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Dear 4-H Leader,

• **Family Learning Day** - Thanks to all the instructors for teaching amazing sessions! We collected a large amount of items to donate to Broken Bread! Thanks to all who participated in the community service project. We also greatly appreciated all the volunteers and Teen Leaders who helped clean, set up, run the registration table, etc. Your hard work was noticed and much appreciated to have a successful project day!

• We still have several volunteers who are pending approval. Tracy has emailed and will be sending out more reminders. Please be sure to complete training or background check information.

**\*\* Background checks**

One of the steps to becoming an approved volunteer is to complete a background check. Your name is being submitted on the next list of background checks.

Please keep an eye on your inbox (and your junk/spam folder) for emails from:

- OHR 4H Volunteers ([4hvolunteers@ohr.wisc.edu](mailto:4hvolunteers@ohr.wisc.edu))
- HireRight Customer Support ([noreply@hireright.com](mailto:noreply@hireright.com))

These emails will contain information and the email from HireRight will include a link to submit your information for the background check.

\*\*\*Volunteers re-enrolling will need to complete the training Supporting You, Supporting Youth (approximately 15 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 Tracy ([tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu](mailto:tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu)).*

### • Day Camp Volunteer Team

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 and other Day Camp opportunities for the summer of 2025, 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 (CSI theme) Camp (NEW)

• Please encourage your new families to be involved in leadership roles and opportunities. These are just a few of the areas where we need volunteers. I would love to connect with adults who are eager to make a difference and help place them in roles that match their interests and skills!

• 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, 2025**. \*4-H is not affiliated with Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation.

• **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 24, 2025, at 6:45 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 Tracy Keifenheim.

• **Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program Virtual Education Series-** The 2025 Animal Sciences educational webinars have started. The first one was on Feb 20th. The next one is March 18. Register by going to <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h>

## 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 In-Person YQCA, 8:00-9:30 am, Expo Building at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
- 3 Market Livestock Orientation Meeting, 7:00 pm at Recreation Building at FDL Fairgrounds
- 6 Adult Leaders Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC)
- 15-16 Art Beat, Upham Woods- Wisconsin Dells
- 15 Livestock Skill-a-thon & Quiz Bowl, 9 am, UW-Madison Campus
- 18 Small Animal Mtg, 6:30 pm, at Recreation Building at FDL Fairgrounds
- 18 Virtual Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program- **Management for your animal project**, via Zoom, Registration required
- 24 TLA, 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room & **via Zoom per request**
- 25 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC)

#### **April**

- 1 Registration deadline for State 4-H Horse Education Days
- 15 Registration opens for Summer Day Camps
- 17 Virtual Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program- **Creating Charcuterie Boards**, via Zoom, Registration required
- 22 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus
- 28 TLA, 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room & **via Zoom per request**
- 30 Adult Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC)

Sincerely,



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cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisor, Horse Project President  
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