

# Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS

400 Market Street | PO Box 8095 | Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495  
715.421.8439 | [woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov](mailto:woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov) | <http://wood.extension.wisc.edu>



AUGUST 2024

## ANNUAL 4-H RE-ENROLLMENT

### Re-enrollment Opens September 1

- All youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H annually!
- 4HOnline will open for re-enrollment on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.
- All youth members must re-enroll by November 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the 2025 Creative Arts Day.

### 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?

Log into your 4HOnline family account. If you need help with the re-enrollment process, you can find answers in the [Enrollment Help Guide](#) posted on our website.

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

### 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

Malina Carattini, AmeriCorps Member

Wendy Young, Support Staff


[woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov](mailto:woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov)



**AmeriCorps**

## CONNECT WITH US!

 Wood County 4-H, WI

 4hwoodcountywi

**Tuesday, August 20th, 2024**

**Starting at 8:30 p.m.**

**Jer Lang Show Palace**

# **CWSF FARMER OLYMPICS**

**Bring your friends and family to cheer  
on your team (4 people per team)**

**Four Team Levels:**

**Ages 8-12**

**Ages 13-17**

**Age 18 and Older**

**Old Folks (62 +)**

**Prize Money Each Level:**

**First Place: \$50**

**Second Place: \$25**

**Third Place: \$10**

**Fourth Place: \$5**

**Schedule:**

**8:30 p.m. Parade of Athletes**

**8:45 p.m. Events Begin**

**Award Ceremony to Follow**

**Entry Fee: \$50 per team**

**All proceeds benefit Wood  
County Junior Fair**

**For questions, email or call Sharon  
granniegirlscout@gmail.com  
715-305-2014**



## FUN AT THE FAIR

Visit us in the Junior Fair Building all fair long for fun, hands-on activities and contests!



## JOIN US FOR THE AG SAFETY ZONE AT CENTRAL WI STATE FAIR

Wood County 4-H is partnering with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and TC Energy to present the Ag Safety Zone at the Central WI State Fair on Saturday, August 24th from 10 AM - 2 PM.



**Progressive Agriculture  
Safety Day® Program**

We need volunteers who will help us run one of 4 or 6 hands-on activity stations. Each station will have a specific focus and a single activity. (We provide the activities and all of the materials needed.) Youth will be able to wander from one station to the next at will.

All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt for helping!

If you are interested in helping with Ag Safety Zone, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/FairSafetyZone> by August 9th.

## HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

All lessons are from 6:00-7:30pm at the Central Wisconsin Fairgrounds.

- **Tuesday, August 6th:** Showmanship/ Trail with Sara Gronski
- **Thursday, August 15th:** Open Arena



## 4-H ARTS CAMP NEEDS COUNSELORS

Youth in grades 9-13 who are interested in the arts are invited to serve as counselors for 4-H Arts Camp! Counselors will help with camp planning, collaborate with fellow 4-H'ers, learn about caring for campers, build leadership skills, practice a growth mindset, and more! At the same time, they'll be having fun!

Camp planning weekend will be at Upham Woods September 7-8. Arts Camp will be at Upham Woods on October 5-6.

Interested youth should [Apply here](#) by August 19.

## FALL FORUM 2024

**NOVEMBER 2-3 | STEVENS POINT HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER**

Fall Forum is a statewide conference that brings 4-H youth and adult leaders together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and build excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H.

It is for youth in grades 7-13, adult volunteers and staff. It's a great opportunity for youth

and volunteers to discover and explore their sparks and make new friends from all across the state. Everyone will leave inspired and ready for a great 4-H year! This year's theme is "Sparkling New Connections."

This year, we are excited to announce that the registration and lodging fees have not increased over last year's costs.

### Registration Fees:

- Saturday - Sunday (includes 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, afternoon snack, t-shirt and supplies): \$85
- Saturday Only (includes 1 lunch, 1 dinner, snack, afternoon snack, t-shirt and supplies): \$65

### Lodging:

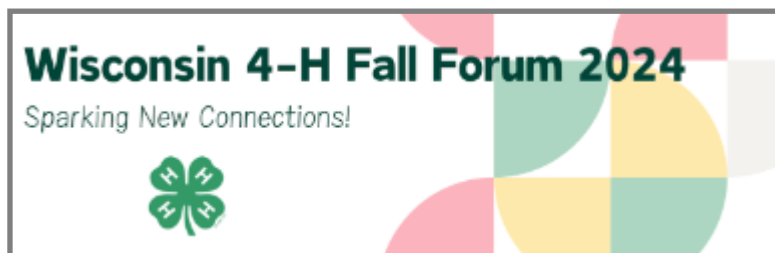
Saturday night:

- Double occupancy: \$45/person
- Single occupancy (adults only): \$100

Friday night lodging is available (by request) for those who need it:

- Double occupancy (includes Saturday breakfast): \$55/person
- Single occupancy (includes Saturday breakfast): \$110/person

**Look for registration to open in early September.**



## 2023 PLAT BOOKS

We are still selling 2023 Wood County plat books.

The books are \$35 each, and sales directly support Wood County 4-H.

Clubs that reach out to local businesses and ask them to have books for sale at their business receive \$5 from every book sold.

Contact the Extension Office to check out books to raise funds for your club.



## TEEN LEADERS

All 4-H members in grades 6-13 for the 2024-25 school year are invited to join our Wood County 4-H Teen Leaders group.

This group of amazing youth help with a variety of events and host fun events throughout the year.

Past activities have including Creative Arts Day food stand, bags tournament, community service projects, bowling and more.

We are looking for new members to join this year to add to the fun!

If you are interested in joining, send an email to [woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov](mailto:woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov) for an application.



## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & CHARTER APPLICATION REMINDER

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

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

The new Charter Application Form is also available now. As in previous years, the charter is submitted online and is due by November 1.

All Clubs and groups are required to submit a charter application annually.

[The charter application can be found here.](#)





# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT

## IGNITE YOUR SPARK FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



### Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:



<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>



Stay tuned for more  
National 4-H Week activities



On behalf of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, we would like to invite your club to join us in a statewide service project for National 4-H Week!

National 4-H Week is October 6-12, and we would like to showcase that week in Wisconsin by encouraging 4-H clubs to participate in a service project around that time. The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council is excited to announce this year's service project theme: "Make and Deliver." As part of this statewide project, you and your club are encouraged to create meaningful service projects to benefit your community.

Community Service is an important part of 4-H clubs and groups. In the 4-H pledge, we pledge our “hands to larger service” and we know that 4-H clubs are carrying out these service projects throughout the year. Our hope is that your club will be able to join this effort and consider a project in the fall to be part of our statewide service project!

With our theme of “Make and Deliver”, we want to encourage your club to make a unique impact on your community with a broad spectrum of community service acts, such as:

- Cards
- Blankets and pillows
- Meal kits
- Knitted items
- Plant trees
- Nursing home visits & games
- Dog Toys & Treats
- Birthday party kits (supplies for party, cake mix kit)
- First aid kits
- Dinner/Snacks (deliver to another organization)
- Repurposed wreaths
- Free Library
- And any other local projects that your club chooses!

Your club is encouraged to work as a team and make these service projects youth led, with youth voice in deciding the project, and with youth leadership in planning and carrying out the project. Once your club has selected a project, please register it at this link: <https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>. If your club needs help selecting a project or finding reflection ideas, visit this website for more resources: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/community-involvement/service-learning/>

Our goal during National 4-H Week is to share what 4-H is, how it helps in our community, and get more people involved.

We are planning a Zoom meeting to share more about the statewide service project. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8th at 7:30 pm. A reminder of the Zoom will be sent closer to the event. During the call, we'll discuss the service project, share ways that you can promote your project, and how we'll collect the impact of our projects across the state.

We hope your club will join us for the statewide service project – and we'll also be planning some theme days for the week! Let's Ignite Our Sparks during National 4-H Week 2024!

## CONGRATULATIONS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAMS

June 23- 28, 2024 was an exciting week for members of the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports teams attending the National Championships at Grand Island, Nebraska. Since 2009 Wisconsin 4-H has sent teams of top shooting sports competitors to the National Championships. Recently 12 team members and five team coaches comprised the discipline teams of Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery Compound, Archery Recurve, and Shotgun. Over 40 states and some 500 4-H members participated in three days of competition hosted by Nebraska 4-H and the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Ryan Kunder from Richfield 4-H competed in Air Pistol and Mallory Cepress, also from Richfield 4-H, competed in Recurve Archery. Tammy Grassel served as the Recurve Archery coach. To achieve a national team placing, Ryan and Mallory participated in several of the 15 annual invitational 4-H Shooting Sports events offered around Wisconsin. Scores from these events establish an individual's eligibility ranking for next year's National Championships.

Wisconsin's Air Pistol team crossed the stage this year - taking 2nd place in the Rapid Fire competition, 6th place in Slow Fire, and 5th place Overall among 18 teams.

Congratulations Ryan and Mallory for making a national team, an accomplishment that requires hours of practice. Thank you to the 4-H leaders for their shooting sports commitment so 4-H members may have the opportunity for positive growth experiences at all levels.





## THANK YOU BRAD!

In June, Brad Guse was presented with a plaque at the Triple Crown Tournament, recognizing his 20 years of service to the Central Wisconsin Shooting Sports program.

In recent years, Brad has been the face of the Air Pistol discipline for our youth. We appreciate his time and dedication to the program.



## SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER LEADER CERTIFICATION COMING TO MARSHFIELD

The Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program is once again partnering with the Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club and Marshfield Trap & Skeet Club to offer a volunteer leader certification program in Marshfield!

Volunteers can choose from all of the shooting sports disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, or Shotgun.

The Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports program offers Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Shotgun, and is always looking for caring adults to help ensure these great opportunities are available for 4-H'ers in Wood, Marathon, and Clark counties.

- **Date:** Saturday, September 14
- **Time:** 8:00am – 5:00pm
- **Location:** Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club and Marshfield Trap & Skeet Club
- Registration deadline is September 11
- **Register online at:** <https://forms.gle/2yx9EMboksm1iSqGZ>

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

Volunteers receiving their first discipline certification will be required to take the online National 4-H Shooting Sports training prior to the in-person, hands-on training. Volunteers who are returning for additional disciplines only need to complete the in-person training.

For questions or more information contact Doug Thompson at [douglas.thompson@wisc.edu](mailto:douglas.thompson@wisc.edu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE FAIR—JUNIOR FAIR CHECK IN DAY: MONDAY, AUGUST 19; 10:00am-8:00pm** (*times vary by department; check fair book for exact times*)
- **CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE FAIR—JUNIOR FAIR: TUESDAY, AUGUST 20-26**
- **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT ZOOM: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8; 7:30pm**
- **SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14; 8:00am – 5:00pm; Central Wisconsin Sportsmen’s Club and Marshfield Trap & Skeet Club, Marshfield**

## 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/>



---

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.

---