

Wood County 4-H

YOUTH CONNECTIONS



APRIL 2026

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CREATIVE ARTS DAY 2026: WHERE YOUR ARTISTIC TALENTS MIX

APRIL 11 | 9:00AM | PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Join us this Saturday for our annual Creative Arts Day at Pittsville Elementary School. Your fellow 4-H members have put a lot of time and effort into preparing their performances. There will be vocal and instrumental performances, plays, skits, demonstrations and other talent performances.

The club Arts and Crafts displays will be set up from 10:00 until the end of the day.

There will also be an onsite Creative Drawing Contest, *Celebrating 250 years of USA*, open to all ages with no registration necessary.

Doors open at 8:30 with the first performances starting at 9:00. Concessions will be available throughout the day.

Come out and enjoy a full day of performing arts by our 4-H members.

[The full schedule can be found here.](#)

*Creative Arts
Day 2026*

Saturday, April 11th
Pittsville Elementary School

Where your Artistic Talents Mix

Play & Skits
Demonstrations

Instrumentals & Vocals
Arts & Crafts

CONNECT WITH US!

Wood County 4-H, WI

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4-H 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.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H STAFF


Laura Huber, 4-H Educator
Trina Bores, AmeriCorps Member
Wendy Young, Support Staff



HYGIENE DRIVE

APRIL 11 | PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Teen Leaders will be hosting a hygiene drive at Creative Arts Day. Bring an item or two from the list below to be entered into a raffle basket drawing!

A green poster for a hygiene drive. At the top, it says "TEEN LEADERS HYGIENE DRIVE" in large white letters. Below that, it says "Join us at creative arts day. For every item donated you get a ticket to enter in to a basket drawing." The date "APRIL 11TH 2026" and location "AT CREATIVE ARTS DAY IN PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" are listed. At the bottom, there is a list of items to donate: TRAVEL TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, TRAVEL SHAMPOO, CHAP STICK, MOUTHWASH, PAPER TOWELS, LOTION, SHAVING CREAM, TRAVEL CONDITIONER, and FACE WASH. The poster is decorated with illustrations of a toothbrush, a roll of paper towels, a bar of soap labeled "SOAP", and various hygiene products like a toothpaste tube and a bottle of mouthwash. There are also small white stars scattered throughout the design.

**TEEN LEADERS
HYGIENE
DRIVE**

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APRIL 11TH 2026
AT CREATIVE ARTS DAY
IN PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THINGS YOU CAN DONATE:

- TRAVEL TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT
- TRAVEL SHAMPOO
- CHAP STICK
- MOUTHWASH
- PAPER TOWELS
- LOTION
- SHAVING CREAM
- TRAVEL CONDITIONER
- FACE WASH

4-H T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The Leaders Association is having a t-shirt design contest for the next Wood County 4-H t-shirt sale.

Submit your entry to the email address below or bring it to Creative Arts Day on April 11th.

Reach out to a member of the Leaders Association with questions.

CREATE A CUSTOM SHIRT DESIGN

DRAW YOUR IDEAS!

FULL SHIRT DESIGN OR CHEST LOGO

INCLUDE "WOOD COUNTY 4-H" IN DESIGN

Your custom design or logo could be the next Wood County 4-H shirt!

Designs will be voted on at Creative Arts Day and the chosen design will be announced at a later date.

Email design ideas to woodcounty4Hfundraising@gmail.com by April 10 or bring to Creative Arts Day on April 11. The chosen design will be announced later.

The printer's design team will work with the winning design to digitize the image and may change a few elements to suit the needs of Wood County 4-H.

[Watch for shirt sale information to come out in May!](#)

4-H AT THE WR FARMERS MARKET

SAVE THE DATE!

Find Wood County 4-H at the
**Wisconsin Rapids Downtown
Farmers Market**

Find our booth to participate in fun and
hands-on activities & crafts!

Visit us on the following Thursdays
from 8:00am-1:00pm:

- July 9
- July 30



4-H SWIM NIGHT

WOOD COUNTY 4-H SWIM DAY!



SAVE THE DATE



**July 16th
4:00-7:00pm
AT THE
WISCONSIN RAPIDS
AQUATIC CENTER**



CLOVERUD CAMP DATES



4-H CLOVERBUD CAMPS

SAVE THE DATES!

**JULY 1
AUGUST 13**

**MORE INFORMATION
WILL BE COMING SOON!**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION
WOOD COUNTY

2026 PLAT BOOKS

The new plat books are arriving in our office this week!

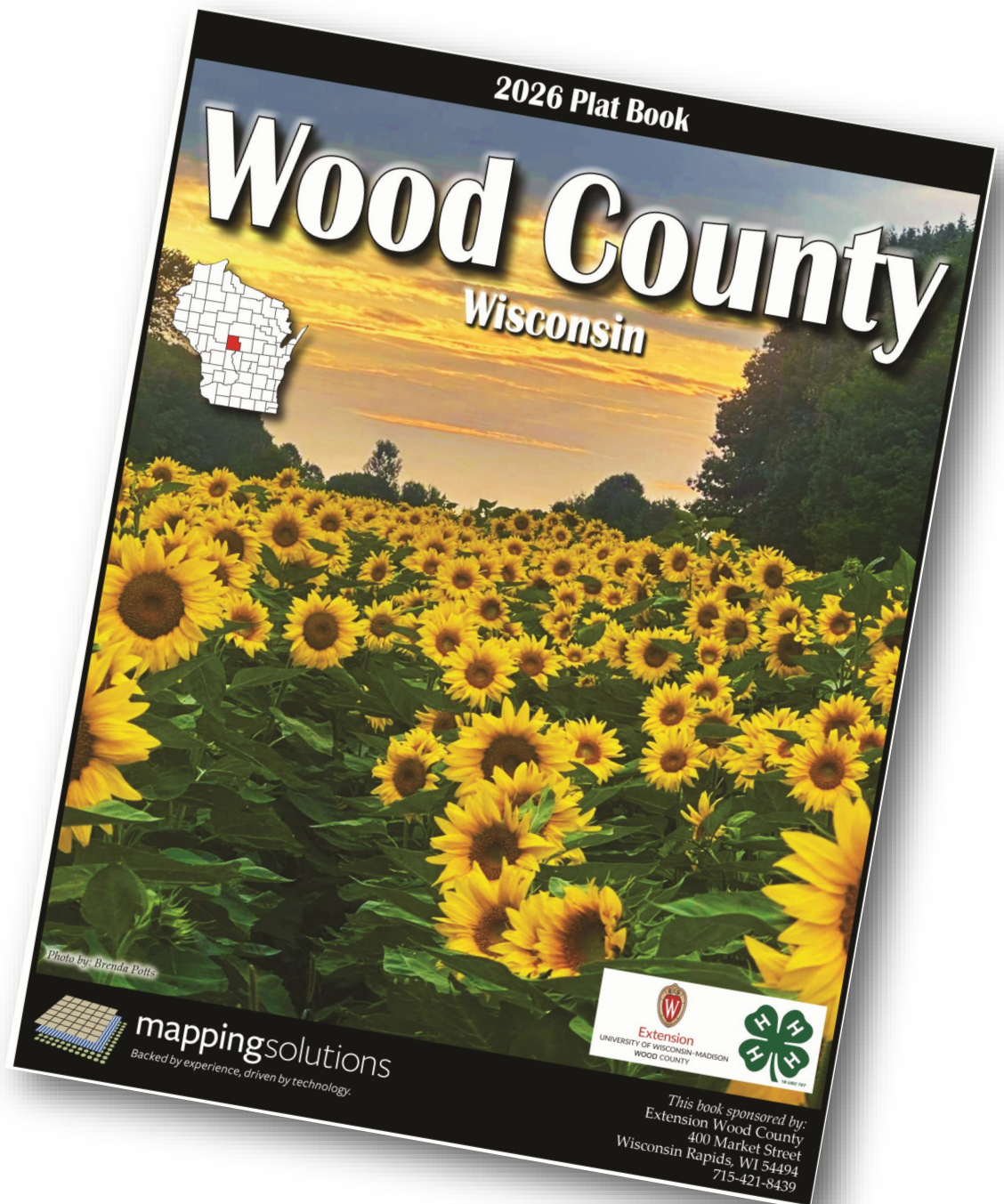
This is one of the largest fundraisers for the Leaders Association and allows them to provide scholarships to members for educational experiences, support Creative Arts Day, contribute to the cost of summer camp and more!

We need EVERYONE'S help to sell books and support the Leaders Association. Books are \$35 each; for every book your club sells, your club will receive \$5.

Consider asking local businesses if they would be willing to sell books at their office. This is a great way to make the books more accessible to the community, as well as make some extra money for your club.

If you have unsold 2023 books, please make arrangements to return them to the office or your club will need to pay for them.

Contact the office at 715-421-8439 for more information.



SUMMER ACADEMY

JUNE 14-18 | UW-MADISON CAMPUS

Summer Academy is the Positive Youth Development Institute's signature career, leadership, & college readiness conference hosted at UW-Madison. The event focuses on preparing young people (grades 8-11) for higher education in a way that complements formal education prep programs. Summer Academy offers an immersive college experience; participants will experience life in a residence hall, explore campus, and enjoy the unique elements of higher ed that only Madison can offer.

This year's theme is **The Quest**; Summer Academy participants will answer the call to adventure across the UW-Madison campus and explore their next steps in their career and college readiness journey! They will choose between exploratory tracks that introduce them to a variety of different Sparks and activities, core tracks that allow them to explore an area of interest in-depth, or an Advanced Art Track where youth will focus deeply on a specific area of arts.

The Summer Academy experience fee is \$150.

More information can be found online at go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy.

Registration is now open in 4HOnline.

Contact Annie Lisowski (annie.lisowski@wisc.edu) or Laura Pine (lpine@wisc.edu) with any questions.



The poster features a light green background with a decorative floral and scrollwork pattern. At the top, it says "Wisconsin 4-H" in a dark green font. Below that, the words "SUMMER ACADEMY" are written in large, bold, white letters with a dark green outline, set against a solid dark green rectangular background. Underneath, the dates "June 14-18, 2026" are displayed in green, followed by "OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11" and "\$150 per youth!" in green. A horizontal line separates this from the location information: "UW-Madison Campus" with a location pin icon and a building icon. Below that, it says "Registration open March-April 2026 on 4HOnline" in green. At the bottom left, there are two logos: the University of Wisconsin crest and the 4-H clover logo, with the text "UW-MADISON EXTENSION" below them.

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

JUNE 19 | GRANT COUNTY

JUNE 30 | CLARK COUNTY

Save the dates for Area Animal Science Days! More information and registration details will be coming through social media and in your inbox!

If you are interested in participating in these events as part of a Wood County team, contact Kerry Storms. He can be reached at kstorms11@gmail.com or 309-265-5225.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

**GRANT COUNTY
JUNE 19TH**

**CLARK COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

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



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 2026.

For every Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card you sell, you'll receive \$15 credit toward your 2026 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
- Presoak
- High-Pressure Wash or Soft Foam Wash
- Triple Shine Vehicle Enhancer/Cleaner
- Spot-Free Rinse
- 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **APRIL 11:** Creative Arts Day; Pittsville Schools
- **MAY 25:** Leaders Association Meeting
- **JUNE 8-10:** Summer Camp
- **JUNE 17:** Community Bike Rodeo
- **JULY 1:** Cloverbud Camp

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.



Online Calendar: <https://wood.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/>



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