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# December

DEC 1: National 4-H Conference Registration Closes

DEC 5: Camp Staff Registration Opens

DEC 7: Ham Drive

DEC15: Space Camp Registration Closes

DEC 19: Mandatory Horse Project Workshop

DEC 20: Citizenship Washington Focus Registration Opens

DEC 29: Holiday Ball

DEC 29: Camp Staff Registration Closes

JAN 1: Project Deadline





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### 4-H CELEBRATES

### RECOGNITION CELEBRATION AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Check out all the fun that was had at the Recognition Celebration this year!

### **CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION!**





Hello Racine County 4-H!

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving! This last month was filled with activities and opportunities led by some incredible 4-H members and leaders. Last month was the end of Santa's Workshop, a countywide event where any member could learn the amazing skill of cutting and sanding wood to make a puzzle using a scroll saw. These puzzles were then painted and packaged and given to less fortunate children for the holidays. Great job to all those who participated. Thank you to all those who donated and volunteered towards this year's Turkey Drive. We appreciate your help in making this drive a success. Congratulations to all those who won an award at this year's Recognition Celebration held at Yorkville Elementary school! Night With The Stars also took place this month on Friday Nov. 29th-

Saturday Nov. 30th at Union Grove Elementary School. This year's theme was A Night At The Circus. It was a great experience and I definitely recommend it! This year's Ham Drive for the veterans is taking place on Saturday, December 7th. Please consider donating or volunteering. More information can be found on the Racine County 4-H Facebook page. Your help would be much appreciated. ~Sophia Steinhoff

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I want to let you know that there will be a change to the project deadline in Racine County. If you are a returning member, you know that the project deadline is set in place to ensure that youth make their final decisions on what projects they are participating in for the 4-H year. Historically, this deadline has always been March 1st. In the past, this deadline aligned with what categories youth will be participating in at the Racine County Fair. In order to respect the time and efforts Project Leaders put into supporting youth learning and their support with quality fair submissions, there will be a new project deadline of January 1st.

Of course, youth can still enroll in projects and submit items to the Racine County Fair if they sign up after the project deadline date, but it will be up to the discretion of the project leader to allow youth to participate OR to come up with a reasonable plan for supporting youth learning and county fair submissions.

Happy to answer your questions! Elizabeth Vazquez 4-H Program Educator

### RECORD BOOKS

The Record Book Committee has been working hard to provide you with user-friendly digital record books, and they are finally here! Please take a look at the new record book web page where you can access digital record book options, annual and permanent pages, and Cloverbud Record Books.

### YOU CAN FIND YOUR RECORD BOOK DOCUMENTS HERE!





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### WOOD LATHE WORKSHOP

January 4, 2025



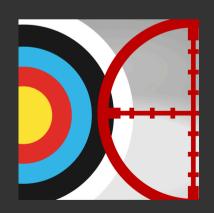
Wood Lathe Workshop: Beyond the Pen will take place on Saturday, January 4th, 2025. There will be two sessions at 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. This workshop is limited to 6 people enrolled in the Woodworking Project per session. Participants must be 2nd year or higher. Topics covered will be Lathe safety, tools, different chucking methods and techniques. This is a hands-on experience with an opportunity for a variety of projects.

### YOU CAN FIND AN APPLICATION HERE!

### SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS

The Shooting Sports countywide project is looking for volunteers in all disciplines in both archery and shooting. If you are interested in volunteering, you will need to take a specialized volunteer training.

Please take a moment to fill out this quick survey if you are interested in getting trained to volunteer.



#### SIGN UP TO SHOW YOUR INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING





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### **VOLUNTEER SUMMIT**

March 8, 2025

Save the date for this Volunteer Conference! This half day event will take place at the Kenosha County Center and offer opportunities to learn more, connect more, and gain more from your volunteer experience. There will be more information to come!







### CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS

December 5-29, 2024

Camp Counselor registration will be open for Counselors in Training and Counselors for Base Camp 2025 on December 5th! This year, camp staff will be required to fill out the online application, schedule their interview, and submit a resume to the Racine County 4-H Educator. Instructions are found in the online application and <u>a resume</u> outline can be found here!

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#### WI PORK ASSOCIATION-FREDRICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all 4H & FFA members that are seniors in high school or freshman in college! The 2024-25 application deadline for the : WI Pork Association-Fredrich Memorial Scholarship is **December 1, 2024.** 

AN APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE HERE! OR CONTACT KERI RETALLICK, KRETALLICK@WPPA.ORG, WPA, PO BOX 327, LANCASTER, WI 53813 OR CALL HER AT 608-723-7551.

- Given in memory of Clarence Fredrich thru funds from SE WI Pork Producers/WI Pork Association
- Three scholarships given: 2-\$1000 and 1-\$750 Scholarships given to Seniors in high school and Freshman in college/technical college, or Ag related Courses, etc
- Applicants must be pursuing a post high school education, i.e. college, technical college, short course, etc. and have a sincere interest in agriculture.
- Applicants must reside in Walworth, Racine, or Kenosha County.







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### SPACE CAMP

May 1-5, 2025

Registration for 2025 4-H Space Camp is open in 4HOnline! Registration is open to youth in grades 6-8 who are newcomers to Space Camp. Space Camp will take place from May 1-5, 2025. This educational experience is a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn about aerospace, STEM, explore Space Camp, meet new people, and more! Registration will open on November 15th.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT SPACE CAMP HERE!

### CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short, is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States' government and how these parts work together to form an effective Congress Additionally, youth get to see and experience government in action by meeting with their State's members of Congress and watching a House of Representatives meeting. Delegates also participate in various educational workshops such as:

- Citizenship Toolbox
- Bill Writing:
- Action Planning

Registration for the 2025 CWF will be done through 4HOnline. It is open from December 20, 2024-January 15, 2025.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE HERE



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**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR** 

# NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE \$



APR 11-16, 2025



Open to youth in grades 10-12. National scholarships available!

APPLY NOW THROUGH DEC 1, 2024





### **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

April 11-16, 2025

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants.

Applications are open now through December 1, 2024, and must be submitted with references to the State 4-H Office. You can find more information and the application on our website: [go.wisc.edu/NationalConf]go.wisc.edu/NationalConf

If you have any questions about National 4-H Conference, please reach out to justin.lieck@wisc.edu.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE HERE!

### ADULT ADVISOR APPLICATIONS

Apply today for an adult advisor position with Wisconsin 4-H! Adult advisors travel to many different cities across the United States with youth participants to serve as mentors, guides, and support for the youth on the programs. Adults are responsible for the well being of all youth participants and must work as a team to ensure that an experience runs smoothly. You can find out more about being an adult advisor below.

### **LEARN MORE HERE**

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### MORE AWARDS AND EXPERIENCES SCHOLARSHIPS



Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet <u>here!</u>

Need-based Statewide Scholarships are available for State Educational Experiences, which are made possible through donations to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. You can find more information and apply for a scholarship<u>here</u>.





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