

Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS



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The Central Wisconsin State Fair is just a few weeks away, signaling the end of another 4-H year. With the end of one year comes the beginning of a brand new year!

We were excited to welcome back big events like Creative Arts Day and summer camp over the last year. It has taken some rebuilding, lots of volunteer energy, and even more 4-H'er excitement to make it happen.

Now I'm excitedly looking forward to the upcoming 4-H year. Look inside for information on brand new programs like the Fall Family Day Camp and Juntos. You'll also find information on ongoing programs like shooting sports and the Junior Fair.

Re-enrollment begins September 6th. I challenge you to invite someone new - it could be a youth or an adult - to join you on this 4-H adventure! You'll be glad to have a friend along, and they'll be glad for all of the new opportunities that open up to them.

Thriving in 4-H,



AUGUST | SEPTEMBER 2022

PLEDGE:

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H PURPOSE:

Engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development.

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CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE JUNIOR FAIR

The Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair is just a few weeks away!

Be sure to mark these important dates in your calendar:

- **SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 8:00AM–1:00PM:
FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN-UP**

Members, leaders, and parents are asked to help with fair clean-up in the Junior Fair and John C. Lang buildings and animal barns. There are a variety of jobs that need to be done, including sweeping, setting up and dusting off shelves, covering tables with paper and more, so all ages are welcome to join us! In the barns, pens and gates need to be set up, plus general cleaning of these areas as well. Please bring items such as shovels, brooms, wheelbarrows, buckets and rags to help with cleaning. Get a group together from your club and plan to join us for this important pre-fair event!



Display and booth set up will begin around 1:00pm, or whenever the clean-up is finished. All buildings close at 6:00pm.

Clubs/groups can begin decorating ONLY AFTER all of the buildings and barns are fully set up.

- **MONDAY, AUGUST 22: FAIR CHECK-IN DAY**

- 7:00am: All buildings open
- 10:00am: Swine must be brought in
- 1:00-8:00pm: Beef, sheep, poultry, exotics, dairy, goats and horse exhibits must be brought in
- 1:00pm: Judging begins for Cloverbuds (Dept. 17J, Class B only)
- 2:00pm: Buildings open for non-animal exhibit entry /judging
- 8:00pm: All buildings close

ALL exhibits are checked in on this day and many exhibits are judged at check-in. **Be sure to check the fair schedule; the schedule in the Premium book is NOT correct. [The correct fair schedule can be found here.](#)**

- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 23—SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: CWSF JUNIOR FAIR**

The fair is open! Take time to enjoy the animals, exhibits, rides, shows and food!

- **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: FINAL DAY OF THE FAIR**

- 6:00pm: Junior Fair exhibits released.
- 6:30pm: Help is needed in the Junior Fair building to take shelving down and load it onto storage units. This is a job for older youth and adults.
- 7:00pm: All buildings close

Questions about the Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair should be directed to their office at **715-387-1261.**

CWSF COVER CONTEST

Entries are needed for the cover contest for the next edition of the Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair Premium book.

[If you are interested in submitting an entry, view the full rules and submission form here.](#)



4-H RE-ENROLLMENT

All youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H annually!

4Honline will open for re-enrollment on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.**

All youth members must re-enroll by November 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the 2023 Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair.

Why Should I Re-enroll Early?

Once you complete your re-enrollment:

- Members & leaders can register for events (like Fall Forum)
- Club leaders have an accurate roster
- Families will get project or grade specific information
- Volunteers have liability coverage
- 4-H programs & activities will have up-to-date health information
- You will receive county and statewide 4-H communications

How Do I Re-Enroll?

- If you need help with the re-enrollment process, [review the 4HOnline Re-enrollment Help Guide.](#)

If you have any questions about re-enrollment, call the Extension Wood County Office at 715-421-8439.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H week is coming up, October 2-8!

The theme this year is Opportunity4All. Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

FALL FAMILY DAY CAMP: INTO THE OUTDOORS

Have you ever wondered what summer camp is all about? What do campers do? Would my child(ren) like it?

Here is your chance to experience some of the magic of summer camp as a family! While we won't be camping overnight, we will enjoy some of the great camp activities like archery, canoeing, fishing, games, and more!



Saturday, September 24

2:15-8:30pm

Sandhill Wildlife Area

Youth must be at least 5 years of age and all family camp groups must include at least one adult.

\$15 per person for the first 4 campers, \$10 for each additional camper thereafter.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/Family4-HCamp>

Scholarships are available. Contact Laura or Wendy with questions or concerns.



FALL FORUM 2022

Join 4-Hers from around the state for Fall Forum, Friday, November 4-Sunday, November 6. All youth in grades 7+ and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend.

This year's event is being held at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Friday night will kick off with 'choose your own adventure' interactive activities; Saturday features an inspiring keynote speaker and youth and adult-led workshops.

The entire weekend is full of fun and educational opportunities, a chance to be involved in the planning and evaluation of statewide programs and engage in lively discussion between participants from other counties and regions.

Registration will open September 6th in 4-Honline. You must be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year prior to registering.

Cost should not be a barrier to attending this program. If you would like a scholarship to cover Fall Forum fees, please contact Laura Pine, lpine@wisc.edu or 608-262-1222.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers help make 4-H possible!

To volunteer, you don't need to have previous experience working with youth. The most important qualifications are:

- a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills
- wanting to provide youth with positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment

Extension volunteers work with staff to deliver educational programs using University and other high-quality educational resources. To find out more about volunteering, contact Laura at the Extension office at 715-421-8439.

Shooting Sports Certification Training

A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a 4-H certified leader supervising the range.

Adults who are interested in becoming a shooting sports leader must:

- be age 21 or older
- be an approved 4-H leader in your county or working with 4-H staff in your county to gain shooting sports leader status
- complete National 4-H Shooting Sport online training (this one-time training is required for leaders/volunteers attending their first certification workshop)
- register for a certification workshop of choice and pay fee by credit card (only one certification can be obtained at a Saturday workshop)
- attend the complete 8 hours of a Saturday certification workshop



If you are interested in becoming a certified leader, contact Laura and plan to attend the upcoming training:

Date: September 17, 2022

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2022; [register here using this Google form.](#)

Payment will be done through the Brown County Extension webpage – information about payment will be included after you fill out the registration form above.

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449

PORTFOLIOS

Wood County 4-H members in grades 3 and higher are encouraged to complete a portfolio every year they are in 4-H. A portfolio documents what you have learned and accomplished in 4-H. It encourages you to keep a record of your 4-H work, and helps you set goals throughout your 4-H experience. A portfolio also shows your growth over time. It is designed to be a great source of information that you will be able to use to complete scholarship, job, and college entrance applications. Additionally, it is fun to have a record of your 4-H experiences over the years!

Members can start a portfolio at any point in their 4-H experience, or continue building a portfolio after missing a few years. Members submitting portfolios can also earn awards. ***For award consideration, portfolios must be signed by your club's General Leader and submitted to the Extension Office by October 28th—no late entries accepted (please ask your leader if they have an earlier deadline).***

[All of the portfolio forms can be found here.](#)

Here are a few tips for getting started and putting together your portfolio:

- **PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR 4-H PORTFOLIO:** You may complete the forms on the computer and print them or; if you choose to complete by hand, use blue or black ink.
A 3-ring binder is a great tool for organizing your portfolio. After you have completed your portfolio forms, put them in the order listed below. You may include a table of contents and divider pages between projects, but they are not required.
- **GENERAL INFORMATION** (page 1): Create a new general information page each year. Add a picture of yourself, if possible.
- **PERMANENT RECORD** (pages 2-5): Use the same permanent record from year to year, just move it to the current year and update it. Be sure to total the points at the bottom of each activity section. All starred (*) items must be explained on the Explanation of Starred (*) Items form.
- **EXPLANATION OF STARRED (*) ITEMS** (page 6): All starred items on the Permanent Record must be explained on this form. Add a new Explanation of Starred items each year.
- **ACTIVITY REFLECTION** (pages 7+): Show what you accomplished in 4-H, not directly related to a specific project. Examples would be: Creative Arts Day, club or county recreational activities, committee work, community service, camp, etc. The AR form may include captioned photos. The AR can be more than one page, but please **DO NOT INCLUDE** programs, ribbons, certificates, etc.
- **PROJECT STORY** (pages 8+): Create a Project Story page for each project you are enrolled in. The Project Story form may include captioned photos and be more than one page. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** programs, ribbons, certificates, etc.
- **4-H AND YOU!** (last page): Summarize your year's activities and project. Create a new 4-H and You! each year.

Portfolios are a great tool to organize your 4-H events and achievements each year. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Wood County office.

AWARD APPLICATIONS

There are many types of awards available to members. Some are presented at the November Recognition and others are given to the clubs to award. [The applications for all of the county awards can be found here.](#)

The following awards are presented at the November Awards Recognition: Project & Activity Awards, Portfolio Awards, Cloverbud Awards, Officer Awards and Honor Permanent Record pins

Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Honor Record Awards are given to each member who has completed the 4-H Member Permanent Records form. Members who earn 50 points receive a bronze award, 100 points a silver award, and gold for 150 points. Honor winners (200 points) are required to submit their permanent record.

Project Awards are given to members who have learned a great deal and done outstanding work in their projects. 4-H is a learning experience and this should be reflected in their project work. Each member can apply for no more than 3 project awards. For each project a member is applying for, a separate [Project Award Application](#) must be filled out. Up to 4 project awards may be given in each of the project areas; the number of awards will depend on the number of applicants. Awards are given in all project areas. A list of the project areas is included with the Project Award Application.

Members may choose to have their Project Story from their Portfolio considered for a Project Award instead of filling out a separate form.

Activity Awards are awarded in 4 areas: Leadership, Achievement, Community Service and Public Speaking & Demonstration.

- *Leadership*: Based on overall leadership participation and activities.
- *Achievement*: Overall accomplishments in the 4-H program during the current year; this includes project work, club work, and county involvement.
- *Community Service*: Recognizes members for their involvement in community service projects.
- *Public Speaking and Demonstration*: Recognizes members for their involvement and knowledge gained the area of public speaking and/or demonstrating.

Portfolio Awards are presented in 4 grade groups (grade 3, grades 4-6, grades 7-9 and grades 10-13). Up to 25 percent of the total number of books per grade group may receive an award. Awards are based on completeness, goals set, knowledge gained, and neatness.

Officer Awards are given to 3 club secretaries and 3 club treasurers and are based on the following:

- *Secretary Awards*: Based on neatness and completeness of the book. Completed secretary's books should be turned in to the Extension Office.
- *Treasurer Awards*: Based on neatness, legibility, accuracy, and completeness of the book and use of correct financial record keeping procedures. Completed treasurer's books should be turned in to the Extension Office.

Club Awards and achievement certificates will be given to all clubs who return a completed green club form. Engraved plaques are given to clubs who achieve gold ratings in all three areas (membership, leadership, program).

WOOD COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The Leaders Association is made up of representatives from every chartered 4-H Club and Group in Wood County. Its purpose is to support the Wood County 4-H program. The Leaders Association provides financial support for county-wide programs like camp, offers scholarships for state and national educational experiences and provides educational opportunities like the recent Kitchen Showdown. The Leaders Association also supports educational programs like Creative Arts Day, Project Discovery Day, and Portfolios. There are spaces for older youth and adults on the Association, and elections are coming up in November.

Contact one of the current Executive Committee members for more information!

Upcoming Leaders Association Meeting Dates

- September 26
- November 28
- January 23, 2023

Leaders Association Officers

- Laura Strigel, Wood County 4-H Resource Leaders; President
- Jodie Budtke, Webster; President elect
- Jackie Sternweis, Shady Lane; Secretary
- Brenda Hansen, Golden Glow; Treasurer
- Christine Jensen, Shady Lane
- Samantha Beining, McMillan Mavericks

Elections for the next year will be held at the November meeting. If you are interested in being part of the Leaders Association, be sure to attend this meeting!



TEEN LEADERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Teen Leaders/Ambassadors: Are you a teen youth that wants to be more involved in 4-H programming and enhance your leadership skills? Then keep your eyes open for a future meeting in September with Jasmine as she revives this county project! She is still working on the minimum age requirements to participate, but as soon as that is defined, a message will be sent out on social media and via email with more information.

However, if you are definitely interested, please email her at jasmine.carbajal@wisc.edu with your name and number and she can make sure you are first to know about the meeting details!

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & CHARTER APPLICATION REMINDER

Remember every club and group must submit their completed and audited annual financial report to the 4-H office by September 1st!

[The Annual Financial Report can be found here.](#)

[Find the newly released Wisconsin 4-H Club and Group Financial Handbook here.](#)

The new Charter Application Form is also available now. Like last year, the charter is submitted online and is due by November 1. [All Club and Groups are required to submit a charter application annually; the application can be found here.](#)



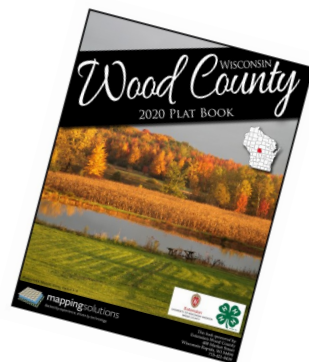
PLAT BOOK COMMITTEE

It's time to update the Wood County Plat book! The plat book is the Leaders Association's only fundraiser, and we need YOUR HELP to make it a success!

The kickoff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 14th at 2:00 pm at 6954 Ironwood Rd, Arpin.

The first order of business will be selling ads for the plat book. Would you and your business like to buy an ad? Maybe your employer would. Maybe that local business that you frequent would like to show their support for Wood County 4-H.

Please talk to your club leader or contact the 4-H office at 715-421-8439 or woodcounty4h@co.wood.wi.us if you would like to help spread the word about plat book ad sales!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date list of events for Wood County 4-H, view our online calendar at: <http://wood.uwex.edu/4-h/>



JUNTOS

Juntos (pronounced “Who-n-toes”) means “Together” in Spanish and works to unite community partners to provide Latino 8-12th grade students and their parents with knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent youth from dropping out and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college.

Our Objectives

- Increase family engagement that leads to students’ educational success
- Increase the sense of belonging among Latino students and families in their schools and communities
- Increase Latino student success by improving student attendance and grades, and achieving high school graduation
- Increase the percentage of Latino students attending higher education

Series for *HIGH SCHOOL* students will be:

Thursdays, September 22nd through October 27th; 5:30pm-8:00pm

First Presbyterian Church in Marshfield

Registration information to be announced. For questions contact Jasmine at jasmine.carbajal@wisc.edu or 715-421-8440.

We are looking for help from youth and/or leaders to help with childcare during the series. If you are interested, please contact Jasmine.



HOME & FAMILY UPDATES

Submitted by Jodie Budtke

Foods & Dessert Revue

The 2022 Wood County 4-H Foods & Dessert Revue was held Thursday, June 23 at Crossroads Church in Pittsville. We had 11 youth participants from 4 clubs participate.

All did an amazing job at cooking, baking and presenting!

Best of Show: Cierra MacArthur with her Baja Fish Tacos

Honorable Mention: Aaron Hoffman with his Salmon & Rice

Honorable Mention: Anabela Musch with her Raspberry Fruit Pizza

Great job to all!



Fashion Revue



Four participants created garments for this year's Fashion Revue held on July 28 at Marshfield Ag Research Station. This was formally the Clothing Revue, but there is so much more to FASHION than just sewing. Garments could have been sewn, altered, or otherwise created this year. Plus, there was a buy and show event where participants pieced together a purchased outfit.

Allison Borchardt from Golden Glow altered a shirt to create a cardigan, sewed a dress for her sister, and did buy and show. Allison received the Best of Show for her sister's dress! There were three participants from Webster 4-H. Allie DeCandia sewed her first pair of shorts. Amanda Budtke created an iron-on applique on a sweatshirt using a Cricut machine, sewed a skirt, and did buy and show. Samantha Budtke participated in the buy and show event.



Kitchen Showdown

A new event called Kitchen Showdown was held Thursday, July 14 at Marshfield High School Consumer Science classroom. Youth worked in pairs to plan and cook a meal using the mystery ingredient - rice. Jasmine Carbajal was the amazing judge for evening. The event had 7 pairs/14 participants from 4 clubs participate. The results were TASTY!



CENTENNIAL PICNIC

Submitted by Jodie Budtke

July 17th was a great day for the Wood County Centennial Picnic! Thank you to all those that attended and the fantastic volunteers that helped set it up. The softball match-up was Golden Glow vs. Richfield. Richfield came from behind in the last inning for the win!



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