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Dear 4-H Leader,

Club Dues - should be paid by April 30. If you have any questions about the dues, please reach out to the office. Remember this is a fairly new process yet.

Silent Auction is in the planning stages. The auctions have generated thousands of dollars for the Fond du Lac County 4-H Endowment Fund. In turn, the interest from the Endowment Fund supports the activities of 4-H members. Each club is asked to donate an item to the silent auction, volunteer to help man the area, and secure donations from three businesses in your area. Let Cindy Koffman know ahead of time how your club will be involved, so space for auction items and volunteer time slots may be allocated. Call her at (920) 477-5006.

Adult Leaders Raffle - The raffle tickets were distributed to clubs at the April 30 Adult Leaders Meeting. The raffle drawing will take place at the Adult Leaders Meeting on August 20. This is a primary source of money to build programs for our 4-H youth. If you have not picked up raffle tickets for the club, please stop in at the Extension office. Tickets are due back to the office on Friday, June 27th. Please issue one check to the adult leaders for the ticket money collected. The tickets are in the club mailbox.

Cloverbud Pumpkin Seeds can also be found in club mailboxes.

Summer Academy is the Positive Youth Development Institute's signature career, leadership, & college readiness conference hosted at UW-Madison. The event focuses on preparing young people (grades 8-11) for higher education in a way that complements formal education prep programs. This year's theme is Charge your Sparks; Summer Academy is committed to helping youth discover their passions by providing the inspiration and charge to keep their battery full! Participants will take a deep dive into a college and/or career focus of their choice through tracks offered by both UW-Madison and Madison College, and will have many opportunities to network with faculty, students, recent graduates, and peers from across the state. The registration fee covers all lodging, meals, track participation, and in-town travel during the event. Statewide bussing to and from the event will be offered for an additional fee.

Summer Camp Update - There will be different day camp programs offered this summer. We are seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the 2025 Day Camp Committee. If you know of individuals who would be a great fit for Cloverbud Day Camp, Art Day Camp, LEGO Camp, Foodie Camp, STEM Camp, Around the World Camp, or Cardboard Day Camp opportunities for the summer of 2025, please contact Tracy at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu. The planning for many of these opportunities is done over the next couple of months. Youth started signing up for day camps in [4Honline](#) on **April 15**.

(NEW) Around the World Camp - Campers in grades 3-8 will engage in a variety of activities, including sports and geography games, listening to music from different countries, creating cultural crafts, and savoring traditional foods. Each day, youth will visit one country in the morning and another in the afternoon, collecting a total of 6 passport stamps by the end of the camp. In addition to these activities, campers will learn about the history, customs, and languages of the countries they visit. The camp runs from 9 am- 3 pm at UW Extension, Fond du Lac County Campus. **June 30-July 2, 9 am - 3 pm**

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Cloverbud Day Camp is a camp for youth in grades Kindergarten to 2nd. This camp focuses on a topic for the youth to explore. The camp runs from 9 am-3 pm. The first camp will take place at a local farm, and the second and third camps will be held at UW Extension, Fond du Lac County Campus. Topics include Fun on the Farm, Out of this World, and Outdoor Survival Camp. We are seeking volunteers who would like to help plan the camp as well as volunteer during camp to help the counselors. **June 26, July 23, August 13, 9 am - 3 pm**

Cardboard Day Camp is a multi-day camp for youth in grades 2nd-8th, where youth will have an opportunity to build planes, trains and automobiles! Youth will design their transportation method of choice and use their design to build a model. Youth will construct the model using various materials such as cardboard boxes, paper towel tubes, paper plates, and more. Youth will also work as a team to complete a challenge! The camp runs from 9 am -12 pm at UW Extension, Fond du Lac County Campus. The goal of this effort is to engage young people in leadership roles while learning about science, technology, math, and engineering. **August 19-21, 9 am - 12 pm**

Art Day Camp is a camp for youth to learn different art skills. We are seeking volunteers and youth to be part of this camp planning committee and to help run the camp. The camp will be 3 days, and each day will focus on a different art media. The committee decides the format of the camp. Topics covered are Art-Rageous 2-D Camp, Super Sculptures 3-D Camp, and Creative Cultural Arts. The art projects are some of the most popular projects youth enroll in. We want to support them with learning experiences and different project opportunities. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Tracy. Grades 3rd-8th. **August 4-6, 9 am - 3 pm**

Foodie Camp is a camp for youth to learn different cooking and baking skills. We are seeking volunteers and youth to be part of this camp planning committee and to help run the camp. The Foods and Nutrition project is one of the most popular projects youth enroll in. We want to support them with learning experiences and different project opportunities. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Tracy. Grades 3rd-8th. **June 16-18, 9 am - 3 pm**

LEGO Camp is a camp for youth to learn different LEGO building skills. The LEGO club and project is growing fast. Join us during this camp and get a taste of what LEGO club is like! Youth will build different creations with the LEGO bricks at the office. No need to bring any from home! Youth will also learn about different building and engineering techniques, as well as doing some LEGO crafts they can take home! Grades 2nd-8th. This camp will run in two session, the first is **June 9-11, 9 am-12:30 pm** and the second will run in the afternoons opposite of Cardboard Camp on **August 19-21, 12:30 pm- 4 pm**

STEM Camp - Youth who love science will get the chance to tinker, build, and experiment. This camp is perfect for young detectives who love solving mysteries and exploring the fascinating science behind crime-solving. Youth will participate in hands-on activities such as fingerprinting, learning how to crack codes, and other techniques to examine evidence. At the end of the camp, they'll have the chance to solve a mini crime scene! Youth will learn critical thinking skills while doing hands-on activities! Grades 3rd-8th. **July 29-31, 9am - 3 pm**

More information on camps can be found on the Extension website:
<https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/events-activities/>.

Foods Revue Registration open - Registration is open soon in [4HOnline](#) under events. All 4-H members in the Foods and Nutrition, Cloverbud, and Exploring projects are invited to participate. More information can be found in the 4-H Friday Newsletter! Blueberries are Best is the Foods Revue theme for 2025!

Foods Revue

When: TBD

Where: TBD

Schedule:

5:00 - 6:00 pm check-in and set up

6:00 - 7:30 pm Judging and Awards

7:30 - Taste of Fond du Lac 4-H

Age Groups:

1. Cloverbud - Grades K-2
2. Grades 3-5
3. Grades 6-8
4. Grades 9-13

On occasion, we have received requests for a **certificate of insurance**. This often happens because 4-H is using someone else's facilities (i.e. school, church) and the facility wants proof there is insurance coverage. Contact Tracy and provide the following information:

- What is the event
- The date of the event
- Location/address of the event
- The name, address, and e-mail of the person to send the certificate to

We will send this information to the UW-Madison risk manager. They will send the certificate to me. You need to allow plenty of time for this chain to be followed when asking for a certificate. We suggest a minimum of 3 weeks for process time. Separate certificates are needed for each location of an event.

Do you know who is **enrolled in your club**? With online enrollments, it is possible to have someone enroll, then not be involved and you never knew they were signed up. To find out who is a member of your club, log into your club leader [4HOnline](#) account. If you have trouble with this, either call or e-mail Sarah at sarah.stevenson@wisc.edu or 920-906-4623. Check over the member list. If someone has not been attending, contact them and invite them to the next event. Youth members must fulfill attendance requirements as established at the club level. As a leader, you must communicate and implement the requirements. Often these are listed in your club bylaws. Anyone who is on your roster is considered an active member of your club, unless you communicate otherwise with them, and then let the Extension Office know.

We welcome your **submissions** for the 4-H Friday **newsletter!!** Please send your articles and photos at <https://go.wisc.edu/2665ok>

New Family Fair Orientation June 4 - To help new families understand this process better, a new family fair orientation will be held in **Wednesday, June 4 at 5:45 pm at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds**. Topics covered are entering projects at the fair, important dates to remember, how judging works at the fair, and answering any questions families may still have. There will also be a short tour of the fairgrounds to help first year families know where things are judged and what to expect. Karen Albert, a fair board member and 4-H volunteer, will be leading this orientation. **Please Register by Friday, May 30, 2025.** Register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/95rx06>

Upcoming Event/Activities:

May:

- 1 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 1 Shooting Sports, 5:30-7:30 pm, Izaak Walton League, N6491 County Trunk K
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- 7 Dairy Judging Practice, 6:30 pm, Elmlo Holsteins, N2202 County Rd A, Cascade
- 8 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 8 Shooting Sports, 5:30-7:30 pm, Izaak Walton League, N6491 County Trunk K
- 13 Shooting Sports, 5:30-7:30 pm, Izaak Walton League, N6491 County Trunk K
- 15 Scholarship deadline for Fond du Lac County 4-H Scholarships**
- 15 Dairy State Fair Meeting, 7:00 pm, FDL Fairgrounds Rec Building
- 15 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
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- 27 **TLA Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Rolling Meadows
- 27 **LEGO Club**, 6:30 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 29 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
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June:

- 4 New Family Fair Orientation, 5:45 pm, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
- 5 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 7 Registration Deadline for Foods Revue - Register through 4-Honline
- 9-11 **LEGO Camp**, 9 am- 12:30 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 12 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 16-18 **Foodie Camp**, 9 am- 3 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 19 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 16-19 **Summer Academy**, UW Madison, register through 4-H online by April 27
- 23 **TLA Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Rolling Meadows
- 24 **LEGO Club**, 6:30 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 26 **Cloverbud Day Camp: Fun on the Farm**, 9 am- 3 pm, Location will be emailed
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Sincerely,



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cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisors, Horse Project President