



January

JAN 6-8: Camp Counselor Interviews

JAN 7 & 8: Woodworking Project Kick-Off Meetings

JAN 10: Dog Project Forms Due

JAN 13: Registration for Distance Learning Sessions 1 & 2 close

JAN 16: Mandatory Horse Project Meeting

JAN 20: Art Beat Applications Open

JAN 24: Registration for Distance Learning Session 3 closes

JAN 27: Adult and Junior Leaders Association Meetings

JAN 29: Innovative Educational Project Grant Application Due

JAN 30: Adult Advisor Applications Close



4-H CELEBRATES

THE 2025 4-H OUTSTANDING TEENS!

Congratulations to
Ashley Schaal and Emilyanne Giese!



REPORTER CORNER

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season! This month was pretty quiet due to the holiday's but a few things happened. First the holiday ball which this year was on December 29th from 6-10pm at River City Lanes. The two new outstanding teens were crowned. Congratulations to Emilyanne Giese and Ashley Schaal! Thank you to everyone who attended! It was an awesome fun time! I encourage everyone to come next year! The ham and turkey drives both went well! We collected many hams and turkeys which were donated to the Veterans. Thank you to those who donated! Many projects will be starting up soon so be sure to watch your emails. Happy holidays everyone!

PROJECT DEADLINE

The Project Deadline of January 1st has officially passed. The deadline was moved from March 1st in order to respect the time and efforts Project Leaders put into supporting youth learning and their support with quality fair submissions. Project Leaders recognize that this is a transition year, and will strive to show grace in working with project members, but it's important to honor their expert opinions.

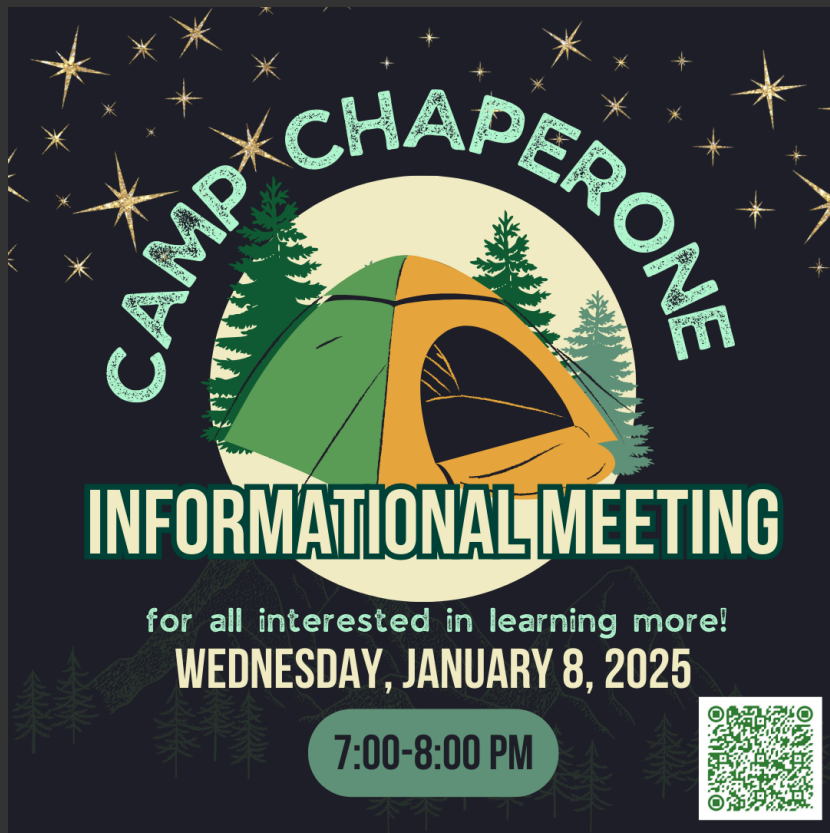
Of course, youth can still enroll in projects and submit items to the Racine County Fair if they sign up after the project deadline date, but it will be up to the discretion of the project leader to allow youth to participate OR to come up with a reasonable plan for supporting youth learning and county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



CAMP CHAPERONE
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
for all interested in learning more!
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025
7:00-8:00 PM



CAMP CHAPERONE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

If you are a parent looking to join your camper this year, a newly graduated 4-H member looking to relive your glory days, or simply a camping fanatic, come join our Camp Chaperone Informational Meeting! We will go over expectations, roles and responsibilities, logistics, and answer any questions you might have about being a chaperone at Base Camp! If you're cautiously intrigued, interested, or ready to sign up, this meeting is for you!

YOU CAN JOIN US ON ZOOM HERE!

SCROLL SAW WORKSHOP

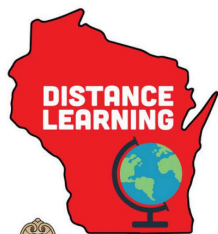
Saturday, February 1st..... 8:00-11:30 a.m. (Beginner: 1- 2 yrs)
Saturday, February 1st.....1:00-4:30 p.m. (Beginner: 1-2 yrs)
Sunday, February 2nd1:00-4:30 p.m. (Advanced: 3+ yrs)

There will be a cost of \$6

There will be a limit of 12 participants per session.
Everyone must bring their own PPE to this workshop
Make checks payable to Racine County 4-H Leaders Association.
Youth 6th Grade and younger are accompanied by an adult.

**YOU CAN FIND YOUR SCROLL SAW WORKSHOP
APPLICATION HERE!**





UPCOMING PROGRAMS



THE SCIENCE OF THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

For Youth Grades 3-12
Starts February 6



DINOSAURS AND UNICORNS

For Youth Grades K-2
Starts February 17



PAPER CIRCUITS

For Youth Grades 4-9
Starts March 1

For More Information and Registration go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>



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RACINE COUNTY 4-H

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WELCOME

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER DEYONG IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE 2025 PLANNING COMMITTEE
JENDEYONG@GMAIL.COM



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TEAM!

**GROWING CAPACITY.
EXPANDING ACCESS.
BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY.**

Establish new relationships with organizations, associations, and more to create a positive place for youth to thrive!

Learn more:



<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-and-americorps/>



AMERICORPS

This summer, the Extension Office is hoping to hire an AmeriCorps member to work to support recruitment and expanding access in our community and spread the word about 4-H!

If you will be 18 years old by May 19th and are looking for a summer work opportunity, reach out to Elizabeth Vazquez, scan the QR code or click the link below.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE HERE!



4-H VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

Elevate your Experience

All volunteers in Racine and Kenosha Counties are invited to join together for this half day event with a focus on helping volunteers elevate their own 4-H experiences and the experiences of youth. Learn from experts and learn from each other!

DATE: MARCH 08, 2025

LOCATION: 19600 75TH ST, BRISTOL, WI 53104

TIME: 8:45 AM - 1:00 PM

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- ORGANIZATIONAL BEST PRACTICES
- PROJECT LEADER TRAINING
- DEALING WITH BEHAVIORS
- HOW TO UTILIZE AND RETAIN YOUTH VOICE
- VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

RESOURCE FAIR

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Please see the registration form to make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service, or activity.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**4-H VOLUNTEER
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**

DAWN VANDEVOORT

REGISTER
HERE!



YOU CAN REGISTER HERE!

HOW CAN YOUR 4-H GROUP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

RACINE COUNTY 4-H INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS GRANT

The Innovative Educational Projects Grant is designed to provide dollars for new and innovative educational or community service projects initiated by youth and adult members of Racine County 4-H.



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT RACINE.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS-GRANTS

DUE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

Design a project that benefits underserved Racine County youth.

[APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND HERE!](#)



4-H

Ice Fishing Event

JAN 19TH
8-11AM

EAGLE LAKE
COUNTY PARK



Questions? Contact Andrea Van Dan of Kan-Do 4-H @ 262-402-7317 or Sarah Klunk of Burlington Back 40 4-H @ 262-492-6116

No cost to participants, anyone 16 and older must have a valid fishing license to fish. This is a 4-H family-friendly event. Alcohol is prohibited. 4-H volunteers onsite to assist new-to-ice-fishing members.



YQCA 2025 SCHOLARSHIP

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4 year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must

- be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age
- Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025).
- Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024).

Applications open January 1, 2025 and close **February 17, 2025**.

[YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS HERE](#)

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

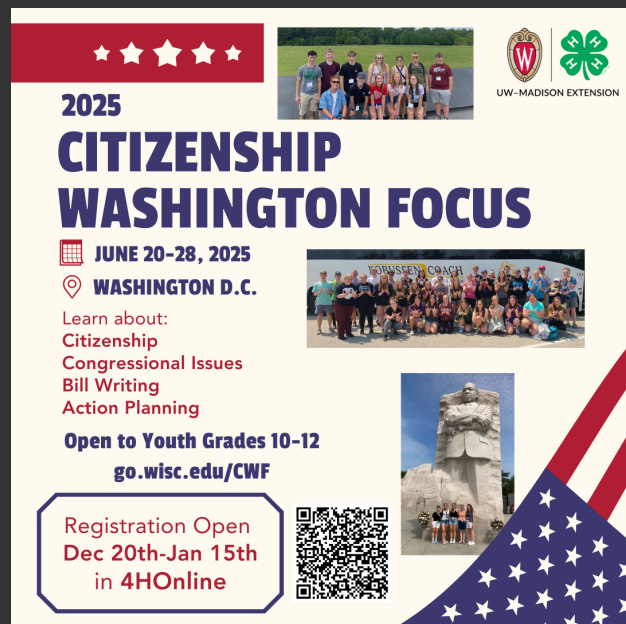
June 20-28, 2025

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](#)



2025
CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS





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JUNE 20-28, 2025
WASHINGTON D.C.

Learn about:
Citizenship
Congressional Issues
Bill Writing
Action Planning

Open to Youth Grades 10-12
go.wisc.edu/CWF

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Dec 20th-Jan 15th
in 4HOnline





ART BEAT 2025



Who's Got the Beat!

As we settle into the rhythms of winter it is a perfect time to think about art and our next major 4-H State Arts activity, Art Beat! Actually, when isn't a good time to think about art. Art Beat is for any 4-H member in grades 3-5 and will be held at Upham woods March 15-16. You can register through 4-H online. Applications will be open January 20-February 17 or until the camp fills.

What is it?

Art Beat is a 4-H, hands on, interactive art experience in beautiful Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Participants will learn to juggle, make visual arts, create a STEAM project, explore music and much, much more. Art Beat is led by 4-H older youth and professional artists in a variety of disciplines from painting, theater, textiles, and music. 4-Hers will also get to experience an overnight camp adventure. The goal for Art Beat is to help young people to explore their artistic sparks.

When is it?

Art Beat begins at 9:00 Saturday morning, March 15 and will wrap up after lunch on Sunday, March 16. This year we are also offering overnight lodging on Friday evening, for an additional cost, to help with those that may have too far to travel Saturday morning. Along with art activities, 4-Hers will also participate in traditional camp activities like campfire, spirit contest and counselor-led fun.

Cost

Based on the success of Arts Camp pricing, we will again offer a tiered price structure. Our goal is to make Art Beat more accessible to more youth. Whether you choose the highest or lowest tier, you will get the same great 4-H programming. \$100, \$125, \$145 are the three tiers. \$125 is the closest actual cost of the program. We are also asking volunteers who spend the night to pay \$75 which covers food and lodging to help control costs for all youth participants. Please contact your local 4-H educator about scholarship opportunities at the county or Leader's Association level. State Scholarship opportunities are also available. It is also possible that your local 4-H club will help with the cost.

Adult Chaperones

If you are interested in volunteering to be a chaperone for Art Beat, we are currently looking for trained volunteers to join the fun. You will help to provide leadership in the cabins and rotate through each of the art tracks. If you are interested in being a chaperone please contact jay.johnson2@wisc.edu or lpine@wisc.edu to confirm your interest. We are also both glad to answer any questions you may have.

Maker Space

Along with learning about art there is an opportunity for 4-H members to teach fellow 4-hers through our maker space. In the Make Space youth leaders share a project and one of their talents and or passions. This was one of the highlights of Arts Camp and we look forward to seeing more 4-H members in action.

4-H Arts Promise

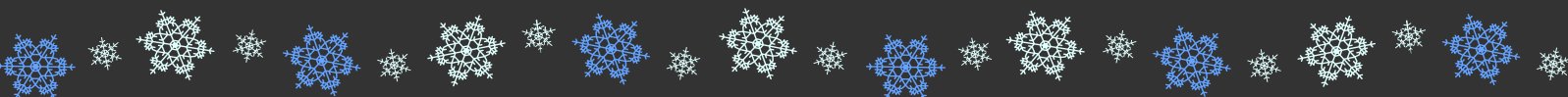
"Empowering youth to reach their full potential by building confidence, creativity, leadership and resiliency through the Expressive Arts."

MORE AWARDS AND EXPERIENCES SCHOLARSHIPS



Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet [here!](#)

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 [here.](#)



FOR ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE REACH OUT TO
YOUR 4-H PROGRAM
EDUCATOR.

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