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Dear 4-H Leader,

• **Welcome Kelsey - Bilingual 4-H Associate Educator**

Mucho gusto - nice to meet you! My name is Kelsey Beine, and I am excited to join the Fond du Lac County 4-H team. My education background includes degrees in math, Spanish, and leadership, and I have enjoyed teaching all these subjects to both high school and college students. I am a proud 4-H alumna of 13 years, with lots of experience in club and county leadership, and a few travel experiences along the way! Outside of 4-H (and sometimes in 4-H, too!), I can be found teaching yoga and meditation, knitting, doing nature photography, and touring the Wisconsin state parks with my partner. My focus will be on expanding the 4-H program and working with underserved audiences in Fond du Lac County. Afterschool 4-H clubs and programming will be one of my priorities. I look forward to learning and discovering with you - 4-H adventures await!

• \*\*\*Volunteers re-enrolling will need to complete the new training Supporting You, Supporting Youth (approximately 10 mins). If you enrolled 2022-2023 before December 1<sup>st</sup>, you would need to complete Building Safe Spaces (approximately 45 mins). If you have questions about these trainings or where to find them, please reach out to Tracy. More information can be found here:  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/>.

**4HOnline Enrollment**

**New enrollments continue coming daily in 4-H Online!** Please monitor your club membership listings and let the Extension Office know, if we can approve your new members in 4-HOnline.

\*\*\***Club Leader Update**\*\*\* The Club Roster that you download from your club manager screen now includes a second page on the roster spreadsheet that lists the project selections. Here's how to access your rosters:

- [4-H Online: Club Leaders Guide](#)
- [4-H Online: Club Leader Video Demonstration](#)

*If you need your Unit (Club) PIN, please contact Tina ([tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu](mailto:tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu)).*

**DEADLINE**

Youth wishing to exhibit in the Junior Show at the Fond du Lac County Fair must have enrolled in an approved youth organization by **February 1 of the fair year**. This is to exhibit. If youth are not enrolled, they cannot exhibit at all in the Junior Show. **\*Note: This is a Fond du Lac County Fair Policy.**

• **Day Camp Volunteer Team**

We are seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the 2024 Day Camp Committee. If you know of individuals who would be a great fit for Cloverbud Day Camp and other Day Camp opportunities for the summer of 2024, please contact Tracy at [tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu](mailto:tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu). The planning for many of these opportunities is done over the next couple of months.

## Here are the camps that are looking for volunteers and youth to help plan:

- Cloverbud Day Camp
- Cardboard Camp
- LEGO Camp
- Foodie Camp
- Arts Camp
- Around the World Camp (NEW)
- STEM Camp (NEW)

• On occasion, we have received requests for a **certificate of insurance**. This often happens because a 4-H club or group 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.

### • Apply for a Club Grant

Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation has a 4-H Grant that is currently open for clubs to apply for <https://mutualofwausau.com/community-involvement/>.

The 4-H Club Grant was initiated to support 4-H Clubs in youth development and to promote civic and leadership responsibilities. The deadline for this grant is **April 1, 2024**. \*4-H is not affiliated with Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation.

### • Visual Arts Festival

We are seeking youth and adults to be on the Visual Arts Festival committee. Over the past few years this contest has been known as the Tri-County Visual Arts Festival. This year the other two counties are not participating for various reasons. We hope to bring back the Tri-County Visual Arts Festival in 2025.

What that means is we have the chance to do a festival locally. Anyone interested in helping plan this event should contact the office, and Tracy will organize a committee meeting. If interested, please contact Tracy by **March 1!** The committee will meet in early March. If there is no committee interest, we will not offer a contest and resume in 2025 with the Tri-County opportunity.

• **Club activities** are highlighted in the *Club News* section of the newsletter. It's easy to have your **club news** included. Just have your secretary or reporter mail or e-mail their secretary minutes or report (and photos) to [tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu](mailto:tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu) or fill out the [Google Form](#) to submit an article. With new youth taking office, this is a good time of the year to get them into the habit of sending the notes in. Highlights and pictures are also shared on the 4-H Facebook page! Please encourage the officers to send the updates and photos each month.

### • Teen Leaders Association

The club's next meeting is Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows/Zoom. TLA is always looking for new members to join! To be a member, youth must have completed 6th grade. If you are interested in joining or would like the link for the meeting, please contact Tina Engelhardt at [tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu](mailto:tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu).

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• **NEW- Mini Project Day, Thursday, March 28 and Monday, April 1!** Mini Project Day will be held on Thursday, March 28 and Monday, April 1 as many area schools have off these days. Cloverbuds can join us in the morning to do various hands-on learning workshops from 9-11:50 am and 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade members can join us for an afternoon of learning! Registration is open Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 15 in 4-Honline. The cost is \$10 per youth. If you have any questions or would like to help at this event, please contact Tracy at (920) 929-3171 or [tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu](mailto:tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu).

### **RESOURCE OF THE MONTH**

#### **Bring a Group to UW-Madison to Explore Science and Technology**

Are you interested in bringing a group of youth to UW-Madison campus to explore science? There are 10 different science venues to choose from and over 25 workshops to experience. From astronomy to stem cells, there are hands-on workshops for everyone to explore. Fill out the [UW-Madison Campus Science Field Trip Interest Form](#) to reserve your date now.

Questions? Reach out to [Liz Jesse, Science Outreach Specialist](#)

### **Calendar of Events**

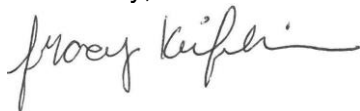
#### **March**

- 1 Summer Academy Registration opens
- 4 Mini Project Day Registration Opens
- 9 Show Pig Workshop, 10:30 am-12pm, Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room #0914
- 10 Market Livestock Educational Sessions, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, Rolling Meadows  
Sessions: Sheep, Beef, Swine
- 10 Fond du Lac County 4-H Horse Project Educational Session, 1:00 pm, Pinnos, registration required.
- 15 Registration deadline for Mini-project Day
- 16 Livestock Skill-a-thon & Quiz Bowl, 9 am, UW-Madison Campus
- 18 Market Livestock Orientation Meeting, 7:00 pm at Recreation Building at FDL Fairgrounds
- 21 Adult Leaders Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus
- 25 TLA, 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room & **via Zoom per request**
- 26 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus
- 28 Mini Project Day Cloverbud Session:9 am -12 pm; 3rd-8th grade members Session: 1-4 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus

#### **April**

- 1 Mini Project Day Cloverbud Session:9 am -12 pm; 3rd-8th grade members Session: 1-4 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus
- 22 TLA, 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room & **via Zoom per request**
- 23 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus

Sincerely,



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cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisor, Horse Project President  
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