



Jan/Feb 2026

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Here's hoping your holiday season was a great time with family and friends! Many clubs in Price County had Christmas parties and activities which are great for building that sense of belonging that we value in 4-H. 2025 was a good year in Price County 4-H! Several events are already being planned for 4-H in 2026. Annual Leadership Training for club leaders and adult volunteers, youth leaders (6th grade and up) and club officers on Sunday, January 4 will be worth your time! Bring your ideas of how we can make Price County 4-H even better.



After school programs and project meetings are in the works for Spring. 4-H Day Camps (K-5th grade) and Summer Camp (grades 3-7) are already being planned for summer. And of course, the Price County Fair (August 20-22) is a great time to showcase your 4-H projects from the year. Be sure to check out our monthly Email Blasts and Price County 4-H Facebook page for the most current opportunities in 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H.



Feel free to reach out any time I can help. Have a wonderful 4-H year in 2026!!

Julie Diepenbrock  
4-H Program Educator





# Annual Leaders & Club Officer Training

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

**1:00 - 2:30pm**

**Extension Office Conference Room**

**925 Donald St. Medford**

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.



This will be more than just a meeting—it's a chance to:

- Pick up practical tips for club officers
- Discover what other clubs are doing
- Share ideas for future activities and events
- Explore new opportunities for 4-H members
- Celebrate all the great things happening in 4-H

And yes....we'll have snacks and plenty of FUN!

We would LOVE to see a leader and club officer from each of our clubs join us.

**Club Leaders:** you'll also have the chance to connect and exchange ideas with fellow leaders.

# Youth Opportunities



APPLY between December 20, 2025 — January 20, 2026

**4-H INTERN**

Looking for 4-H Summer Intern to work in both Taylor & Price Counties. Approx. 40 hours/week between June 2–August 22. Help with Summer Camp, Day Camps, Library Programs, and Fairs.

Must be 18–22 years old

Apply here:  
[tinyurl.com/4-HSummerInternPriceTaylor26](https://tinyurl.com/4-HSummerInternPriceTaylor26)

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## WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION



### Wisconsin 4-H will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships

The application for the **Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship** process is now posted on Wisconsin 4-H Extension website and will open January 1, 2026.

For the application form, specific scholarship information, and complete instructions about what to include in the application documents, 4-H youth can visit: [4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-scholarships/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-scholarships/).

Eligible seniors and 4-H alumni must submit applications electronically to our review committee no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified via email by mid-May. More information here: [tinyurl.com/WI4Hscholarship](https://tinyurl.com/WI4Hscholarship)



## Youth Opportunities

WI 4-H Meats Judging Contest - taking place on January 31, 2026 at Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus. Registration coming soon. More information about the contest, study materials, and how to register at: [tinyurl.com/4HBtheJudge](https://tinyurl.com/4HBtheJudge)

### STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**  
JANUARY 31, 2026

**SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL**  
MARCH 21, 2026

BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE  
UW MADISON CAMPUS

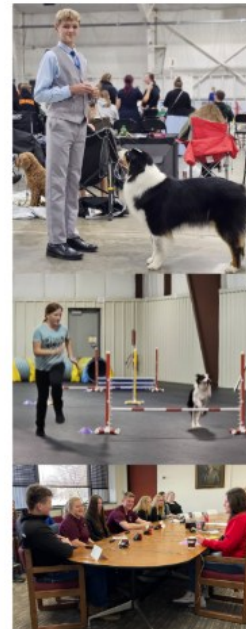


### SAVE THE DATES STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

**DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL**  
APRIL 25, 2026  
STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

**STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE,  
SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;  
SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS**  
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026  
LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

**STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW**  
OCTOBER 11, 2026  
OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY





# Community



**THE GOAL:** Youth making 100,000 handmade Valentines and delivering them across the WORLD. Register your participation here: [bit.ly/4HhasHeart](http://bit.ly/4HhasHeart)



Please sign up to make a **Valentine's project** with other 4-H'ers or youth to deliver to a nursing home or Senior population in



## Got a Big Idea for Community Service?

Is your 4-H Club dreaming up a project that could make a real impact—but needs a little financial boost to make it happen?

The **Price County 4-H Adult Leaders** are excited to offer a **Community Service Mini Grant** ranging from **\$200 to \$500** to help bring your club's vision to life! Just fill out a short application [tinyurl.com/ServiceGrantApp](http://tinyurl.com/ServiceGrantApp)



Then get ready to snap some photos and share the awesome work your club accomplishes! Let's make a difference—**together**.





## Dedicated Leader



For over 40 years, **Ruthann Rehberg** has been a cornerstone of the Price County 4-H program, serving as Club Leader of the Big Elk Badgers 4-H Club and holding leadership roles on both the Price County Adult Leaders' Association and the Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leaders' Council. Her dedication spans local, state, national, and international levels, including chaperoning countless youth events such as WI 4-H & Youth Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Northern District Winter Camp.



Ruthann's civic engagement is unmatched. She has raised thousands of dollars for 4-H, supported food stand operations, and opened her home to international exchange students, fostering cultural understanding and inclusion. Her contributions have earned her numerous recognitions, including the Phillips Chamber Citizen of the Year award, Price County 4-H Adult Leader of the Year, and many other honors that reflect her lasting impact on youth, community, and the 4-H program.

Her willingness to serve as a project leader for any topic exemplifies her deep commitment to youth development and lifelong learning. Whether leading established projects or stepping into new areas, Ruthann eagerly learns alongside the young people she mentors, modeling curiosity and growth.

As a successful business owner, Ruthann continues to support 4-H through sponsorships and logistical support. Her legacy and love of 4-H lives on through her children and grandchildren.

Ruthann's character shines through her tireless work ethic, compassion, and mentorship. She empowers youth with high expectations and unwavering support, making her a trusted and beloved figure in the 4-H community.

Ruthann will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame on April 18, 2026. **Congratulations to Ruthann!**



### Northwoods Premiere Beef Show



Add a trip to the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford to your 2026 calendar! We're excited to see you all on May 16th, 2026.

As we are planning our show, if you have any suggestions for education topics, judge nominations (must ♥ teaching as they are judging) or anything else, feel free to send us a message or email [nwpbeef@gmail.com](mailto:nwpbeef@gmail.com).



## Adults Share Skills



### Project Fun Day is Coming! Project Fun Day is Coming!

What do you know about that 4-Her's can show at the Fair?? Can you teach it in 90 minutes or less?? Sign up to be a presenter:

*[tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26](http://tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26)*

**PROJECT FUN DAY**  
**ADULTS & OLDER YOUTH**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
**NEEDED TO PRESENT**  
**SESSIONS**



This year Project Fun Day is Saturday, April 11 at the Prentice School. The event runs from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. with 3 sessions timeslots. You can choose to lead one or more of these sessions. All supplies will be paid for by the Price County 4-H Adult Leaders, so there is no cost to the volunteer!

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Prentice School, 1025 Town St, Prentice**



Each year the Price County 4-H Leaders hold a Fun Day to promote 4-H and the Projects it has to offer. The event is for all youth in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions contact the office (715)339-2555.

*Sign up to present [tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26](http://tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26)*



4-H Friends, Alumni, Volunteers

Wisconsin 4-H needs adult advisors!

- ✓ Applicants must be 21 (19 for Summer Academy) at the time of the program. Adult advisors are responsible for leading all youth participants as well as ensuring the program runs smoothly. Applications are due January 30th.

Learn more about the position and the experiences offered here:

[tinyurl.com/4Hadultadvisor](https://tinyurl.com/4Hadultadvisor)



## ADULT ADVISOR POSITION

ADULT ADVISOR APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE  
FOLLOWING 4-H EXPERIENCES:



- SUMMER ACADEMY
- SPACE CAMP
- CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
- NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
- ARTS EXPERIENCES

FIND INFO  
HERE:



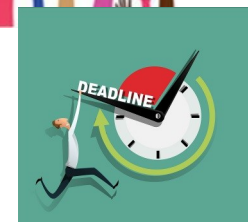
Wisconsin 4-H and Positive Youth Development have a new resource to share for youth in grades 5K-2, the Cloverbud age group. The [Science in the Seasons Series curriculum](#) was recently published on the Wisconsin Positive Youth Development Institute website.

This beautifully designed resource offers twelve months of at-home or in-person lessons for youth in the Cloverbud age group. Lessons focus on:

- Connections to nature and science
- Hands-on science experiments using common household items
- Life lessons youth can learn from nature



All 4-H volunteers need to be approved by **January 15, 2026**. Check 4-H Online to be sure you have completed all trainings and the background check.





## Looking Ahead

**Camp Counselor** (8th Grade or older) and Adult sign up. Summer Camp will be here before we know it.

Register at [tinyurl.com/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26](https://tinyurl.com/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26)

**CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED**  
**ARE YOU IN 8TH GRADE OR OLDER?**

If you are, you can be a counselor at

**4-H Summer Camp**  
**June 10-12**  
**Northern Lakes Impact Center**  
**Rhineland, WI**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
APPLY BY FEBRUARY 1ST  
[TINYURL.COM/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26](https://tinyurl.com/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26)

We also need adults to volunteer as camp staff.

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Mark your calendars for **4-H Summer Camp**. Grades 3-7 are invited to Northern Lakes Impact Center on Crescent Lake, June 10-12. We've got some great activities planned for you.

The poster is a vibrant yellow with a large photograph of two girls in yellow life jackets paddling a red canoe on a lake. Below the photo, there are three circular insets showing a person rock climbing, a person on a green mat, and a group in a blue inflatable. The text '4-H Summer Camp' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. To the left of the text is a yellow sun icon, and to the right is a yellow circle containing the text 'Fun & Creative Outdoor Activities For Youth Grades 3-7'. Below the title, there is a yellow box with the text 'Save the date! June 10-12, 2026 Northern Lakes Impact Center Lincoln, Price & Taylor'. At the bottom, there is a black box with white text: 'The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.' To the right of this box are the University of Wisconsin-Madison and 4-H logos. The poster is decorated with a sun, a tent, a tree, and a palm tree.

**4-H Summer Camp**

Fun & Creative Outdoor Activities For Youth Grades 3-7

**Save the date!**  
**June 10-12, 2026**  
**Northern Lakes Impact Center**  
**Lincoln, Price & Taylor**

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## Fair Dates

The 2026 Spirit Hill Ogema 4-H Fair will be August 14 & 15!



Held at the Spirit Town Hall

Let us know by April 1 if

you want  
to participate



**You're not going to want to miss this!!**  
**Price County Fair August 20-22**



The Price County Fair Board is in full swing with planning the 2026 Fair! Fair Board Members attended The WI Fair Convention at the beginning of January in Wisconsin Dells. We can't wait to see what they will be bringing back to us for the fair in August.. We have heard the fair will be the biggest and best version yet!

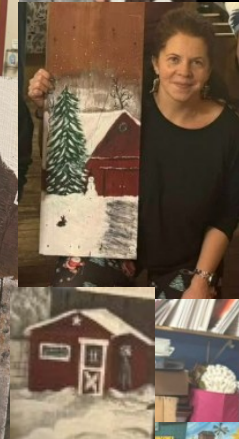
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# 4-H Happenings



Horse Councils' Christmas  
Party at  
U Create in Phillips



## First Ever YOUTH DAY kicks off the Midwest Horse Fair on Friday, April 17, 2026! 🎉

The horse-human bond builds confidence, empathy, and leadership — and this special day is all about celebrating that connection.

Enjoy exciting youth-focused programming including:

Chris Cox Horsemanship - "Leadership Through Horses"

Wisconsin Association of FFA State Horse Evaluation CDE

Equine Career Exploration Feature

**Special Youth Group Ticket Discounts**...and more!

Join us as we inspire the next generation of horse lovers at Youth Day 2026!

Learn more: [tinyurl.com/midwesthorselovers](https://tinyurl.com/midwesthorselovers)




**New!**

# Youth Day

**Youth Group Ticket Discount!**

**\$15**  
Per Person\*

Available 11/1/25 Midwest Horse Fair is offering all student groups, teachers and youth group leaders a special offer of \$15 per ticket vs. the \$25 at the gate for attendance on Friday, April 17, 2026!

\*Minimum 8 tickets Per Order paid for by school or organization.

## Friday, April 17, 2026

Did you know studies have shown that horses can improve emotional regulation, reduce anxiety, and encourage teamwork and leadership skills?

- ☑ Hear Chris Cox's Lead Changes Youth Leadership Presentation
- ☑ Watch WI FFA State Horse Evaluation CDE Competition
- ☑ Learn about Equine Careers and participate in a scavenger hunt
- ☑ See 800 horses, expert clinicians and 400 shopping vendors
- ☑ Enjoy great food and have fun learning!



Learn more at: <https://midwesthorsefair.com/features/around-the-grounds/youth-day>



## SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

### ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED!

4-H Volunteers and Young Adult  
Leaders (Ages 19-25) are  
encouraged to apply by **3/1/26**



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FIND  
INFO  
HERE:







Save the DATE

April 15 6:30-7:30

YQCA in Person Training

More information to come

Or online option:

[tinyurl.com/YQCAtrainingregistration](https://tinyurl.com/YQCAtrainingregistration)



## Park Falls 4-H/Flambeau 4-Leafers



## Hillbillies 4-H Club Christmas Party





# Holiday Parties



Restless Rascals Float in the Phillips Christmas Parade







Fabric Stars and Dreamcatchers on November 15.



## Cookie Baking December 13





# Calendar of Events

## January

- 1—UW-Extension is closed
- 4—Annual Leadership Training 1-2:30 p.m. at UWEX, 925 Donald St. Medford,
- 5—Adult Leaders Meeting 6:15 p.m. at Normal Building in Conference Room
- 20—4-H Intern application due
- 31—State 4-H Meats Judging Contest
- 31— Project Saturday Cozy Bowl and Potholder Workshop

## February

- 1—Summer Camp Counselor applications due

## March

- 1—Volunteer Sign-up deadline for Summer Academy
- 21—Skillathon and Quiz Bowl

## April

- 15 6:30-7:30 YQCA In Person Training

## May

- 16 Northwood Premiere Taylor County Fairgrounds

## June

- 10-12 — 4-H Summer Camp

## August

- 14-15 — Spirit Hill Ogema Fair
- 20-22 — Price County Fair

\*As a reminder, if the local schools are closed due to inclement weather, our programs will be cancelled as well.



Have you checked out the shop 4-H online store lately?

New items are being added all the time.


Check it out: [shop4-h.org/](http://shop4-h.org/)




4-H Diecast Pickup Truck




Build-A-Boat Activity Kit



4-H Discover Box: Engineering Innovations



Ear Tag Keychain



4-H Radiating Clover Alumni Oversized Sweatshirt

You can buy me this





# Holiday Parties



## Happy Hoboes 4-H Club Prentice



LET'S SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS

TELL ME MORE...  
DO YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT OR MEETING  
PICTURES FROM A PREVIOUS EVENT

YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

SUBMIT TO [NOLSON6@WISC.EDU](mailto:NOLSON6@WISC.EDU)





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Price County 4-H  
104 S. Eyder Ave . Rm 240  
Phillips, WI 54555

## Price County 4-H is on Facebook

This will be another way to communicate information,  
event details and learn more about Price County 4-H



[www.facebook.com/4HPriceCounty](http://www.facebook.com/4HPriceCounty)

### Purpose Statement

*"We teach, learn, lead and serve,  
connecting people with the University  
of Wisconsin, and engaging with them  
in transforming lives and communities."*



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