



# RACINE CO.

4-H Newsletter

MAY 2024



*Submitted by Audra Bird*

## LETTER FROM THE EDUCATOR

After 4 months on maternity leave, I am back in the office. Avery Mae was born on December 19th! Thank you for all your patience during these last few months, and thank you to Emily for holding down the fort while I was gone!

I can't believe summer is right around the corner, along with summer programming! We lost a little time during my absence, but we are going to start rolling out information very soon. As you can see from the calendar, there are several registration forms going out, so please pay attention to your emails!

Please reach out with any questions!  
-Elizabeth Vazquez - 4-H Educator  
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- APRIL 26: Camp Counselor Applications Due
- APRIL 29- MAY 1: Counselor Interviews
- MAY 1: Base Camp Registration Opens
- MAY 1: Adventure Camp Registration Opens
- May 1: Science Day Camp Registration Opens
- MAY 1: Summer Academy Registration Closes
- MAY 11: Racine Co. Fundraiser Distribution Day
- MAY 16: Horse Project Workshop
- May 22: Science Day Cam Registration Closes
- MAY 23: Cloverbud Day Camp Registration Opens
- MAY 27: Adult and Junior Leaders Assc. Meeting
- MAY 29: Base Camp Registration Closes
- MAY 29: Adventure Camp Registration Closes

# 4-H CELEBRATES CLOVERVIEW 4-H

## CEDAR CREST FLAVOR FINALIST

### Flavor: Peanut Butter Brownie Boom

The Cloverview 4-H club was a finalist in the Cedar Crest Ice Cream contest. Rylann Breitigam came up with the flavor and submitted it. Cloverview got to celebrate with an ice cream party provided by Cedar Crest at their March meeting. They had so much left over they enjoyed some at the April meeting.

Entries were judged by a panel of ice cream experts chosen by Cedar Crest. The family-owned company based in Cedarburg, Wisconsin manufactures more than 80 flavors of ice cream, along with frozen custard, sherbet, and sorbet at its Manitowoc, Wisconsin plant. Cedar Crest distributes products in several Midwest states and beyond.



# REPORTER CORNER

Hello Racine County 4-H!

I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather we have been having lately. Much has happened throughout Racine County 4-H during these last few months. Racine County's Annual Skate Day took place on Sunday, February 18th from 1-3pm at Traxside skating. Racine County 4-H Art-4-All Day was held on March 2nd at Raymond Elementary School. It consisted of a day full of art stations and other fun activities. Not only is this event fun, but also is a great reminder that 4-H is open for everyone and not for just those with animals. Winter Camp this year was held on Friday, March 8th-Sunday, March 10th at Camp Timber-Lee. I was unable to attend this year but I heard it was a great time. Just a reminder the Racine County Fair this year is Wednesday, July 24-Sunday, July 28. I'm looking forward to seeing all your amazing projects this year!

-Sophia Steinhoff



## GROW GREEN

Volunteers may remember participating in VIP (Volunteers in Preparation). We are now shifting to a new version of orientation called "Grow Green." This is a new, interactive orientation that is available online or available in a paper format to be read offline. It is designed to be taken whenever convenient for the potential new volunteer.

[You can learn more about Grow Green here!](#)

- Just click on the green "Start the Training" button to begin
- Two short, interactive modules – one module is an introduction to volunteering in Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, and a second module that is geared towards a specific volunteer role. Combined, this orientation should take around 45 minutes to complete.
- Lots of practical tips – in the training modules, new volunteers will learn about some of the 4-H guiding principles (Essential Elements, Life Skills Development, Ages & Stages of Youth) and gain some really practical tips to use as a volunteer.
- Start and stop at your leisure – if you start the training and need to step away, you can come back to the website using the same device you started with and it will pick up where you left off.

We are hopeful that this will make orientation more convenient and beneficial! This orientation is required for new volunteers, but it is available online for all volunteers to take as a refresher.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

April is Volunteer Appreciation month, and April 21st - 27th is 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Week! I would love to be able to celebrate all the hard work of our volunteers, and I need your help! I am asking for volunteer shout-outs from club members, fellow volunteers, project leaders, club leaders, parents, and anyone who knows a 4-H Volunteer that works hard to make this program a fun, educational, and positive environment to be a part of!

### YOU CAN NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER HERE!

Throughout 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Week, I will be sharing your nominations on the Facebook page. Please feel free to include a photo with your nomination. So please take a moment to consider a 4-H volunteer that has made your life better, easier, or more exciting, and give them a shout out next week!





SAVE THE DATE  
 RACINE COUNTY 4-H  
**SUMMER  
 CAMP**  
**AUGUST 9-11, 2024**

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION  
 FORMS COMING IN LATE SPRING

BASE CAMP: Grades 3-5  
 ADVENTURE CAMP: Grades 6-8

## 4-H SUMMER CAMP

We are in need of chaperones for 4-H Base Camp and Adventure Camp at Upham Woods. These camps will not happen without the support of volunteers! There is currently one volunteer for Adventure Camp, and if we cannot find anyone else, we will not be having adventure camp this year. Please fill out the interest form below if you would be willing support this beloved summer tradition! Registration forms will be coming soon! Thank you to those who filled out this form back in December. Your interest has been noted!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A CHAPERONE FOR SUMMER CAMP, FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM HERE!**

## CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

This application is for youth who are currently in 7th- 13th grades interested in serving as a camp counselors and counselors in training this summer. If you would love to stay in a cabin with 3rd-5th graders, sleep in a tent alongside 6th-8th graders, spend the day with our Cloverbud members, spend a weekend with Horses, OR DO IT ALL, then you are in the right place! You can find the staff application using the link below!

**REGISTER HERE!**

Applications have been extended to Sunday, April 28th, 2024 at 11:59 P.M.  
 Interview Dates: April 29th-30th and May 1

**CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS**

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### YQCA TRAINING

The YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification is for those who are planning to exhibit and sell certain animals at the Racine County Fair. All large animal exhibitors need YQCA as well as any small animal exhibitors that plan to sell their animal at the Fur and Feather Auction.

At this time, Extension Racine County is not offering this certification class in person. To access the current YQCA certification platform to complete the online course, go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

It is extremely important you complete the pre-test, training and post test as well as print your certificate. When registering for the Racine County Fair you will need the YQCA certificate and your YQCA number to enter that information into the ShoWorks website. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete YQCA as it could impact your ability to register for the fair on time and there are no exceptions for an extension to the final date and time for fair registration.

Account creation questions contact [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org).



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### NEW FOR 2024 - SWINE LIGHT AND DARK CROSS DIVISIONS

Please note a change in entry information for junior swine exhibitors. Per the 2024 Fairbook:

S. The Crossbred Division will be divided into Light and Dark Cross Divisions. The Champion Light and Champion Dark will compete for the Champion Crossbred. The Reserve Champion Light and Reserve Champion Dark will compete for the Reserve Champion Crossbred. Only the Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbred will participate in the Champion Drive. If you have any questions on which division your Crossbred belongs in, please contact a member of the Swine Committee.

a. Dark Cross Classification – The animal must have black pigment and hair in the same location. Examples include but are not limited to the following: Black Belted, White Hog with Black Spots, Calico with Black Spots, and White Hog with a Black Head.

b. Light Cross Classification – The animal must have white and non-black pigment. Examples include but are not limited to the following: Red Belts, Red Roans, Blues, and Blue Butts (including blues with black pigment on snout and toes).



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### 2024 \$1,000 TAKES ALL CONTEST - CABBAGE!

The Racine County Fair is excited to welcome back the \$1,000 Takes All Contest! This year the category is cabbage! Special thanks to Borzynski Farms for sponsoring this year's contest. If you are interested in participating, please click for more info below!



[ENTRY INFORMATION](#)

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## TRACTOR SAFETY OPPORTUNITY

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation has reached out to see if our county will provide an opportunity for a Tractor Safety Day in Racine County. They will provide:

- On-line, self-paced training for 2 volunteers
- Detailed planning materials
- A peer-reviewed safety and health curriculum targeting youth ages 4-13
- T-shirts and take-home bags for all Safety Day participants and volunteers.
- Insurance coverage for the facility, all participants, and all volunteers.



If you would like to know more about coordinating a PAF Safety Day and bringing this vital information to children in your area, please reach out. If we have two volunteers, I will get in touch with the representative from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation.

## SUMMER STEM CAMPS AT GATEWAY



**SUMMER CAMPS**  
*Explore. Dream. Discover.*

**CHECK OUT THESE SUMMER STEM CAMPS!**

- RC CAR CAMP
- NITRO - X
- VEGETABLE GARDENING
- GROWING PLANTS
- ROBOTICS

**GATEWAY**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Gateway Technical College has reached out to 4-H to let us know about these incredible summer camp opportunities focusing on STEM topics lead by the experts. These camps are for youth in a variety of age ranges from 6th -12th grade, depending on the camp. You will also notice that these camps are either free, or very affordable. Camp rosters are very limited, so register quickly. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Betsy Ross at [rosse@gtc.edu](mailto:rosse@gtc.edu), 262-564-2412

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CAMPS AND REGISTER HERE!**



# SUMMER ACADEMY

CLOSING SOON

Hosted by Wisconsin 4-H and Community Youth Development of UW-Madison Extension.

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, June 24-27, 2024. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

Registration closes **May 1, 2024!**



**[SUMMER ACADEMY INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE!](#)**

## WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has created an exciting opportunity for 4-H alumni. The first-ever Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Ambassador Team will be selected later this year. Ambassadors, who will be recent 4-H alumni, will assist the Foundation at events, will represent the Foundation at 4-H activities and with key stakeholders, will assist with social media; and will create donor recognition opportunities.

The Ambassador application process will begin June 1.

The Foundation is currently seeking an adult Ambassador Program Specialist. The Specialist is a volunteer position. However, the Specialist will receive a yearly stipend and will have travel costs paid.

“The Ambassador program is an exciting way for our recent 4-H alumni to continue their 4-H experience,” says Brenda Schneider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. “This team of young adults will be working throughout the state as our representatives to 4-H activities, to our donors and to the public. We need a strong team leader and are looking to find that unique individual who has a passion for helping young adults reach their potential.”

**[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE COMPLETE POSITION DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS!](#)**



### 2024 "HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT" 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer another multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!

Select your best photo (with no or minimal editing) and submit it with up to two sentences that explains why it's special to you! More information and rules for the challenge can be found at: 4-H Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest | UMN Extension with rules available here.

Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image and statement to fourhphoto@umn.edu by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will provide feedback via a slideshow. Top photos will be recognized with a prize and random prize drawing winners will also receive a gift.

Photo & statement due  
11:59 p.m. CST on  
May 1, 2024

"Hit Me with Your Best Shot"  
4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>  
Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>  
Questions? Email: [fourhphoto@umn.edu](mailto:fourhphoto@umn.edu)

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### 4-H STEM CHALLENGE

The 2024 STEM kit, Food for Thought, provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore the topic of Food Security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change. This year's kit will provide youth with the fundamental knowledge of factors that contribute to food security, how people are impacted globally and locally and how youth can personally contribute to creating more food secure communities.

Join National 4-H Council and 4-H educators on May 22nd at 3 p.m. EST for an engaging webinar and detailed walk-through of the 2024 kit. We'll share details about the activities, answer your questions and give examples of how you can use the kit to teach about food security through STEM! This year's kit was developed with LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln

**REGISTER HERE!**