

# Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS



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## WOOD COUNTY 4-H CELEBRATES VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH: RECOGNIZING OUR DEDICATED HEROES

Wood County 4-H is proud to celebrate National Volunteer Month this April and Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 21-27. This is a time to honor the devoted individuals who generously give their time and talent to support 4-H programs in our clubs, in our county and across the state.

Volunteers are the backbone of 4-H, committed to helping provide opportunities for youth to learn vital life skills such as decision-making, problem-solving, caring for others, generosity, and making healthy choices.

Please join us this April, and especially during Volunteer Appreciation Week, as we extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers for their invaluable contributions in nurturing and empowering the next generation.

## THANK YOU 4-H VOLUNTEERS!



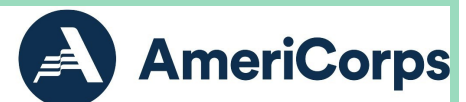
On Saturday, March 2nd, 4-H volunteers from Wood, Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade counties came together at the home of Rozellville Rockets. Throughout the day, they got to enjoy learning in a fun, social, and hands-on way. Thank you to all who joined us! We hope to offer more opportunities for our incredible volunteers!

### 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.*



### WOOD COUNTY 4-H STAFF

Laura Huber, 4-H Educator

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## CONNECT WITH US!

 Wood County 4-H, WI

 4hwoodcountywi

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, the Wood County 4-H Leaders Association awards 3 scholarships to local students pursuing higher education. In order to be eligible for one of the three \$300 scholarships, you must:

- presently be graduating from a Wood County high school and have been a 4-H member for 3 years **OR**
- have been a 4-H member or leader in Wood County for 3 years

To apply for these scholarships, complete the online application at: <https://bit.ly/4-HScholarships>.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024.**

## SUPPORT OUR TEEN LEADERS AT CREATIVE ARTS DAY

*Wood County Teen Leaders*

# FOOD DRIVE

**APRIL, 6TH  
2024**

Please help the Teen Leaders and the Ronald McDonald House by bringing nonperishable food items to Creative Arts Day!



Each item you bring will count as an entry for raffle baskets with varying themes!

**DROP-OFF LOCATION**

*Creative Arts Day*  
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

**BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

- ▶ Canned Vegetables
- ▶ Canned Sauces
- ▶ Canned Soup
- ▶ Pasta sides



Wood County Teen Leaders

## CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE!

Come support Wood County youth by joining us at Creative Arts Day!

**MENU INCLUDES**

- Rocky Rococo Pizza
- Hot Dogs
- Homemade Desserts
- Donuts
- And so much more!

Thank you to our local businesses and community for donations!





**6  
APRIL**

**CREATIVE ARTS DAY**  
WI RAPIDS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

# CREATIVE ARTS DAY

Join us on Saturday, April 6th to celebrate and enjoy the performing arts in 4-H.

Events will begin at 9:00am, with the Awards Ceremony scheduled for 1:30.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

# CREATIVE ARTS DAY 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2024 - LET THE CREATIVITY SOAR!

ONE ACT PLAYS	VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL	SKITS
DEMONSTRATIONS	SOLOS AND GROUP PERFORMANCES	ARTS & CRAFTS
PHOTOGRAPHY & LEGO BUILDING		CREATIVE DRAWING CONTEST

**CONCESSIONS PROVIDED BY THE TEEN LEADERS AND WOOD COUNTY 4-H YOUTH LLAMA PROJECT**

**EVENTS BEGIN AT 9:00AM**

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## SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING

The next Shooting Sports meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 5:00pm at the Central Wisconsin Sportsman's Club (11841 Stadt Road, Marshfield).

We will reflect on practices as well as look at the summer registration.



## AG DAY AT THE RAFTERS

We are excited to offer the Progressive Agriculture Safety Zone program at the Rafters Ag Day on June 16th! This will be a great opportunity to help educate families about agriculture and safety in a fun, hands-on way!

We'll need volunteers to lead at 8 different stations. Ideally, we'll have a partnership of youth and an adult at each station. Volunteers will help decide which stations to offer.

Youth and adults who join us to offer these fun programs will receive FREE tickets to the Rafters game that afternoon.

Clubs can volunteer together or families can volunteer individually. Any way you look at it, this will be a great day to meet new friends and help young people learn in a really fun environment!

If you are interested in helping, fill out this Google Form to be sure you are included in future communications for planning and volunteering: <https://bit.ly/RaftersAg>



Progressive Agriculture  
Safety Day® Program



## PORTAGE COUNTY IN-PERSON YQCA TRAINING

APRIL 15, 2024 | TIME: 6:00PM | FOOD +FARM EXPLORATION CENTER (3400 INNOVATION DRIVE, PLOVER)

*Instructor: Kathryn Lampi*

To register for the Portage County training sign in or create an account on <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Under the appropriate age in "Course List" choose "Instructor-Led Training" with instructor Kathryn Lampi. A drop-down box will list all current available options for Wisconsin. Please note there is a "Pre-Test" button you will need to select after you have paid your fee. It's questions that survey your knowledge before you take the class. It's not the actual test.



## WHY SUMMER CAMP?

Summer camp is a 4-H tradition. But, like all traditions, not everyone understands it. If you're wondering about camp and would like to learn more, join us on Monday, April 15 at 7:00. Campers and their adults are welcome to join us.

We'll introduce you to all that summer camp has to offer! We'll answer your questions and have some fun, too.

This meeting will be held via Zoom. Please register at this link to get the Zoom information: <https://bit.ly/2024Camp4H>.

See you then!

# ENROLLMENT OPEN

*LinMarWood*

In My 4-H Camp Era

## Summer Camp

June 10th to June 12th

Youth 3rd-7th grade



*Reserve your spot!*

<https://bit.ly/4-HSummerCamp24>

ENROLL BY

APRIL

26th



# ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## SUPPORTING CAMPERS IS FUN!!!

### Adult Volunteers Needed!



We still need a few adults - especially MALES to join our team.

You will make a meaningful difference in the lives of youth while you disconnect from the world for 3 days in the great outdoors.

If we don't get enough adults, we will have to limit camp registration.

[laura.huber@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.huber@wisc.edu)

CONTACT LAURA  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!



# SHOOTING SPORTS SHOTGUN PROGRAM

Greetings!

Now is the time to get ready for the Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program! Mark your calendars now for our upcoming program dates:

**Orientation:** Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm

**Practices:** All practices will be held at the Marshfield Trap and Skeet Club from 5:30-7:00 pm. The Club is located at 8347 Hwy A, Marshfield.

- May 5: (Orientation and shooting for beginners) Trap field will be open.
- May 12: Trap Practice
- May 19: Trap Practice
- May 26: Trap Practice
- June 2: Skeet Practice
- June 9: Skeet Practice
- June 16: Summer Blast
- June 23: Skeet Practice
- June 30: Five Stand Practice
- July 7: Five Stand Practice
- July 14: FUN SHOOT



## **Additional Information:**

- Youth must be at least 12 years old to participate.
- Youth must graduate a WI DNR Hunter Education Course to participate. Proof of completion required. Find classes now!
- Youth are encouraged to bring their own shotgun, and guns will be available for use if needed
- Gauges 12 and smaller can be used.
- The CW4HSS shotgun program will have 12 and 20 gauge ammo available. You supply your own ammo for all other gauges.
- Only Shot sizes 7 ½ to 9 are allowed.
- Heavy magnum loads are NOT allowed.
- Loads with a maximum speed of 1290 FPS are allowed.

**Questions:** Contact Scott Huber at 715-460-4198 or [scott\\_huber@tcenergy.com](mailto:scott_huber@tcenergy.com).

If you know young people who would be interested in joining the shotgun program and need help enrolling, have them reach out to Scott.





# THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN HELP 4-H FUND COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAMS!

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, please consider helping us fund county-wide educational opportunities like Discover Wisconsin, camp, Central Wisconsin Agriculture Tour, and more!

Thrivent supports its members in creating community change and spreading generosity through Thrivent Action Teams. Members can apply for a Community Impact Card to support educational events and service activities. These cards are \$250 of support for educational programs that benefit community members. There is no cost to the Thrivent member.

For more information, go to [www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams](http://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams) or contact Laura in the Extension office.

# thrivent®

## CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITY

Head over to the Mid-State campus in Wisconsin Rapids to check out this Program Exploration opportunity!

### PROGRAM EXPLORATION Hospitality & Human Services

Attendees will tour classrooms, meet with faculty and current students, and begin the admission process.



**Wednesday, April 17**  
**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wisconsin Rapids Campus**

**LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT**  
**MSTC.EDU/PROGRAM-EXPLORATION**



**MID-STATE**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
INDEMAND



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS WITH JASMINE

## NOCHES FAMILIARES FAMILY NIGHTS

02/29/24-6:30pm

03/18/24-6:00pm

04/04/24-6:30pm

05/30/24-6:30pm



**Cena Ligera**  
Light Dinner



**Actividades**  
Activities



**Educación**  
Education

Únase al club familiar de Juntos. Es gratis. Traiga a toda la familia. Las reuniones son cada mes en la universidad de Stevens Point en Marshfield (UWSP-Marshfield).

Para más información llame a Jasmine al 715-261-1244



Join the Juntos family club. It is free. Bring the whole family. The meetings are every month at UW-Stevens Point in Marshfield (UWSP-Marshfield).

For more information call Jasmine at 715-261-1244

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# SUMMER ACADEMY

Summer Academy is a great statewide opportunity for youth in grades 8-11. Youth will experience life on campus as they explore pathways to their future. This year, there are **12** different tracks to choose from!

Ag & Animal Sciences, Baking & Decorating, Biological Sciences, Civic Engagement, Climate Science & Ecosystem Resilience, Dairy Sciences, Diesel/Ag Equipment Technician, Expressive Arts, Health/Medical/Pharmacy, Human Services & Education, Skilled Trades, and Transportation/Automotive!

There's truly something for everyone! For more information about registration, transportation, etc., go to [go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy](https://go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy)

**Registration opened on March 1st in 4HOnline.**



**CURRENTLY RECRUITING:**  
**ADULT ADVISORS!**  
for Summer Academy  
JUNE 24-27, 2024  
UW-MADISON CAMPUS

**APPLY NOW AT**  
[GO.WISC.EDU/4HSUMMERACADEMY](https://go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy)

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The poster features a hand holding a megaphone on the left side, symbolizing recruitment. The background is light green with a dark green wavy shape in the top left corner. At the bottom, there are logos for the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the 4-H Extension program.

# SUMMER QUILT CAMP

## 2024 4-H SUMMER YOUTH QUILT CAMP

Sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Guild in conjunction with UW Cooperative Extension



The completed throw contains 30 strips down and 4 columns across plus borders.  
The completed quilt contains 42 strips down and 5 columns across plus borders.

Featured Quilt: Layer Cake Coin Quilt (modified)  
Finished size  
Throw: 46" x 64" or  
Twin: 57" x 88"

Who: Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up

Where: Hewitt Village Hall  
7688 McLean Dr Hewitt, WI

When: Monday, May 13  
5:00-7:00PM at JOANN's in Marshfield.  
Guild members will be available to help select fabrics.

Monday, June 10 - Friday June 14,  
9:00AM-3:00PM  
Cutting and sewing top together

Tuesday, August 6  
9:00AM-noon  
Work on binding

Participants will need to purchase fabric and thread for the top and backing. Several different fabrics will be needed:

- Coordinating fabrics (shown as purples):  
6-8 different fabrics (more is fine), various shades of the same color \*  
Throw: 3/8 yd      Twin: 3/4 yd
- Contrasting fabric (shown as teal):  
Throw: 7/8 yd\*      Twin: 1 3/8 yd\*
- Binding fabric:  
Throw: 1/2 yd\*      Twin: 5/8 yd\*
- Backing fabric:  
Throw: 3 1/2 yd      Twin: 5 yd

Check the internet for JoAnn's coupons.

\* It never hurts to purchase an extra 1/8 to 1/4 yd to allow for mishaps.

After registering, letters will be sent with more information. Piecemakers Quilt Guild will supply cutting equipment and provide assistance in cutting and sewing of the quilt. The guild will also provide each quilter who completes their top on time, batting and machine quilting of the finished top.

Camp is limited to 10 participants, with a minimum of 5 participants. Please check the dates as there will be no makeup dates.

Quilters are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. A limited number of machines will be available.

Registration deadline is May 10. Please mail registrations to: Dawn Hasz  
W1793 Hwy 10  
Granton WI 54436

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have made a quilt before
- This is my first quilt
- Years in quilt camp
- I have a sewing machine
- I will need a sewing machine

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2024



# PHOTOGRAPHERS: HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT!

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer another multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!

Select your best photo (with no or minimal editing) and submit it with up to two sentences that explains why it's special to you! More information and rules for the challenge can be found at: [4-H Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules available [here](#).

Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image and statement to [fourhphoto@umn.edu](mailto:fourhphoto@umn.edu) by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will provide feedback via a slideshow. Top photos will be recognized with a prize and random prize drawing winners will also receive a gift.

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>

Questions? Email [fourhphoto@umn.edu](mailto:fourhphoto@umn.edu).

## AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the dates for Area Animal Science Days!

More information will be shared as it is available.

**WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS**  
*Save the Dates*

**SHAWANO COUNTY  
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY  
JUNE 20TH**

 **WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR  
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JUNTOS FAMILY NIGHTS: APRIL 4, MAY 30; 6:00pm**—UWSP-Marshfield, Marshfield
- **CREATIVE ARTS DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 6**—Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School, Wisconsin Rapids
- **4-H SCIENCE EXPEDITION DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 6**—UW-Madison Campus, Madison, WI
- **SUMMER CAMP INFORMATIONAL ZOOM: MONDAY, APRIL 15; 7:00pm**
- **SHOOTING SPORTS SHOTGUN PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 5; 5:30pm**—Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club, Marshfield
- **LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 27; 7:00pm**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



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