Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS



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VOLUNTEER RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 | 9:30AM-3:00PM TOWN OF DAY HALL, ROZELLVILLE

We know that our amazing volunteers are committed to creating an excellent 4-H experience for young people. You give it your all, and sometimes the demands lead you to lose steam.

Have we got a solution for you! Volunteer Retreat (AKA 4-H Day Camp for Grown Ups)!

Activity leaders, club leaders, project leaders . . . <u>ALL</u> 4-H volunteers are invited to attend! We'll refill your cups with fun, fellowship, food, and more. You're sure to meet new friends, get great new ideas, and walk away refreshed and reinvigorated.

This free event is open to all approved 4-H volunteers. Gather volunteers from your club and attend as a group. Lunch and refreshments provided with support from the Marathon 4-H Leaders Federation.

RSVP by February 22nd https://bit.ly/VolunteerRetreat2024



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.

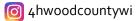


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CONNECT WITH US!





WINTER CAMP

REGISTRATION EXTENDED!

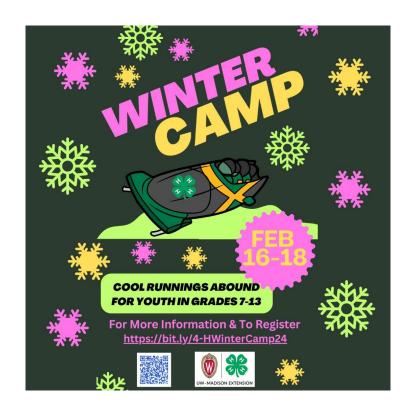
Registration for Winter Camp has been extended to January 19th!

Camp has also been opened to youth in grades 6-13!

This is your last chance to join us for the multi-county Winter Leadership Camp, February 16-18 at the Lions Camp in Rosholt.

Full details and registration information can be found at bit.ly/4-HWinterCamp24

Register today!





This 4-week virtual program will give youth an opportunity to learn more about making breads, biscuits, muffins and more! There will be 2 different class options: Quick Breads and Yeast Breads. All youth in grades 3+ are welcome to join.

We will provide the supplies list, lessons, and teachers. You provide the excitement to "learn by doing" and the ingredients.

Each class will have an hour-long weekly Zoom on the following Sundays: February 25, March 3, 10 and 17. Quick Breads will be at 3:00pm each week; Yeast Breads will be at 4:30pm.

Register here: https://bit.ly/2024YouthRise

Get ready to learn by doing with Youth on the Rise!

VIRTUAL CULTURAL BAKING

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7:00-8:00pm

Join 4-H Educators from across northern Wisconsin for a baking journey! We will try recipes from four different cultures. Each one will teach unique baking techniques.

We will make the following:

- Mexican Hot Chocolate Cookies
- Sticky Toffee Pudding
- Rugelach
- Fortune Cookies

There is no cost to participate. You will need to buy your own supplies. If you need help finding or getting items, reach out to your 4-H Educator. Assistance is available.



Register here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 4MdnATmCsXuaCeG

Registration deadline: January 18; Zoom links and supply lists will be sent after registration closes. Sessions will be recorded and available for viewing if you cannot attend a session.

CHICKQUEST

Wood County 4-H is excited to introduce ChickQuest to classrooms in Wood County! We'll bring science ALIVE as students learn all about eggs and chicken development. The coolest part? Students will have an incubator of chicken eggs right in their classroom!

After eggs hatch, we need to find a home for the chicks. Preference will be given to Wood County 4-H'ers in the Exploring or Poultry Projects.

If you're interested in these chicks, please complete this short interest form: https://bit.ly/GET4HCHICKS



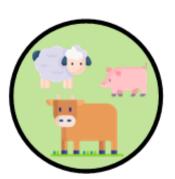
We are also looking for classrooms to bring ChickQuest into. If you would like more information about getting ChickQuest in your classroom, or that of a child, friend, etc., contact Wood County 4-H at woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov.

MARKET SALE KICK-OFF EDUCATION MEETING

The final Market Sale Kick-off Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00pm at Auburndale High School.

If you missed the first meeting, this is your LAST chance to attend this required meeting. Attendance is required in order to sell at this year's Central Wisconsin State Fair.

Parents are <u>highly encouraged</u> to attend with their exhibitor, as having all members of the family on the same page makes for a positive experience for both parent and child.



CREATIVE ARTS DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 | WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Plans are underway for Creative Arts Day. This year's theme is Registration will be open in mid-February.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, reach out to Jasmine at <u>woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov</u>.



WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education annually. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

The application period will open December 1, 2023, and will close at 5:00pm on March 1, 2024. Watch for notices in inboxes and newsletters.

Current information can be found at: https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships



UPCOMING PROGRAMS WITH JASMINE







CALL FOR CAMP STAFF!

We are looking for camp counselors and adult staff to make summer camp a terrific experience for all of our campers this year.

Youth in grades 8+ and adults are invited and encouraged to join us at summer camp! As camp counselors and adult volunteer staff, you support youth in one of the coolest places around!

Everyone has something to offer. No prior camp experience is necessary. We'll train you and be there supporting you every step of the way!

Full details and application can be found at: https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/2023-summer-camp-staff-recruitment/

Register online at: https://bit.ly/4-HCampStaff24

Application deadline is January 31, 2024.



AMERICORPS

SUMMER POSITION AVAILABLE

EXTENSION WOOD COUNTY



Start May 2024

- Lead fun 4-H activities
- Work with amazing youth, volunteers and families
- Grow professionally
- Make a difference

- Approximately 30-35 hours/week
- May 20-August 24, 2024
- **\$5K Living Allocation**
- \$1825 Education Award



For more information, contact

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4-H VOLUNTEER IMPACT STUDY

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region.

This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected, you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate.

You may be picked! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences.

Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region.

Your impact is great, and we want to hear from you!!!



SUMMER ACADEMY—SAVE THE DATE

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SUMMER ACADEMY

June 24-27, 2024 UW-Madison's Campus

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
WITH LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
FOR 11TH GRADE +

REGISTRATION OPENS Mar 1st, 2024

go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy





SUMMER CAMP

The temperatures might be cooling off, but we are thinking of warmer days and SUMMER CAMP! Save the dates now so you don't miss out on the FUN!

Interested in becoming a camp counselor or camp chaperone? Watch for more information coming soon.

We hope to see ALL of you June 10-12 for an amazing camp adventure!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

- PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20; 9:00am-3:00pm—Second Street Community Center; Marshfield
- SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE: SUNDAYS: JANUARY 21, FEBRUARY 4, 18, MARCH 3, 17—Central Wisconsin Sportsmans Club, Marshfield
- LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 22; 7:00pm
- MARKET SALE EDUCATION KICK-OFF MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 30; 7:00pm— Auburndale High School
- TEEN LEADERSHIP WINTER CAMP: FEBRUARY 16-18, 2024—Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt
- YOUTH ON THE RISE: SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 3, 10, 17; Quick Breads: 3:00pm,
 Yeast Breads: 4:30pm—All classes are virtual
- SHOOTING SPORTS WINTER INVITATIONAL: MARCH 1-2—Central Wisconsin Sportsmans Club; Marshfield
- VOLUNTEER RETREAT: SATURDAY, MARCH 2; 9:30am-3:00pm—Town of Day Hall, Rozellville
- LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 25; 7:00pm
- CREATIVE ARTS DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 6—Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School, Wisconsin Rapids
- SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 10-12—Northern Lakes Impact Center, Rhinelander, WI

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/



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