



**Extension**

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Dear 4-H Leader,

• Last year we had over 456 youth and 150 adult volunteers; let's see if we can beat that! We are **currently at 512 youth members and 102 volunteers**. There are 52 adults pending their volunteer status due to missing trainings or incomplete background checks.

• \*\*\*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 will 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 be 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.

#### • **Family Learning Day - February 24, 2024**

4-H members, community youth, and parents are invited to attend. Learn a new skill or gain fresh ideas.

• 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.

#### • 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 **February 28!** 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, February 26, 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).

## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

### *Project Resources*

Are you looking for project resources or different learning opportunities within a project area? Check out the resource library! The resource library allows volunteers, staff, and youth to search for project learning materials. Simply put in a request and then the resource will be sent to you to loan just like a library would work. There are so many different resource formats: learning kits, posters, trainings, DVD or CD, and more! After you have used the learning resources, bring them back to the office, and we will ship the resources back for you. It is at no cost to the club or volunteer using them!

**Here is an example** of something you could request: Dog Learning Laboratory Kit

**Description:** The Dog Learning Lab Kit is your answer for species-specific, hands-on, durable materials that make learning tactile and fun. It includes materials and suggestions for activities that cover anatomy, breeds, animal care and management, conformation, equipment, and facility management.

**Format:** Includes a variety of posters, charters, diagrams, identification tags, situation/task statements, and instructions.



### Calendar of Events

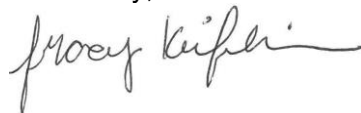
#### February

- 9-11 Winter Leadership Camp - **CANCELED** due to low enrollment
- 24 Family Learning Day, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus
- 26 TLA, 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room & **via Zoom per request**
- 27 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus

#### March

- 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

Sincerely,



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