

You're Invited!

February 28, 2026

Family Learning Day



This event is open to the public.

4-H and community youth are invited to attend Family Learning Day! Learn a new skill or gain fresh ideas. It will be a fun, informative day. Parents are encouraged to spend the day with their child and help them find their sessions.

Register Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/> starting December 30

8:15 am - 8:45 am

Check in: All participants MUST check in. Many people participate in this event, so plan to arrive early to allow for registration time prior to the 9 am session, so that you may get to your session before it starts.

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Session 1

10:15 am - 11:45 am

Session 2

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch on your own - Bring a bag lunch or grab a bite to eat nearby

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Session 3

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Session 4

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Session 5

Registration begins December 30, 2025 and ends January 26, 2026. Participants may attend five (5) sessions until they are filled to capacity. Please register early! Sessions may fill up quickly. Register for this event at <https://2026FamilyLearningDay.4honline.com> or log into your [4Honline](#) account and find it under events. Starting January 10th, sessions will be opened to neighboring counties.

Cost will be \$15 for 4-H youth, \$18 for community youth, and \$0 for adult volunteers. If there are 3 or more children attending from the same immediate family, the charge for the third and fourth child is reduced by \$3.00 each. Discretionary funds are available for those with financial need. Call the Extension Office at 920-906-4623 to inquire. For community youth registration, call 920-906-4623.

Payment for this event must be mailed to the Extension Office by February 16, 2026 to hold your sessions. PLEASE print your invoice from "4-H Online" and make a CHECK payable to Fond du Lac County and mail to: UW Extension Fond du Lac County, Attn: 4-H Family Learning Day, 160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Parents are encouraged to attend. If you attend with a child to help them, please indicate that you will be working with your child to allow for adequate seating. When working with your child, remember, this is their learning day, so please refrain from doing the project for them.

For your own information, record the sessions that you registered for. Save this flier and refer to it for your schedule. Arrive early on Family Learning Day, so you are on time for your first session.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.



We are in the process of finalizing the NEW location for Family Learning Day 2026. More information will be sent out by the end of January.

Community Service Project

“Cards for Kindness: Spreading Smiles One Card at a Time!”

Join us for a creative and heartwarming project where youth will design and craft beautiful cards to brighten someone’s day! From cheerful birthday wishes to festive holiday greetings, these handmade cards will bring joy to community members, seniors, and those in need of a little extra love. It’s a chance to unleash your creativity, share positivity, and make a real difference—because sometimes, the smallest gestures create the biggest smiles!

Lunch is on your own

Bring a bag lunch or grab a bite to eat nearby during the lunch break from 11:45am - 12:30pm

Market Livestock Educational Points

Members in Market Livestock projects can earn 2 educational points by attending an Intro to Wool Spinning session. Participants are responsible for submitting their points at go.wisc.edu/63749d

Small Animal Educational Points

Members in Small Animal projects can earn 1 educational point by attending the Poultry 101 session. Participants are responsible for submitting their points.

Refund Policy

Refunds are only given in family emergencies.

Cancellations

Listen to KFIZ Radio for weather cancellations.

Questions?

Call 920-906-4623

Fond du Lac County 4-H: Enriching youth, families, and communities through Citizenship, Leadership and Life Skill Experiences.

Session 1 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Ancient Greece Engineering Challenges (Adult should be present for grades K-2)

Presenter: Misty Jimenez

Explore the world of Ancient Greece through engineering activities! Build a mini chariot and try myth-inspired challenges for creative fun.

Beaded Christmas Trees (Ages 6+)

Presenters: Christina and Sarah Kraus & Lillian Costello

Make some easy to assemble Christmas trees using beads, pins and Styrofoam.

Building with LEGO

Presenter: Noah Holzman

Youth will get a chance to build with Lego and learn some new skills.

Gallery Glass Ornament

Presenters: JoAnn Critchley, Wanda Docter, Janette Schroeder, & Yvonne Tackes

Create a beautiful ornament made with gallery glass.

Homemade Pet Treats

Presenters: Deb Senn and Deb & Diane Meister

Learn about pet care and training using homemade treats. Recipes will be shared. Participants will take home treats for their pet. Please specify pet type: cat, dog or horse.

Melted Bowls (Ages 8+)

Presenter: Aileen Andrews

Use Perler fusible beads to create a colorful melted bowl to put your knick knacks in, hold jewelry, coins, etc. Make one to keep for yourself. Make another to give to someone special.

Oil Pastel Drawings

Presenter: Alyssa Mullowney

Learn to draw a landscape using oil pastels.

Pop Up Cross Greeting Card (Grades 3 and up)

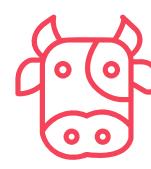
Presenters: Lynn Kohlman, Traci Hankwitz & Julia Theisen

Participants will be working with card stock and craft glue to make a cross pop up greeting card. If time allows, another greeting card may be made.

Rice Sock Bunny (Any age, Adult should be present for grades K-2)

Presenter: Tonille Westphal

Make a bean/rice bunny out of a sock. Parent or adult assistance requested for Cloverbud participants due to use of sharp scissors.



Session 2 10:15-11:45 a.m.

CD Mosaic (Grades 3 and up)

Presenter: Cindy Holzman

Participants will create a mosaic wall hanging by gluing pieces of old CDs/DVDs to a record album. Youth can color the pieces with sharpies or leave them as they are. They will attach a string, so it can be hung on a wall or door. Great fair project!

Cloverbud Ocean Adventures (Grades K-2)

Presenter: Misty Jimenez

Play games, create fun crafts, and explore the wonders of ocean life through hands-on activities.

Cricut Basics (Ages 8+)

Presenter: Jodie Baumhardt

Learn the basics of using a cricut die cutting machine.

Edible Flower Garden (Grades 3 and up)

Presenters: Deb Senn and Deb & Diane Meister

Learn cake decorating techniques and work with fondant to create an edible flower garden using cupcakes and Rice Krispie treats. Participants will take home leftover fondant, and 6 cupcakes on a chocolate Rice Krispie base.

Exploding Greeting Card Box (Grades 3 and up)

Presenters: Lynn Kohlman, Traci Hankwitz & Julia Theisen

Make your very own unique greeting card box with cardstock. This box can be used for a variety of special occasions. You can include your own special messages in the special pockets in the box.

Learn to Paper Mache (Ages 9-14)

Presenters: Kora & Meadow Wells

Learn to paper mache a simple shape. Wear a paint shirt.

Mixed Media Acrylic Picture

Presenters: JoAnn Critchley, Wanda Docter, Janette Schroeder, & Yvonne Tackes

Paint a background of a tree and add puzzle pieces for the leaves.

Quilted Potholders & Trivets (Ages 9+)

Presenters: Cindy Heuer, Tracy Salter & Karen Sharlein

Make a pot holder or trivet. There will be a few patterns to choose from. All fabric will be in pre-cut kits. Patterns will be included with each kit. You may bring your own sewing machine to use.

Simple Stained Glass Art (Ages 9+)

Presenters: Hannah, Makayla & Sharon Stommel

Create a framed stained glass project using clear glue, paint, a sharpie marker, and aluminum foil with a simple design to create a stained glass look.

Taste Test Challenge

Presenters: Christina & Sarah Kraus

Learn about the benefits of eating a rainbow of colors with a blindfolded taste test of different fruits or vegetables.

Session 3 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Bunny Candy Carrots

Presenters: Deb Senn and Deb & Diane Meister

Make festive candy carrots with chocolate M&Ms and orange jelly beans. Participants will take home one M&M carrot and one jelly bean carrot.

Circuitry Basics & Advanced Circuitry (Ages 10+)

Presenter: Timothy Kraus

Learn how electrical circuitry works using snap circuits and bread boards for more advanced learners. Hands-on activities to challenge your brain and “spark” creativity.

Cloverbud Fun with Snowmen (Grades K-2)

Presenter: Cindy Holzman

Cloverbuds will make a snowman wall hanging out of CD's and homemade puffy paint. They will work on their fine motor skills when they cut the pieces to decorate their snowmen. If time allows there will be a 2nd snowman making activity.

Cookie Decorating With Buttercream

Presenters: Lynn Kohlman, Traci Hankwitz & Julia Theisen

Participants will work with already baked cut out cookies and decorate them with buttercream frosting. Participants will use frosting tips and frosting bags to decorate their cookies.

Diamond Art Stickers

Presenter: Tonille Westphal

Learn how to do diamond art! Beginners or professionals, everyone is welcome to this fun-filled class. We will be doing 1-2 stickers (depending on time).

Fitness Fanatics

Presenter: Sherry Auchue

45-minute session that includes a warm-up, cardio exercises, strength training with dumbbells, body weight exercises, as well as a cool-down and stretching.

The GREAT Great Lakes (Grades 6 and up)

Presenters: Evan, Julia, Patricia & Timothy Plichta

Learn what makes the Great Lakes so GREAT! Learn about this unique ecosystem and discover the fish that call the Great Lakes home. Activities and games included.

Intro to Spinning Wool (Ages 8+)

Presenters: Hattie, Jeb & Olivia Halbur & Creedan Monroe

Learn how to spin wool on drop spindles and spinning wheels with wool supplied by local 4-H sheep. All participants will receive a drop spindle to take home with them. You do not need to be in a market livestock project to attend this session, but it will earn you 2 educational points towards your project.

Science Experiments

Presenter: Alisha Kuen

Explore science and magic tricks with materials easily available at home!

Simple Leather Craft

Presenter: Jodie Baumhardt

Design and make a leather cuff bracelet.

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The Judge's Point of View (Ages 9+)

Presenter: Cindy Heuer

Learn what the judges are looking for when fair projects are being judged and how exhibitors can prepare to answer the judge's questions. Projects covered will include sewing, quilting, and foods.

Poultry 101

Presenter: Melissa Costello

Join us for an interactive introductory course on raising and showing chickens! This session will cover everything you need to get started, including:

- Identifying Chicken Breeds: Learn how to recognize different breeds and decide which ones are best for your goals—whether you're looking for show-quality birds or backyard companions
- Basic Anatomy & Care: Understand the essentials of chicken anatomy and the fundamentals of raising healthy birds from chicks to maturity
- Sourcing Chickens: Discover where to find high-quality show birds versus pet-quality chickens
- Show Preparation: Explore tips and techniques for preparing your chickens for fairs and exhibitions

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Succulent Planter

Presenters: Lynn Kohlman, Traci Hankwitz & Julia Theisen

Participants will be working with dirt, stones and an assortment of succulents to place into a planter. This can be taken as a fair project!

Session 5 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Building with LEGO

Presenter: Noah Holzman

Youth will get a chance to build with Lego and learn some new skills.

Can You See Me? (Grades 6 and up)

Presenters: Evan, Julia, Patricia, & Timothy Plichta

Learn about endangered and rare species in Wisconsin. Through activities and games explore mammals, reptiles, insects, birds, fish, mussels, and plants that are protected in Wisconsin. These species face threats and are only found in certain locations.

Discover the 4-H Wildlife Club!

Presenter: Tracy Keifenheim

Interested in exploring the outdoors and learning about wildlife? Our new 4-H Wildlife Club launches in January and meets once a month through June. Join us for fun, hands-on activities that give you a taste of what the club is all about! You'll dive into topics like animal camouflage, fish and bird identification, and tracking patterns—all while discovering how you can get involved.

Glitter Globe Ornament (Any age, Adult should be present for grades K-2)

Presenters: Lynn Kohlman, Traci Hankwitz & Julia Theisen

Participants will decorate globe ornaments. Items they may be working with include polycrylic, glitter, and permanent vinyl.

Kitchen Basics for Cloverbuds (Ages 5-8)

Presenters: Hannah, Makayla & Sharon Stommel

Learn common terms used in cooking, safety in the kitchen, and how to measure ingredients correctly. You will then make a brownie mix and chocolate chip cookie mix layered in mason jars while practicing your measuring skills.

Make Art with Jigsaw Grant

Presenters: Grant Manier, Julie Coy & Julie Balson

Sponsored by Gallery & Frame Shop

Learn Jigsaw Grant's eco-impressionist style of using recycled materials - especially puzzle pieces! Participants will create one of Grant's Tree Art.

Oil Pastel Drawings

Presenter: Alyssa Mullowney

Learn to draw a landscape using oil pastels.

Rainbow in a Cup: Density Experiments

Presenter: Misty Jimenez

Explore the science of density and discover the secrets behind stacking liquids like a pro and create your own colorful, layered drink.

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