 4honline.com

Re-enrolling before the October 31st deadline is necessary in order to show at the 2019 Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair, but there are other reasons to enroll as soon as possible!

Why Should I Re-enroll Early?

Once you complete your re-enrollment:

- Members & leaders can register for events through [4honline](http://4honline.com)
- Club leaders have an accurate roster
- Families will get project or grade specific information
- Volunteers have liability coverage
- 4-H programs & activities will have up-to-date health information
- You will receive county and statewide 4-H communications

How Do I Re-Enroll?

- ◆ Log-in to your existing [4honline](http://4honline.com) profile (www.4honline.com)
- ◆ On the family home screen, click “Continue to Family”
- ◆ Click the edit button next to the member you wish to re-enroll
- ◆ At the bottom of the screen, click on the “Enroll for 2018-2019” button
- ◆ Review the existing information, and update as necessary
- ◆ On the additional information screen, review the agreement statements & photo release
- ◆ Update your health form!
- ◆ Update your projects (these are the categories you can enter in at the fair)
- ◆ Click “Submit”
- ◆ You have completed your re-enrollment!

If you have any questions about re-enrollment, call the UW-Extension Office at 715-421-8439.

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION

Adult volunteers working with the 4-H shooting sports program must complete a certification course for each discipline they would like to help teach. Lucky for us, there is an upcoming certification class right here in Wood County! The class will be held at the Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club, 11841 Stadt Road in Marshfield on September 7-8.

New shooting sports volunteers need to attend both Friday evening and Saturday.

Volunteers adding a certification only need to attend Saturday’s workshop. Certifications offered include: archery, coordinator, rifle/air rifle, muzzleloader, pistol/air pistol and shotgun.

Registration fee is \$70 for those attending their first certification and \$55 for those adding a certification. A spouse who attends the same discipline is \$25.

The training will be from 6:00-10:00pm on Friday evening and 8:00am-5:00pm on Saturday.

To register, email Doug Thompson at doug.thompson@ces.uwex.edu as soon as possible!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 7-13, 2018

As 4-H members, we know about all of the incredible opportunities that are available. National 4-H Week is our chance to share with the rest of Wood County and teach everyone about the great things we do in 4-H!



Starting on October 1st, we will have a county-wide 4-H display at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids for the entire month of October. To make this display incredible, we need YOUR exhibits! If you would like to have your exhibit(s) included, call the Wood County UW-Extension office to sign up. We hope to see a lot of great exhibits representing the wide range of project areas.

When you bring your exhibits to our office, be sure to include your name and your club's name somewhere on your exhibit. All ribbons should be removed.

Thank you for helping us celebrate National 4-H Week and share 4-H with the people of Wood County!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK DISPLAY CONTEST

In conjunction with National 4-H Week, the Wood County 4-H Leaders' Association encourages all 4-H families and clubs to make a display promoting 4-H during this week.

Competition Guidelines:

1. The display should tell a message about 4-H, the theme is "Inspire Kids To Do"
2. All displays must be easy for the public to see (front yards, stores, banks, club corners, schools, etc.) and must be displayed for the entire week.
3. A color photo of the display **must** be emailed to the UW-Extension Office at woodcounty4h@co.wood.wi.us by October 17th to be judged. Include the club name or family name and location of the display.
4. Only one display per family or club; a family may do their own display *and* help their club make a display.
5. Displays will be judged on conveyance of clear 4-H message, attractiveness, neatness, location and originality.
6. Displays should include the club name and meeting information.

Prizes:

<i>Family Entry:</i>	1st place: \$10	2nd place: \$6	3rd place: \$5
<i>Club Entry:</i>	1st place: \$15	2nd place: \$10	3rd place: \$5

Some promotional materials are available through the Wood County 4-H Office. Please contact our office if you are interested in additional materials.

Winners will be announced at the awards recognition in November.

FOODS REVUE A SUCCESS

Twenty youth participated in the 2018 Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair Foods, Small Appliance, and Cake Revue at Marshfield High School on July 18. They prepared a wide range of delicious foods and beautiful cakes. The judge, Lola Doll, was impressed by their knowledge and abilities. Special thanks to Carla MacArthur for welcoming us to your classroom space and for setting up the fun activities station.



Results from the day:

Foods Revue

Best of Show: Madeline Hensel; Richfield 4-H

Honorable Mention: Sara Snorheim; Kountry Kids 4-H

Small Appliance Revue

Best of Show: Jenna Snorheim; Kountry Kids 4-H

Honorable Mention: Kate Whelan; Snyder 4-H

Cake Revue

Best of Show: Rachel Seubert; Golden Glow 4-H

Honorable Mention: Johnny Binder; Golden Glow 4-H

Congratulations to all of our participants!



CLOTHING REVUE & PHOTOGRAPHY 101

This year, Clothing Revue was held in conjunction with a Photography 101 class at the McMillan Memorial Library on June 21st. Clothing Revue competitors made great models for those photographers interested in learning more about taking great pictures.

Congratulations to Cierra MacArthur and Samantha Budtke, both from Webster 4-H, on your Best of Show clothing projects!

Special thanks to Tom Loucks of Wisconsin Rapids Community Media for creating and teaching Photography 101!



WOOD COUNTY 4-H ARTISTS HONORED

Several Wood County artists were featured in two shows at Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison. Lily Kloos of Kountry Kids and Addie Kawleski of Wittenberg Workers displayed their pieces in the Youth Conference Art Show. Addie's acrylic painting "Summer Haze" received a State Art Team Director's Award.

Dmitry Pesko entered a painting in the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Arts Contest. He won 1st place painting and a \$100 prize. Dmitry's painting will be auctioned off at the Celebrate the Arts Gala in October.

Congratulations, artists!



Painting done by Dmitry Pesko

P.A.L.S. VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Thank you to the eight teams who came out to Auburndale Park on the evening of July 27th. It was a beautiful night for volleyball. We saw many examples of incredible teamwork, commendable sportsmanship, and player support. Laughter and smiles dominated the tournament.

Congratulations to our top three teams:

1st place: Kountry Kids

2nd place: Pleasant Corners

3rd place: Webster



Special thanks to Scott Berg and Hailey Bruhn for jumping into the referee stands!

ROCKET LAUNCH RESULTS

On July 23rd, the fair rocket demonstration contest was held near Pittsville. The demonstration contest involves having exhibitors safely launch and then land their rocket closest to a target. It was a great night for a rocket competition. The weather was beautiful with variable winds for an extra challenge.

Congratulations to our junior and senior category winners Johnny Binder of Golden Glow and Alexis Redmond of Pleasant Corners.



4-H STATE AND NATIONAL EXPERIENCES

4-H offers many opportunities to expand your horizons and develop life skills through travel. Opportunities include:

- Space Camp
- WI 4-H & Youth Conference
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Leadership Washington Focus

The Wood County Leaders' Association helps make these experiences more affordable with financial support. The level of support varies by the total cost of the experience.

For a complete description of each opportunity, along with travel dates, age requirements, the level of support available from the Wood County 4-H Leaders' Association, and complete application materials, visit: <http://wood.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/trip-applications/>

Application materials are due October 15th for Space Camp, Citizen Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference and Leadership Washington Focus.



AWARD APPLICATIONS

The Wood County 4-H Leaders' Association recognizes the hard work of our youth members every year through recognition awards.

Three different awards are given:

1. Project Awards
2. Activity Awards, including Achievement, Leadership, Public Speaking & Demonstration and Community Service
3. Key Award: The 4-H Key Award recognizes select 4-H

members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Candidates for this award must be in 9th grade or above, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

Youth may self-nominate themselves for these awards by completing the application form and having it signed by the Project Leader or the club's General Leader. Award application forms are available online at: <http://wood.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-bookportfolios/>.

Applications must be turned into the UW-Extension office by October 10th.



IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR PORTFOLIO

Wood County 4-H members in grades 3 and higher are encouraged to complete a portfolio every year they are in 4-H. A portfolio documents what you have learned and accomplished in 4-H. It encourages you to keep a record of your 4-H work, and helps you set goals throughout your 4-H experience. A portfolio also shows your growth over time. It is designed to be a great source of information that you will be able to use to complete scholarship, job, and college entrance applications. Additionally, it is fun to have a record of your 4-H experiences over the years!

Members can start a portfolio at any point in their 4-H experience, or continue building a portfolio after missing a few years. Members submitting portfolios can also earn awards. ***For award consideration, portfolios must be signed by your club's General Leader and submitted to the UW-Extension Office by October 10th—no late entries accepted (please ask your leader if they have an earlier deadline).***

Here are a few tips for getting started and putting together your portfolio:

- **PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR 4-H PORTFOLIO**

Find all of the portfolio forms at: <http://wood.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-bookportfolios/>. You may complete the forms on the computer and print them or, if you choose to complete by hand, use blue or black ink.

A 3-ring binder is a great tool for organizing your portfolio. After you have completed your portfolio forms, put them in the order listed below. You may include a table of contents and divider pages between projects, but they are not required.

- **GENERAL INFORMATION** (*page 1*): Create a new general information page each year. Add a picture of yourself, if possible.
- **PERMANENT RECORD** (*pages 2-5*): Use the same permanent record from year to year, just move it to the current year and update it. Be sure to total the points at the bottom of each activity section. All starred (*) items must be explained on the Explanation of Starred (*) Items form.
- **EXPLANATION OF STARRED (*) ITEMS** (*page 6*): All starred items on the Permanent Record must be explained on this form. Add a new Explanation of Starred items each year.
- **ACTIVITY REFLECTION** (*pages 7+*): Show what you accomplished in 4-H, not directly related to a specific project. Examples would be: Creative Arts Day, club or county recreational activities, committee work, community service, camp, etc. The AR form may include captioned photos. The AR can be more than one page, but please **DO NOT INCLUDE** programs, ribbons, certificates, etc.
- **PROJECT STORY** (*pages 8+*): Create a Project Story page for each project you are enrolled in. The Project Story form may include captioned photos and be more than one page. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** programs, ribbons, certificates, etc.
- **4-H AND YOU!** (*last page*): Summarize your year's activities and project. Create a new 4-H and You! each year.

Portfolios are a great tool to organize your 4-H events and achievements each year. If you have any questions, please contact the UW-Extension office.

FALL FORUM & HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

Adult and Youth Leaders – Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!

WHAT: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: John-Paul Chaisson-Cárdenas, Iowa State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader

WHEN: November 2-4, 2018 (starting with registration at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 2, and ending at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 4)

WHERE: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

WHO: Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7th – 13th grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

COST:

Registration Fee includes meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies

- \$85 registration fee per person (Friday – Sunday)
- \$75 registration fee per person (Saturday – Sunday)
- \$70 registration fee (Saturday lunch and dinner)
- \$50 registration fee (Saturday – lunch only)

LODGING:

Adults

- \$50/night if there are two adults
- \$80/night—single adult room
- \$25/night with 3+ adults per room

Youth

- \$25/night with 3-6 youth/room; room cost increases with more than one person, which is why the room rates are not half of the single rate.

The program kicks off Friday evening with 15+ interactive sessions. Saturday offers over 25 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where 9 laureates will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level.

All youth participants need to have a chaperone who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

The top 10 reasons why youth and adult leaders will want to attend!

1. 15+ interactive sessions Friday night... food & plant sciences, games, origami.....
2. 20+ sessions Saturday from science and service to leadership and team building
3. Hear how 4-H is making a difference!
4. Meet youth and adults from around the state!
5. See youth adult partnerships in action!
6. Network and share ideas!
7. Be part of Wisconsin's largest university youth outreach program!
8. Get ideas and projects to take home to use in clubs, schools and community settings!
9. Have fun!
10. Celebrate Wisconsin 4-H and learn more about Growing 4-H in Wisconsin!

Register through 4HOnline beginning September 5; registration ends September 30.

This program is partially funded by the WI 4-H Foundation.

REFLECTION PIECE

In April, the Ohio 4-H LGBTQ+ Summit was held in Columbus, OH. Six youth from Wisconsin traveled with two adults to the Summit. One Wood County 4-H member was lucky enough to be a part of the experience. The Summit was created to offer an opportunity for LGBTQ+ 4-H youth and their allies to learn more about LGBTQ+ topics, network, and start important discussions in a safe environment. Special thanks to Cierra Sjoman for sharing her reflections on her experience.

LGBTQ+ Summit (What I Learned)

Submitted by Cierra Sjoman

There are many things that I want to say, how I feel even prouder about my bisexuality, my new friends, and all the lessons I learned. Though there was some negative reactions to me attending this event, I knew it would be worth the time. Inclusion should always be a part of 4-H, no matter your race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality. From all the things I learned, friendship is one of my favorite things in 4-H. Despite the 14-hour drive, arriving at the hotel at midnight, and dealing with a time change, the trip was amazing! I know some may not want me to talk about the LGBTQ+ community, but as a member of it I refuse to hold my tongue. Anyone can be in 4-H, and not allowing them to is discrimination. No one deserves to be discriminated against because of who they or are who they love.

The first session I attended was called "Coming Out About Coming Out", run by a group in Ohio. There were many personal discussions, and I spoke about the issues of the Auburndale Gay Straight Alliance when people tried to protest our first meeting. I gave advice to a few people that told their stories, and were obviously going through hard times and needed a hug. It was an amazing session to sit through, and that was only the first session!

The second session was called "Mental Health Wellness," a topic that really hits home for me. We discussed mental illness, warning signs, helping others, and some peoples' personal stories. I talked about how my grandpa molded me into the person I am, he filled the father role while I was a child. Without him, I would not be the person I am today.

The third session was called "Don't Box Me In" which was about stereotypes. We talked about types of stereotypes, the stigma of it and personal stories. I told about how people think I'm stuck in an emo phase, am extremely depressed and only listen to My Chemical Romance. It was good to hear that a lot of other people want to get rid of the stigma over stereotypes.

We ended with a panel of 4-H alumni, they answered as many of our questions before 3:30. It was obvious that they were seasoned veterans, and knew a lot about the LGBTQ+ community (since they are members of it). They answered questions about allies, coming out and many other things. The panel was possibly one of my favorite part of the summit.

I am extremely sad that the summit ended so soon, maybe next year it will be longer than two days. Coming home is how this journey ends, now I stand before you all telling stories of new friendships, knowledge of inclusion and a new sense of awareness. I would love to attend the summit again, it was fun, interesting, and something I personally believed in. Thank you for listening, I wrote most of this while we were driving around.

We also took an amazing side stop on our way home, we stopped at the birthplace of 4-H. We took fun photos, looked at the court house, from the outside, and saw 4-H history in motion. It was fantastic, and was a high light of the trip.

ANNUAL 4-H AWARDS MOVIE MORNING

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our special Wood County 4-H Awards Morning at the Movies. On Saturday, November 10th, Rogers Cinema in Marshfield will screen a movie JUST FOR US. All Wood County 4-H members and their friends are invited to attend.

Before the show, we will present Cloverbud Awards, Portfolio Awards, Project and Activity Awards, and a few others, too!

The awards program will begin at 9:00 am, and the movie will begin at 9:45 am.

Watch the 'Wood County 4-H, WI' Facebook page for more details on the movie name and cost closer to the date!



SHADY LANE 4-H SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Congratulations and thank you to members of the Shady Lane 4-H Club who helped serve the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach meal on July 30th!

You did a fantastic job and your efforts are appreciated by so many.

Would you like to see your club's community service recognized in Youth Connections? Be sure to let us know what you did and share a few pictures, too.



UPCOMING LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

The 4-H Leaders' Association meets on the 4th Monday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. All active 4-H leaders are welcome to attend the meetings; **club representation is expected**. The meeting location is subject to change based on availability. Check the website calendar for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

- Monday, September 24; First Presbyterian Church, 8156 Church Road, Arpin
- Monday, November 26; Marshfield Area Research Station
- Monday, January 22; Location TBD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

3	LABOR DAY UW-EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	
7-8	Shooting Sports Certification	Central WI Sportsmens Club Marshfield, WI
9	Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Board Meeting 5:00 pm	Central WI Sportsmens Club Marshfield, WI
10	4-H Re-enrollment Begins	ONLINE www.4honline.com
17	Club Charter Renewal Help 6:00 pm	ONLINE at Facebook: Wood County 4-H, WI
20	Re-enrollment Help 6:00 pm	ONLINE at Facebook: Wood County 4-H, WI
23	P.A.L.S Gathering 4:00 pm	TBD
24	Leaders' Association Meeting 7:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church Arpin, WI
30	Fall Forum Registration Deadline	ONLINE www.4Honline.com

OCTOBER

6-7	4-H Arts Camp 9:00 am, October 6 – 2:30 pm, October 7	Camp Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells, WI
7-13	National 4-H Week "Inspire Kids To Do" Visit local libraries all month to see our county-wide displays!	Nationwide & Wood County Libraries
10	Educational Experience Applications due for CWF, Space Camp and National Conference	Materials available online
10	Portfolios, Cloverbud Scrapbooks & Award Applications Due	UW-Extension Office
15	State and National Experience Applications Due	UW-Extension Office
15	Club Charters Due	UW-Extension Office
18	New Volunteer Training (VIP) 6:30 pm	Richfield Town Hall
21	Portfolio Review and Judging	Marshfield Area Research Station
22	All Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	Pittsville Community Center Pittsville, WI

For the most up-to-date list of events for Wood County 4-H, view our online calendar at:

<http://wood.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>



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