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Dear 4-H Leader,

**Enrollment Deadline** - ALL current 4-H members and adult volunteers MUST re-enroll in order to be active in the new year through [4HOnline](#). *Youth wishing to show at the fair must be enrolled in an approved youth organization by February 1st of the fair year. This is a Fond du Lac County Fair Policy.*

Last year, we had over 605 youth and 142 adult volunteers; let's see if we can beat that! We are **currently at 572 youth members and 123 volunteers**. There are 17 adults pending their volunteer status due to missing trainings or incomplete background checks.

**4-H Family Learning Day** - Registration opens December 30 through 4HOnline! Family Learning Day is a great opportunity for youth to learn a new skill or gain fresh ideas. <https://2026FamilyLearningDay.4honline.com>

**New Opportunity!** Introducing **Clover Con: Quests & Creations** – Northeast Wisconsin Love comics, fantasy, and gaming? Join us for Clover Con Skills Camp, a 4-week adventure for youth in grades 5–9! Explore your creativity through fun, hands-on activities like: creative writing & character design, cardboard world-building, leather craft, theme-based food making, archery, costume design & building, mapmaking and more.

- Jan 20: Zoom (6:00–7:30 PM)
- Jan 31: Winnebago County- Oshkosh (9:00 AM–3:00 PM)
- Feb 3: Zoom (6:00–7:30 PM)
- Feb 14: Brown County- Green Bay (9:00 AM–3:00 PM)

Cost: \$40 (includes meals & supplies for in-person workshops)

Limited to the first 40 who register! Register through 4HOnline at <https://2026CloverCon.4honline.com>

**Club activities** are highlighted in the *Club News* section of the newsletter. Have your secretary or reporter mail or e-mail their secretary minutes or report (and photos) to [Tracy](#) or fill out the Google Form at [go.wisc.edu/2665ok](https://go.wisc.edu/2665ok) to submit an article. Highlights and pictures are also shared on the 4-H Facebook page!

**Club Officers** -Thank you for supporting your **newly elected officers** as they learn and grow in their roles! Officer responsibilities—such as **submitting club updates**—are an important part of leadership development. Your guidance and encouragement will help them succeed.

- Please remind your **club reporters** to complete a short form and upload their articles and photos using this link: [go.wisc.edu/2665ok](https://go.wisc.edu/2665ok). *Save this link for easy access!* Articles for the current week must be submitted by 12:00 PM on Wednesday. **Secretary minutes** can also be submitted using the same form!
- **Officer binders** are located in the club mailboxes at the Extension office—if you have not yet picked them up, please stop by and distribute them to your officers. These binders provide helpful resources for fulfilling their responsibilities. If you need additional officer materials, reach out to [Tracy](#).
- Motivated youth can also earn **Officer Position Awards** by completing an officer book. Details are available on our website: <https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/4h/records/#officer>

A **New Family Orientation** will be held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**, from 6-7:30pm at the Fond du Lac County Campus, 400 University Dr. Please encourage new families to attend this event, including families who have been enrolled for **2 years or less** in the 4-H program. New families can expect to meet other new families, have questions answered, and learn about various topics such as projects, general meetings, 4-H Structure, and different opportunities. New families can RSVP here: [go.wisc.edu/tv23f5](https://go.wisc.edu/tv23f5). If you or someone in your club is interested in volunteering at the orientation, please sign up at [go.wisc.edu/v16984](https://go.wisc.edu/v16984).

**Certificate of Insurance** - If your club needs one for a meeting space or event, please email [Tracy](#) for more info.

**State 4-H Opportunities** - There are many upcoming opportunities for youth enrolled in livestock, dairy, and dog projects! Check out the calendar below for dates. More information can also be found on the state website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

### **Virtual Learning Opportunities**

- **Virtual Winter Academy** for grades 8-10 is free to attend and consists of three virtual sessions which provide youth with tools to set career and college goals, develop soft skills most important to employers, and build problem-solving skills. Learn more at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/winter-academy/>
- **Wonders within Wood** for 5th grade and up will teach participants the art of green wood carving, exploring history, culture, and sustainability while building real-world skills. Register through 4HOnline at <https://wonderswithinwood26.4honline.com/>

**Youth & Adult Partnerships:** We are seeking youth and adults to join the following countywide committees:

- 4-H Promotion (throughout the year)
- Cloverbud Day Camp (summer)
- Tri-County Visual Arts Festival (Oct - Mar planning, event in March), meet once a month or less until Feb
- Family Learning Day (Oct - Feb planning, event in Feb), meet once a month or less until Jan
- Fashion Revue (planning in Feb/March, event in June)
- Foods Revue (June)
- New Family Orientation (throughout the year)
- Summer Day Camp (Dec-May planning, actual dates TBD)
- STEM Day (Late Spring)

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like more info, please email [Tracy](mailto:Tracy). An electronic survey is available at [fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/volunteer/](https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/volunteer/)! If you know of a parent or volunteer who would be a good fit for any of the committees, please share that with me and I can follow up with them!

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **January**

- 1-2** Extension Office Closed
- 14** New Family Orientation, 6-7:30 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus, 400 University Dr
- 23-25** Winter Leadership Camp
- 26** Teen Leader Association Meeting, 6:45 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room
- 27** LEGO Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus, 400 University Dr
- 31** State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

#### **February**

- 7** State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
- 23** Teen Leader Association Meeting, 6:45 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room
- 24** LEGO Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus, 400 University Dr
- 28** Family Learning Day, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Location TBD

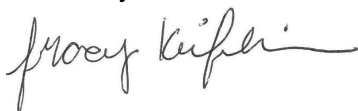
### **Save the Dates**

**April 25** - State 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl

**September 26 & 27** - State 4-H Dog Obedience, Showmanship and Rally

**October 11** - State 4-H Dog Agility Show

Sincerely,



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