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Dear 4-H Leader,

• Last year we had over 525 youth and 133 adult volunteers; let's see if we can beat that! We are **currently at 543 youth members and 117 volunteers**. There are 34 adults pending their volunteer status due to missing trainings or incomplete background checks.

If you need to complete your background check you may need a new email sent to you to complete the background checks. The emails do have an expire if the potential volunteer doesn't complete them within a few days.

• ***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 Tina (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 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. The planning for many of these opportunities is done over the next couple of months. We have several opportunities for youth and adults. Several youth who are planning to come back to help with the 2025 Day Camps.

• Family Learning Day - February 22, 2025

Community Service Project

We will be doing a collection for Broken Bread Food Pantry. They need toiletry items, canned fruit, pop-top canned goods, pop-top canned goods with meat, hats/mittens/socks, feminine hygiene products, and diapers. Please bring the day of Family Learning Day, and there will be a donation box at the registration table.

Family Learning Day Announcements

We are trying a sign up genius for volunteer opportunities to help Family Learning Day run smoothly. You can sign up to help with set-up, clean up, work the registration table, or help run people to sessions. Sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAF728A2FFC25-54688435-2025>

We may also have a Goosechase going during Family Learning Day. Watch for more information!

• 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.

• **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 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 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Rolling Meadows. 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.

• Art Beat 2025

Who's Got the Beat!

As we settle into the rhythms of winter, it is a perfect time to think about art and our next major 4-H State Arts activity, Art Beat! Actually, when isn't a good time to think about art? Art Beat is for any 4-H member in **grades 3-5** and will be held at Upham Woods **March 15-16**. You can register through 4HOnline. **Applications will be open January 20-February 17** or until the camp fills.

What is it?

Art Beat is a 4-H, hands-on, interactive art experience in beautiful Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Participants will learn to juggle, make visual arts, create a STEAM project, explore music, and much, much

more. Art Beat is led by older 4-H youth and professional artists in a variety of disciplines from painting, theater, textiles, and music. 4-Hers will also get to experience an overnight camp adventure. The goal of Art Beat is to help young people to explore their artistic sparks.

For more information visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2025/01/08/art-beat-2025/>.

• **Project Leader Training During Family Learning Day Saturday, February 22**

Do you know parents or 4-H Alumni who would be great leaders? Do they have a hobby, skill, or career to share with youth? Join the growing list of project leaders for Fond du Lac County! This training will provide resources, guidance, and hands-on learning on how to lead project meetings.

Please encourage adults to sign up to take this training and take the first step to becoming a 4-H Project Leader! People are more likely to become involved if someone invites/asks them.

Past participants have said:

- "Met new people and had fun doing the activities."
- "Learned about volunteer resources."
- "Excited to try the 4-H Project meeting plan."
- "Looking forward to the resources. I thought I'd have to create everything!"
- "Potential leaders will be excited to see there is support for them in the projects."

The county requires project leaders, so youth can learn by doing. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tracy. Several project areas have many youth enrolled but no leader to teach them.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/ceH2QhFVKSexv3ts5>.

Take the first step towards making a difference in the lives of our youth by signing up for the training today! The **deadline** to register is **February 19, 2025**.

• **2024-2025 FDL County 4-H Calendars**

We are excited to announce that each 4-H Family will receive a printed calendar for the 2024-2025 4-H year. These calendars have been distributed to the club leaders along with a roster. However, we understand that not all families may have received their calendars yet, and we want to ensure that everyone gets one.

These calendars aim to help families plan out the 4-H year effectively. **If you have not received your calendar**, please fill out the Google form below. We want to make sure every family is well-prepared for the exciting year ahead!

Additionally, we **would love to hear your feedback** on the calendar. Please provide your thoughts and suggestions using the Google Form provided. Your input is valuable to us and will help improve future editions. The form is 3 questions.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/qQf2zRwyxMMJm8rn8>

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

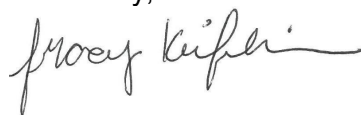
February

- 12 Market Livestock- Feed Supplements Education- Register by Feb 8
- 17 Art Beat Registration Deadline- Register in 4honline
- 22 Family Learning Day, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus
- 24 TLA, 6:45 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room
- 25 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus

March

- 1 YQCA In Person Class, 8:00-9:30 am at the FDL Fairgrounds Expo Center- Registration required
- 6 Adult Leaders Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus
- 24 TLA, 6:45 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room
- 25 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus

Sincerely,



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cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisor, Horse Project President
enc: Charter letter