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Dear 4-H Leader,

SPRING 4-H ADULT LEADER MEETING

The 2024 spring adult leader meeting will be **Tuesday, April 30**, 6:30 pm at UWO- Fond du Lac Campus room AE-205/206. All general leaders are encouraged to attend. Cloverbud Pumpkin seeds will be distributed to club leaders to get to the Cloverbud members. Raffle tickets will also be distributed at this meeting. There will be some small tokens of appreciation for leaders who come as National Volunteer Week is April 21-27, and there will also be some items up for grabs since we have cleaned some spaces and have extras of materials, various 4-H items, etc. This is a meeting you won't want to miss! Leaders may want to bring a tote, bag, or box to carry some of the items to their car.

Club Dues - Club dues are included in this mailing and should be paid by May 15th. If you have any questions about the dues, please reach out to the office. Remember this is a fairly new process yet.

New Family Newsletters

Each month, new families will receive the Exploring 4-H for New Families newsletter to help support them through their family's first year in the 4-H program. Each edition will cover a new topic and will be two pages, front and back. The front page is meant to give adults a more well-rounded understanding of 4-H. The back page is meant for youth 4-H members to either go through on their own or with a parent or caregiver to explore how 4-H operates and fits their interests. While Exploring 4-H for New Families will cover a wide variety of topics, the new families may reach out to general leaders or project leaders with more questions!

National Volunteer Week, celebrated in April, is an opportunity to salute you, the 4-H volunteer!

Thank you for giving your all to make your club environment a place where young people can belong, grow, learn, be challenged, have fun, and give back. Your passion to make the 4-H experience meaningful and memorable is commendable. The 4-H program would not exist without volunteers! We will be celebrating in various ways throughout the week of **April 21-27**. One way to help us celebrate all the wonderful volunteers is to nominate a volunteer you would like to recognize for doing an awesome job! You can nominate them by filling out a quick form online or emailing Tracy a photo of the volunteer you are nominating and why you are nominating them. Find more information here

<https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/thank-a-4-h-volunteer/>

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 4-H Raffle Committee is looking for help with securing donations for the annual raffle. It would be very much appreciated if each club could please acquire at least one raffle prize. Please get raffle prize information to Ann Kaiser by **Monday, April 8**; you can reach her at ann.kaiser.fdl@gmail.com or by phone 920-238-5311. Most of our prizes are mailed out to the winners, so certificates/gift cards work out the best. **The raffle tickets will be distributed to clubs at the April 30 Adult Leaders Meeting.** The raffle drawing will take place at the Adult Leaders Meeting on August 21. This is a primary source of money to build programs for our 4-H youth.

Volunteers Needed for Adult Leader Food Stand Committee

Adult volunteers are needed to serve on the Adult Leader Food Stand Committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer Ladwig at jaladwig73@hotmail.com.

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 2024 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 2024, please contact Tracy at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu. The planning for many of these opportunities is done over the next couple of months. Youth can start signing up for day camps in [4Honline](#) on **April 15**.

(NEW) Around the World Camp - Grab your passports and pack your bags to travel with us around the world. Play sports or geography games, listen to music, create cultural crafts, and enjoy traditional foods. Youth will have the opportunity to visit one country in the morning and one country in the afternoon to collect 6 passport stamps in total. Youth may also learn some vocabulary from the different countries. Grades 3rd-8th. **June 17-19, 9 am - 3 pm**

Cloverbud Day Camp is a camp for youth from grades Kindergarten to 2nd. This camp focuses on a topic for the youth to explore. The camp runs from 9 am-3 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus. Topics include Buzz, Flutter, Crawl, STEM, and Teddy Bear Adventures. 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 31, August 14, 9 am - 3 pm**

Cardboard Day Camp is a multi-day camp for youth in grades 3rd-8th, where youth engineer cardboard creations and participate in team building and leadership exercises under the leadership of counselors. Youth will design a city 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 work as a team to complete a challenge! The camp runs from 9 am -12 pm at UWO Fond du Lac Campus. The goal of this effort is to engage young people in leadership roles while learning about science, technology, math, and engineering. **August 20-22, 9 am - 12:30 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 5-7, 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 17-19, 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! This camp is running in the afternoons opposite of Cardboard camp. Grades 3rd-8th. **August 20-22, 12:30 pm - 4 pm**

STEM Camp - Youth who love science will get the chance to tinker, build, and experiment. This camp will provide a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math activities. Some activities may include electricity-circuit building, engineering challenges such as egg drop, parachutes, or vehicles, forensics science, and more. Science experiments maybe messy or ooey gooey! Youth will learn critical thinking skills while doing hands on activities! Grades 3rd-8th. **July 23-25, 9am - 3 pm**

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

Summer Academy

This program is open to any **4-Hers in grades 8-11** and will be held from **June 24-27, 2024**, on the **UW-Madison campus**. Youth will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other students from across Wisconsin. There will be chances to learn about higher education from UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.

Students will be able to choose from SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are:

- **Agriculture & Animal Sciences:** Explore agriculture and animal sciences with facility tours and hands-on experiences in animal handling, reproductive biology, veterinary genetics, meat processing, animal welfare, and more.
- **Baking & Decorating:** Learn the basics (reading a recipe, scaling ingredients, evaluating for doneness, decorating) while gaining confidence that leads to self-sufficiency while exploring career opportunities in baking and decorating.
- **Biological Sciences:** Explore real-world research and applications of topics within the field of biological science (evolution; structure and function; information flow, exchange, and storage; pathways for transformations of energy and matter; and systems). Explore the diversity of biological science, how STEM and life skills (teamwork, communication) are needed to succeed in science.
- **Civic Engagement:** Gain a broad understanding of civic engagement options (seeking public office, the function of nonprofit and advocacy organizations); practicing relevant skills (designing public spaces, asking detailed and thoughtful questions, networking with peers); understanding of history (gain the opportunity to tie the past to the present).
- **Climate Science and Ecosystem Resilience:** Explore climate science and learn from university researchers how plants and animals respond to changes in climate. Explore the diversity of STEM disciplines and emphasize how STEM and life skills (teamwork, communication) are needed to succeed in science.

- **Dairy Sciences:** Dairy science isn't just about milking cows - it includes genetics, nutrition, lactation, and biological and digital technologies that are relevant to the dairy industry and beyond. Explore dairy sciences through hands-on experiences, student panels, and facility tours.
- **Diesel/Ag Equipment Technician:** Explore opportunities of careers as a Diesel Technician and/or Ag Equipment Technician all in a hands-on experience with shop/lab activities using tools and equipment and see firsthand the trucks and equipment these technicians service.
- **Expressive Arts:** Our expressive arts track will provide participants a deep dive of Madison's rich art culture while exploring and playing with a variety of mediums, enjoying campus-based tours, and learning from students and staff. Participants will get hands-on at the Memorial Union Wheelhouse Studio and will meet professionals in the field to learn about their art-related post-secondary journey.
- **Health/Medical/Pharmacy:** Are you considering a career in the medical field? Our health track will cover comprehensive topics around health and nutrition, medical career options, and pharmaceutical exploration. This track will allow participants to learn about a variety of health-related majors and careers and will provide an insight look at life on campus. In addition, participants will learn from healthcare professionals in the nonprofit sector to witness a broad spectrum of career possibilities.
- **Human Services + Education:** Explore the vast opportunities around education, human ecology, and human services, while getting facility tours, hands-on experiences in ways that give back to our community and improves the lives of children, families, consumers, and communities.
- **Skilled Trades:** An introduction to and hands-on learning experiences in the skilled trades (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and carpentry) and the apprenticeship model. See what workers do on a day-to-day basis, explore career opportunities in the skilled trades, and at the very least build knowledge and skills required to maintain a shelter/house .
- **Transportation/ Automotive:** Get hands-on experience in transportation careers, with a dedicated, distraction free, in-depth transportation experience for students to develop automotive and diesel industry interest. This includes hands-on experiences in both industries. One of the highlights for this camp is driving and racing remote control trucks on an off-road track. Students work with technical college staff and industry professionals to practice industry repairs and experience the transportation industry with some fun competition along the way.

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 Tina at tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu or 920-929-3171. 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://forms.gle/VpPoNvt9JQZwB2Ae7>.

Upcoming Event/Activities:

April:

- 11 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 18 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 21-27 **National Volunteer Week**
- 22 **Connecting Volunteers: The Heart of 4-H Zoom**; 12-1pm, 7-8 pm
- 22 **TLA Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Rolling Meadows Meeting Room & via Zoom
- 23 **LEGO Club**, 6:30 pm, UWO Fond du Lac Campus
- 25 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 30 **Adult Leader Meeting**, 6:30 pm UWO FDL Campus

May:

- 2 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 9 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 16 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
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Sincerely,



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