



Price County 4-H
May/June 2026
Clover Connection



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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

4-H is a wonderful program year-round, but summer is my favorite 4-H season! Youth in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join me for a Day Camp at one of four locations throughout Price County. Campers can look forward to a variety of fun and engaging activities. In addition, several Price County 4-H members and volunteers will be heading to 4-H Summer Camp in mid-June!

We are also excited to partner with the Price County public libraries to present a 4-H program centered around Unearthing a Story. Of course, summer is also a great time to work on projects and get everything ready for the fair.

With summer camps, the Spirit Fair, the Price County Fair, family time, and vacations filling your calendar, don't forget to begin your 4-H Record Book. Reflecting on your year of learning is a vital part of being a 4-H member, and summer (hopefully!) provides time to think about all the activities and achievements you've had throughout the year. Record book pages are available on the Price County Extension website under the 4-H page, or you can stop by the office to pick up copies.

As summer plans come together, please be mindful of any deadlines or due dates for paperwork, registrations, or orientations. As always, if you have questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our office—we are happy to help.

Wishing you a fun and busy summer!

Sincerely,

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator



Day Experience

Food + Farm Exploration Adventure!

Get ready for an exciting summer road trip! Join us on **Friday, July 10, 2026** for a day full of agriculture, creativity, connection, and FUN as we explore Plover & Stevens Point, WI! 🌞

We'll kick off bright and early: **6:30 a.m. – Leave Phillips**

Hop on the bus with us or travel with your family—either way, meet us at: Food + Farm Exploration Center, 3400 Innovation Drive, Plover, WI

Adventure Schedule: 🌞

9:15–10:15 a.m. – Cooking with Commodities (hands-on & delicious!) 🍳

10:15–10:35 a.m. – Greenhouse Tour 🌱

10:35–11:35 a.m. – Explore + Gift Shop Time 🛍️

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. – Lunch at Pizza Ranch (yum!) 🍕

12:30 p.m. – Head to our next stop

12:45–1:30 p.m. – Stevens Point Sculpture Park (don't forget your camera!)

1:30 p.m. – Head for home 🚌

Estimated arrival times: Phillips: 4:00 p.m. 🏠

Cost & Registration: \$25 per participant (payment due after confirmation)

Don't miss this awesome day of learning, laughter, and summer memories with friends! 🎉



4-H Youth grades 3-12th,
join us for a fun day of...

FOOD+FARM EXPLORATION

AND Stevens Point Sculpture Park

\$25/PERSON

Friday, July 10th 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(depending on pick-up site)
Plover/Steven Point, Wisconsin

EXPLORATIONS

- Cooking with Commodities
- Greenhouse Tour
- Exhibit Exploration
- Outdoor Art Tour



SIGN UP BY JULY 1ST

tinyurl.com/4HFoodandFarm2026

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Fair Season



The 2026 Spirit Hill
Ogema 4-H Fair will
be August 14 & 15!
Held at the Spirit
Town Hall



Price County Fair -- August 20–22 2025

The Premium books are the same as last year and is available for pick-up at UW Extension Office, Room 240. 104 S Eyder Ave, Phillips

You may also access the Premium book electronically through our website: price.extension.wisc.edu/2026/04/15/fair-entry-open-may-1-july-20/



Fair Entry is open from May 1st through July 20th
To register fair entries and to buy season passes
pricecountyfair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23273

Let's Explore



**PRICE COUNTY 4-H WILL BE JOINING THE LOCAL LIBRARIES
FOR THEIR SUMMER READING PROGRAM.
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

UNEARTH A STORY



UNEARTH YOUR STORY WITH MICROSCOPES - SCAVENGER HUNT

**UNEARTH YOUR STORY WITH ROCKS
ROCK BINGO/ MINERAL MEMORY/GEMSTONE TRIVIA**



**UNEARTH YOUR STORY IN 4-H
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DISPLAYED AT THE FAIR**

COMING TO A LIBRARY NEAR YOU....

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 1:30 PM AT OGEMA LIBRARY



TUESDAY, JUNE 30 1 PM PARK FALLS LIBRARY



MONDAY, JULY 6 1:30 PM PHILLIPS LIBRARY

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Go OUTSIDE

We'll have FUN, FUN, FUN Join us for Creative Outdoor Activities for Youth who just finished 5K-5th Grade. Sign UP today: tinyurl.com/daycamp4HPC2026

OUTDOOR FUN!

5K through 5th graders can participate

4-H DAY CAMPS

\$10

9 AM - 3:30 PM
Lunch Provided

Dates & Locations:

- July 16-Smith Lake (Park Falls)
- July 21-Elk Lake Park (Phillips)
- July 28-Big Falls (Kennan)
- August 4-Timms Hill (Ogema)

Activities:

- Helmet Creations
- Fun with Microscopes
- Hippity Hops
- Hiking
- Other Outdoor Activities

Register Now tinyurl.com/daycamp4HPC2026

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CAMP

Community Grants



🍀 4-H Clubs Making a Difference! 🍀

Two Price County 4-H clubs have taken action by completing the **Community Service Mini Grant Application!**

The **Price County 4-H Horse Council** will be using their grant to make important improvements to the 4-H Horse Arena at the fairgrounds. Their project focuses on:

🐾 Enhancing the footing to create a safer surface for both horses and riders

🔧 Repairing arena fencing to improve safety for participants and spectators

These efforts will help ensure a safer, more enjoyable environment for everyone who uses the arena.

♥ Thank you to our 4-H members for stepping up, giving back, and making our community stronger!

🍀 Serving Up Kindness, One Meal at a Time! 🍀

The Hillbillies 4-H Club is making a difference in our community by creating **non-perishable “meals in a bag”** for local families in need.

Each meal kit includes a complete, shelf-stable dinner—thoughtfully put together with canned goods, dry staples, and easy-to-follow instructions—all in one convenient bag.

These generous donations will be distributed to **local food pantries and community blessing boxes**, helping ensure families have access to a warm and nourishing meal when they need it most.

♥ Way to go, Hillbillies 4-H Club, for showing what it means to give back and care for your community!

☀️ Got a Big Idea for Community Service? ☀️

Is your 4-H Club dreaming up a project that could make a real impact—but just needs a little financial boost to get started? Now's your chance!

The **Price County 4-H Adult Leaders** are excited to offer **Community Service Mini Grants** ranging from **\$200 to \$500** to help bring your club's vision to life. Whether it's improving your community, helping others, or creating something meaningful—your idea matters!

✅ **Apply in just a few minutes:**

tinyurl.com/ServiceGrantApp

📷 Then, get ready to capture your journey! We can't wait to see photos and hear about the positive difference your club makes.

Let's dream big, take action, and **make a difference—**together! ♥




Project Fun Day





Around Price County


 PRICE COUNTY 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

HORSE SHOW DATES

All riders **must** have an adult present at the show in order to participate. Everyone is welcome to come and watch or bring their horse and participate in the show.

Show starts at 10 AM on:

- April 26
- May 31
- June 27
- July 26
- August 22
- September 27



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT:
 KYLEE BARATKA 715/339-6385 OR
 JODI HEIZLER 715/820-6233

Fairgrounds Horse Arena, N9130 Forest Lane, Phillips

Saturday, June 6
 7 AM-Noon at Kennan Park
 Serving scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sausage, and cheese curds.
 Free will offering.







IT'S time...

 **2 - 5:30 PM**
Every Wednesday, May 20- October 14
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
1185 S. 4th Ave, Hwy 13 Park Falls



Quest Card, WIC and Senior Coupons Accepted
 Sponsored by: Park Falls Lions Club, Northwood's Community Credit Union, NorthLakes Community Clinic, and Forward Bank

2026 Season
Park Falls
Farmer's Market



Around Price County



Shooting Sport Success

The 4-H pellet gun (air rifle/air pistol) project introduces youth aged 8-18 to firearm safety, fundamentals of shooting, and proper equipment care. Participants learn shooting positions—standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone. Led by Lane and Tyler Bishop, it emphasized discipline, responsibility, and safe equipment handling.



This year's Price County Farmer's Market at Elk Lake Park!



They're looking for more vendors to join us! There is already a strong mix of offerings that they think the community is going to love.

Every Saturday



Elk Lake Park

9AM-12PM (June 6th - Sept 26th)

\$10 per booth to set up (cash day of, no commitment required)

If you've been thinking about joining, now's the time. Reach out, we'd love to have you be part of it.

PriceCountyFarmersMarket@gmail.com

📞 920-450-9902

Let's build something great together.

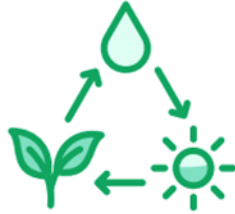


Earlier in April, Price County 4-H hosted Project Fun Day for over 40 4-H and non 4-H youth at the Prentice Schools! We are grateful for all the kids and parents that came and had fun with us! We are so thankful for our volunteers which made this day possible!





Discovery Days



YOUTH SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAYS

for youth entering grades 4-12

Potato Science Discovery Day



1 - 4 P.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 12

at the Rhinelander Agricultural Research Station, Rhinelander

Get ready for an afternoon of hands-on discovery at the Rhinelander Agricultural Research Station, home to more than 50 years of potato breeding innovation! Dig into soil and water science, and explore the world of potato breeding and genetics! Wagon ride and snacks included!

Join us for one day or both. Youth **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian at both locations. This program is **free**, but registration is required.

Wildlife, Woods, & Water Exploration Day



9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 13

at the Kemp Natural Resources Station, Woodruff

Track, observe, and learn how animals survive and thrive in northern forests! Get up close with the incredible insects that keep ecosystems running! Discover the hidden life beneath Wisconsin's waters, and more!

A free deli-style lunch will be provided to all participants and parents/guardians attending!

Join us for one day or both. Youth **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian at both locations. These programs are **free**, but registration is required.

REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS BY FRIDAY, JUNE 5

<https://oneida.extension.wisc.edu/CALS>



Photography



Capture the Moment: Taking Great Photos for 4-H!

Want to showcase the energy, excitement, and impact of your 4-H program? It all starts with a great photo! Whether you're creating posters, newsletters, social media posts, or sharing with your local media, eye-catching pictures can tell your story better than words alone. Let's make your moments shine with these fun and simple tips:

1. Go for High Quality

Clear, crisp photos make all the difference! High-resolution images have more detail (thanks to tiny elements called pixels), which means your photos will look great whether they're on a flyer or blown up into a big poster.

2. Capture the Action

Don't just take a picture—capture a moment! Show people doing what they love: learning, creating, competing, or having fun. Action shots may take a few tries, but be patient—they're always worth it! Try experimenting with frozen action or a slightly blurred background to add energy.

3. Make Your Subject Stand Out

Keep the focus where it belongs! Choose simple, clean backgrounds that help your subject shine. Avoid clutter or distractions like signs, bright lights, or busy patterns that pull attention away from the main focus.

4. Light It Right

Good lighting brings your photos to life! Natural light is your best friend, so head outdoors or near a window when you can. If your photo looks too dark, try adding light, changing locations, or using a flash. Tip: avoid fluorescent lighting when possible—it can dull your colors.

Ready, Set, Snap!

With these tips in your back pocket, you're ready to start capturing amazing 4-H moments that truly tell your story. So grab your camera (or phone!) and start snapping—your next great shot is just a click away!



1. Get close



2. Take subject against a simple background



3. Use rule of thirds



4. Frame your subject

Photos by Wayne Brabender

Find out More:
tinyurl.com/4HPhotographyProject



5. Use lines to lead eye into a photo



Project Spotlight

Growing your own vegetables is a popular and rewarding gardening activity for the entire family. Getting started is not difficult, and addressing some essentials helps ensure successful harvests throughout the season.

- ✓ Finding a site that receives adequate sunlight is the essential first step to success when growing vegetables. Consider 6 hours of sunlight as a minimum, and more is better. Nearby trees not only block sunlight, but underground roots may compete with vegetables for water.
- ✓ Good soil conditions, in particular good drainage, lay the foundation for healthy vegetable plants. Adding organic matter, such as compost, improves drainage and workability of high clay soils. Likewise, adding organic matter to sandy soils improves water holding capacity for plant use.
- ✓ Various raised bed structures or container gardens filled with higher quality soils provide additional options in dealing with adverse sites, or gardening on decks or patios.

Top 4-H Gardening Project Ideas & Spotlight Activities

Indoor & Small Space Gardening:

Windowsill Greenhouse Garden: Grow lettuce and edible flowers in a small greenhouse setup.

Grow Your Own Microgreens: Fast-growing indoor project suitable for all grades.

Hydroponics & Self-Watering: Create a DIY hydroponic system or a self-watering planter using 2-liter bottles.

Plant a Plant Person: A fun, creative project for younger members (grades 3-8) to track growth and prune plants.

Outdoor & Science-Based Gardening:

"Tomato in a Bag": A specialized growing project.

Bean in a Bottle: A 4-H STEM Lab activity demonstrating the plant life cycle.

Raised Bed Gardening: Focus on soil preparation, weed control, and water conservation.

Pollinator/Butterfly Garden: Create a habitat for native species.

Skill-Building & Demonstration Projects:

Garden Journaling: Track growth, weather, and harvests over the season.

Variety Comparison: Test two different varieties of the same plant and showcase results.

Gardening



Horticulture Help Desk Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 PM

Real-time access to a horticulture professional. Here is the tinyurl.com/HorticultureHelp

- For more in-depth questions that go beyond quick answers, we suggest that you **book a one-on-one session with the Horticulture Help Desk**.
- Appointments are available in **15 or 30 minute time slots** from **1:00 to 3:00 PM** on **Mondays and Thursdays** (and **Fridays 10 to Noon** if needed.)
- During the booking process, **you may choose to meet via zoom** or request a **phone call follow up**.
- Book at this link tinyurl.com/HorticultureHelp or at go.wisc.edu/HortHelpDesk



The University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Horticulture Program is excited to announce the 2026 lineup for Ask Your Gardening Question: LIVE, a **FREE webinar series** for Wisconsin gardeners. These online Q&A sessions, held monthly on Wednesdays, offer the opportunity to connect with plant health experts from UW-Madison and get answers to all your plant-related questions for free. Register for free at go.wisc.edu/AYGQLive. The series will continue monthly on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, 2026.

Calendar



May

16 Northwood Premiere Taylor County Fairgrounds

16— Poultry Project Meeting 10-11AM

31— Horse Show starts at 10 AM

June

10-12 — 4-H Summer Camp

27— Horse Show

July

10 — Food + Farm Experience Adventure, Plover

16 — Day Camp Smith Lake, Park Falls 9 AM—3:30 PM

21 — Day Camp Elk Lake Park, Phillips 9 AM—3:30 PM

26— Horse Show

28— Day Camp Smith Lake, Kennan 9 AM—3:30 PM

August

4 — Day Camp Timm's Hill, Ogema 9 AM—3:30 PM

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.



Community Service Spotlight



Hillbillies 4-H Club

Roadside Clean-Up

