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Dear 4-H Leader,

Family Learning Day - Thanks to all the instructors who signed up to teach amazing sessions! We also greatly appreciate all the volunteers and Teen Leaders who signed up to help clean, set up, run the registration table, etc. Your hard work is noticed and much appreciated to have a successful project day!

The **Club Roster** that you download from your club manager screen 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 Program Assistant Sarah Stevenson (sarah.stevenson@wisc.edu).

Day Camp Volunteer Team - We are seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the 2026 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 2026, please contact [Tracy](#). The planning for many of these opportunities is done over the next couple of months. We have many opportunities for both youth and adults.

Here are the camps that are looking for volunteers and youth to help plan:

- Cloverbud Day Camps
- Cardboard Camp
- LEGO Camp
- Foodie Camp
- Arts Camp
- Around the World Camp
- STEM Camp

Please encourage your new families to be involved in leadership roles and opportunities. These are just a few of the areas where we need volunteers. I would love to connect with adults who are eager to make a difference and help place them in roles that match their interests and skills!

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

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 to submit an article. Highlights and pictures are also shared on the 4-H Facebook page!

Teen Leaders Association - The club's next meeting is Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:45 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 Cindy Holzman at pcnokholz@gmail.com.

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 Judy Bertram by **April 5**; you can reach her at mandibertram@gmail.com or by phone 920-922-9379. 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 Adult Leaders Meeting.** The raffle drawing will take place at the Adult Leaders Meeting in August. This is a primary source of money to build programs for our 4-H youth. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 a ticket.

NEW Wildlife Club - The new 4-H Wildlife Club has launched, and youth are welcome to join anytime! This club offers youth in grades 3–8 an exciting chance to explore the outdoors and discover the wonders of Wisconsin wildlife. Through hands-on activities, nature projects, and a special visit to the Gottfried Prairie & Arboretum, members will learn to identify animal tracks, trees, and birds while building confidence and new skills. Meetings run on select Tuesdays and Thursdays from February through June at the Fond du Lac County Campus. Space is limited—register through 4HOnline by selecting “Wildlife Club” and join the adventure!

The newly updated **Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Program**—now a Fond du Lac County 4-H Club—is ready for a fun, hands-on season of gardening! Youth will dig into real growing projects as they plan gardens, experiment with seeds, explore hydroponics, plant in the greenhouse, and care for crops throughout the spring and summer. With Master Gardeners and 4-H teaming up, members will learn practical skills, try exciting activities, and discover the joy of gardening from the ground up. Classes **begin March 19th** and **meet every other Thursday**, offering a full season of outdoor learning and growing.

Register today through 4HOnline: <https://wi.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Choose “Junior Master Gardener 4-H Club” when enrolling. If youth are already enrolled in another club, they need to request to add the new club. If you need assistance, please contact the office at 920-906-4623.

Statewide LEGO Brick Build Challenge

It's time to dig into your brick collection and let your creativity shine! We are excited to announce the first installment of our statewide LEGO Brick Build Challenge series, inviting participants, youth and adults, from across the state to showcase their skills.

This Month's Topic: Build Your Spark

In 4-H, a "spark" is that special interest or passion that makes you come alive. Whether it's science, art, animals, or sports, we want to see you represent your passion using nothing but bricks!

How to Enter: The challenge is open to both youth and adults. You can participate as an individual or as a team. To enter, visit <https://go.wisc.edu/mxa8pj> and submit your entry by the deadline. Entries can be submitted starting March 1, 2026.

Submission Guidelines:

- Submit one entry per individual or team.
- Include up to three photos of your model from different perspectives.
- Submission Deadline: April 1, 2026
- Viewing Party with Prizes: April 12, 2026

We can't wait to see your "sparks" come to life. Happy building!

Apply for a Club Grant - Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation has a 4-H Grant that is currently open for clubs to apply for at <https://mutualofwausau.com/community-involvement/>. The 4-H Club Grant was initiated to support 4-H Clubs in youth development and to promote civic and leadership responsibilities. The deadline for this grant is **April 1, 2026**. **4-H is not affiliated with Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation.*

2026 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame - We are very excited to announce that **Fond du Lac County volunteer JoAnn Maedke** will be inducted into the 2026 Class of the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. The Hall of Fame preserves Wisconsin's 4-H history and development while increasing awareness of the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program. Thirteen individuals have been selected to be inducted into the 2026 Class of the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. [View the full list of members being inducted here](#). The laureates will be inducted in a ceremony on Saturday, April 18th at the Holiday Inn in Rothschild, WI. The ceremony will include a luncheon that begins at noon, and attendees must pre-register for the ceremony. If you are interested in attending to celebrate the laureates, please **RSVP by March 27th:** https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0BZlqbU6X7fRaGq

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Looking for fresh ideas for your 4-H club?

Want to explore new community service projects or fun ways to make meetings more engaging? Have an idea you'd love to share? Join us for **Clover Connect** idea-sharing Zoom sessions this spring!

Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter and Learning to 4-H Meetings

Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 23 at Noon (*Same content repeated*)

Each session will include idea sharing, hands-on learning, and time to connect with other older youth leaders and adult volunteers from across the state. Register for one or both sessions at <https://go.wisc.edu/pbm474>. Both sessions will be recorded, and resources will be shared with everyone who signs up.

Calendar of Events

March

- 2 Market Livestock Fair Orientation, 7:00 pm, FdL County Fairgrounds
- 7 WI State 4-H Dog Project Agility Learning Day/Camp - Register through 4-H Online
- 10 Wildlife Club, 6:00 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 12 Adult Leaders Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus
- 13-15 ArtBEAT! - Upham Woods, register through 4-H Online
- 19 Junior Master Gardener Club, 4:00-5:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 23 TLA, 6:45 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room
- 24 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus
- 31 Wildlife Club, 6:00 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus

April

- 2 Junior Master Gardener Club, 4:00-5:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 4 In-Person YQCA, Expo Building at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
- 14 Wildlife Club, 6:00 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 15 Registration opens for Summer Day Camps
- 16 Junior Master Gardener Club, 4:00-5:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 27 TLA, 6:45 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room
- 28 LEGO Club, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus
- 30 Junior Master Gardener Club, 4:00-5:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 30 Adult Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 pm at Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC)

Sincerely,



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