

Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS



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MARCH 2025

A SUCCESSFUL PDD!

Project Discovery Day was a great event in spite of Mother Nature's snow stormy tricks. Thank you to every family who came and to every youth who brought their curiosity and excitement for hands-on learning. Special thanks to all of our instructors.

Wood County 4-H partnered with new friends and old to offer 20 different learning sessions spanning a broad range of 4-H opportunities. New partners included the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, St. Vincent de Paul, community volunteer Lisa Berg, and new 4-H Associate Educator Olga Meza. The Central Wisconsin Junior Fair Board was well represented by their Flowers & Houseplants superintendent, Lori Haffenbredl. Two county-wide projects (Knit & Crochet Club and the Youth Llama Project) offered programs to introduce themselves and their specialties, while other club volunteers with special skills stepped up to the plate. Thank you to our instructors: Adelen Hartjes, Abigail Huber, Elliot Huber, Scott Huber, Jennifer Pulvermacher and Laura Strigel.

This year, all youth who participated in Project Discovery Day received information on project connections to the Junior Fair and what else they might explore to advance learning a specific project. Project Discovery Day is all about connecting young people to "SPARKS" and using those sparks to build a stronger 4-H experience. Youth participants - I encourage you to share what you learned with others in your club, including other youth and your leaders. If you'd like to explore some of these hands-on activities at club meetings, contact Laura and we'll make something happen. We look forward to seeing everyone at Project Discovery Day 2026!

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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

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PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY PICTURES

Take a peek at all the fun the youth and instructors had at Project Discovery Day!



PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY PICTURES



TAKE & LEARN KITS

Hopefully you were able to enjoy the Textured Art Take & Learn Kit from last month! Up next is a Building Challenge. This kit will include a limited amount of supplies for a building challenge. Participants are challenged to make the tallest tower possible using only the supplies provided.

Send a picture of your tower next to a tape measure to woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov before April 30th. The tallest tower will be featured on the Wood County 4-H Facebook page!

Register before March 21st at <https://bit.ly/4hbuildingchallenge>.

Register Here:



<https://bit.ly/4hbuildingchallenge>



TAKE & LEARN KIT

BUILDING CHALLENGE

Winner will earn a shoutout on the Wood County 4-H Facebook Page!

Register above to join in on the building challenge! Kits will include a limited amount of items and kids are challenged to create the tallest tower with what is supplied!



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CLOVERBUD & EXPLORERS ACTIVITY

Join us for April's Cloverbud and Explorer activity!

Participants are challenged to use the marshmallow candy, Peeps, to make a creation. To celebrate National Gardening Week in April, the theme is "What I Found Digging in my Garden."

Register for activity reminders at <https://bit.ly/PeepRegistration>

Everyone is encouraged to send a picture of their creation to woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov to be shared on our Facebook page!

Families must supply their own Peeps and are encouraged to use other candies/items

**CALLING ALL
CLOVERBUDS & EXPLORERS
FOR A:**

PEEP CREATION CONTEST

APRIL 1ST - 30TH

Use Peeps to make a creation! To celebrate National Gardening Week use the theme "What I Found Digging in my Garden"

Families must supply their own materials



REGISTER FOR REMINDERS:



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/PEEPREGISTRATION](https://bit.ly/peepregistration)






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CREATIVE ARTS DAY

Plan to attend Creative Arts Day on Saturday, April 5th at Pittsville Schools. Events will begin at 9:00 with the Awards Ceremony planned for 2:00.

Everyone is welcome! Support our 4-H members and enjoy a day of live performances and Arts & Crafts displays.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H

2025 CREATIVE ARTS DAY



“2025 Let Your Talents Come Alive”

APRIL 5, 2025

9:00AM

PITTSVILLE SCHOOLS

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE TEEN LEADERS

 
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TEEN LEADERS CONCESSIONS @ CAD

Be sure to stop at the concessions stand at Creative Arts Day to grab some delicious snacks and support the Wood County 4-H Teen Leaders. Thanks to Mallory Cepress for the flyer!

WOOD COUNTY TEEN LEADERS

CREATIVE ARTS DAY CONCESSIONS MENU



**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!**

**APRIL 5TH, 2025
PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

TEEN LEADERS FOOD DRIVE

The Wood County 4-H Teen Leaders shared the flyer below for their Food Drive at Creative Arts Day on Saturday, April 5th at Pittsville Schools.

Each item you bring will give you an entry to win 1 of 3 raffle baskets.

Support our Teen Leaders and the Ronald McDonald House!

Wood County Teen Leaders

FOOD DRIVE

**APRIL, 5TH
2025**

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 one of three baskets! Themes are baking, movie night, and arts & crafts!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 *Creative Arts Day*
Pittsville High School



BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

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



HORSE & PONY PROJECT ANNUAL TACK SWAP

SILENT AUCTION - FOOD STAND - BAKE SALE

WOOD COUNTY HORSE & PONY PROJECT ANNUAL TACK SWAP

Saturday, March 15, 2025

9AM - 2PM

CENTRAL WI STATE FAIR GROUNDS
JUNIOR EXPO BUILDING
513 E. 17TH STREET, MARSHFIELD

ADMISSION \$2
12 & UNDER FREE

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOLLOW EVENT ON FACEBOOK
"WOOD COUNTY HORSE & PONY PROJECT ANNUAL TACK SWAP"

QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR?
CALL KATE AT (715) 383-2018

HORSE & PONY PROJECT MEETINGS

The winter meeting dates for the Horse & Pony Project have been set.

New members welcome! Be sure you have selected Horse as one of your projects in 4HOnline to sign the appropriate waivers.

Reach out to Kate with questions.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT MEETINGS

~~11/19/24: 6:00pm – Purina Rep Taylor Wilson, Nutrition~~

~~12/17/24: 6:00pm – Horse Parts & Breeds~~

~~1/21/25: 6:00pm – Sara Gronski – Why a Free Horse isn't Free~~

~~2/18/25: 6:00pm – Jacob Sharpee – Bits & Bridles~~

3/18/25: 6:00pm – TBD

All meetings held at Hewitt Village Hall.
RSVP to Katlyn Kohl at 715-383-2018
for each meeting.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Planning is underway for this summer's adventure-filled summer camp! Join us June 9-11 at Northern Lakes Impact Center in Rhinelander to "Write Your Own Fairy Tale!"

Camp is open to all youth currently in grades 3-7.

Registration is open from March 10-April 10. For more information or to register, to go <https://bit.ly/4HCamp25>.

The graphic features a light green and yellow background with stylized trees and birds. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, starting with the event title, followed by dates and camper information. A central paragraph describes the camp's activities. Below this, registration details and a QR code are provided. The bottom half of the graphic is filled with circular photos of campers: one group of girls standing together, another group of boys holding small plants, and a camper climbing a rock wall. A green four-leaf clover logo is also present.

Write Your Own Fairy Tale at
Marathon & Wood's

SUMMER CAMP

Date: June 9-11, 2025
Campers: Youth in Grade 3-7

Join us for an epic adventure at 4-H Summer Camp, where you can "Write Your Own Fairy Tale" with daring quests, campfire stories, and action-packed challenges! Explore the outdoors, build survival skills, and make new friends along the way. Your adventure begins with Marathon & Wood 4-H Summer Camp!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
MARCH 10-APRIL 10.
<https://bit.ly/4HCamp25>



DISCOVER WI

If you are currently in grades 6-8, plan to join 4-Hers from Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon and Shawano counties to **Discover Wisconsin**.

Travelers will be exploring the northeastern part of the state from July 8-11 and staying at St. Norbert's College.

The interest form will be open from April 1-15 and selected participants will be notified before April 25th. Watch for more details soon!

SAVE THE DATE TO

4-H'ers currently in 6th - 8th grade.

Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Shawano, & Wood County are teaming up again!

DISCOVER WISCONSIN

WITH 4-H!

TRAVEL JULY 8-11, 2025
INTEREST FORM OPEN APRIL 1-15

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Now is the perfect time to plan ahead and start fundraising if you are planning to attend summer camp or a state or national travel opportunity this 4-H year. The Teen Leadership Group has an opportunity to help you raise money to offset the cost! Funds raised are good for experiences and registration costs through 2025.

For every Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card you sell, you'll receive \$15 credit toward your 2025 experience! Each card includes 5 Ultimate Car Washes and is good at any Kwik Trip car wash. What's even better? Car wash cards don't expire—they just need to be used at least once every two years. **WOW!**

For more information about the car wash card sale, please contact the office at 715-421-8439.



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by Wood County 4-H Teen Leadership Group

Wood County 4-H youth are selling Kwik Trip car wash cards to off-set the cost of educational experiences.



5-count ULTIMATE car wash cards **ONLY** \$36
SAVE \$14 off regular price!

The Ultimate Car Wash includes:

- Undercarriage Flush
- Triple Shine Vehicle Enhancer/Cleaner
- Presoak
- Spot-Free Rinse
- High-Pressure Wash or Soft Foam Wash
- 95-Second Super Dry

Cards are good at ALL Kwik Trip car wash stations.



Make checks payable to Wood County 4-H Leaders Association

Cards on sale now!




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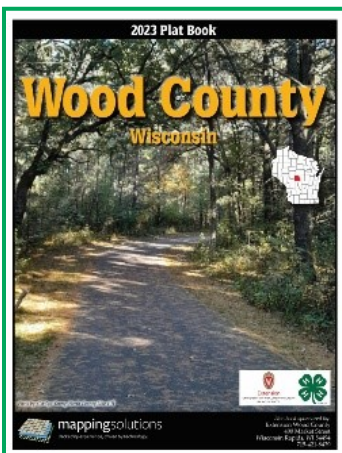
SHARE YOUR EVENT IN YOUTH CONNECTIONS!

Youth Connections is a great way to let 4-H'ers around Wood County know what your club or project group is up to. The newsletter is published and emailed to all 4-H families every month.

Submit your article, photos, and fliers to woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov by the 25th of the month and we'll include it in the newsletter and on social media.



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.

STAY CONNECTED WITH WOOD COUNTY 4-H

Be sure that you are staying connected and getting all the latest information and event details!

While we try to include everything in the newsletter, sometimes we like to send reminders or something exciting comes up between issues that we want to share right away.

Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to make sure you don't miss an update. Our web calendar is also updated in real time to look ahead at future events or to confirm event times and locations.



Wood County 4-H, WI



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MARCH 9, 30:** Shooting Sports; 10:30am-3:45pm; Central WI Sportsmens Club, Marshfield
- **MARCH 14:** Wisconsin 4-H ArtsBEAT
- **MARCH 16:** Leaders Association Scholarship Deadline
- **MARCH 18:** Horse & Pony Project Meeting; 6:00pm; Village of Hewitt Hall
- **MARCH 21-22:** CW4HSS Winter Invitational; Central WI Sportsmens Club, Marshfield
- **MARCH 24:** Wood County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting; 7:00pm
- **MARCH 27:** Science Expeditions Field Trip to UW-Madison
- **APRIL 5:** Creative Arts Day; Pittsville Schools

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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