Green Lake County 4-H Focus Newsletter



January/February 2022

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glc4h.org

State 4-H Website:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/

4-H Animal Science Events:

https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/

Wisconsin State Fair Website:

www.wistatefair/fair/



The Government Center will be Closed on the following dates:

December 23-24
Christmas Holiday Observed

December 30-31
New Year's Holiday Observed



While Kentucky 4-H is not by any means a disaster relief organization, they are a local, community-based organization comprised of young people and adults committed and equipped to using their heads, hearts, hands, and health to serve. Tornadoes, floods, or other natural disasters will not stop their willingness and desire to serve their community.

While Kentucky 4-H doesn't know the exact needs of their 4-H'ers affected by the tornadoes yet, they are collecting donations which will be pooled together to create 'mini-grants' to meet the needs of 4-H youth, families, and employees affected by the recent tornadoes. At the appropriate time, they will share the stories of the impact made by donations to this fund.

The Foundation considers it an honor to play a small part in getting much needed relief to Kentucky youth and families who have lost everything. Please contact Ben Carr (ben.carr@uky.edu) with any questions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The 4-Hers Helping 4-Hers Relief Fund can be found here: https://kentucky4hfoundation.org/relief-fund/
Donations made to the fund will be disbursed to meet the needs of 4-Hers and their families. The disbursement of these funds will be determined by the Kentucky 4-H Foundation along with University of Kentucky, and Extension Staff. The funds will go directly to assisting 4-Hers.

4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

• December 2, 2021 Zoom Meeting •



President Kim Drews called the meeting to order. Members present were...Tammy Goettl, Brenda Oft, David Oft, Christie Galow, Jordan Galow, Dan Huitema, Pat Krueger, Tom Zuhlke, Lisa Reyes, Joanne Klatt, Linda Ebert-Swanke, Elizabeth Kutzleb, Jenn Decker, Noah Decker and Morgan Martinez, County 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Secretary's report--Motion to approve. M--Brenda, S--Linda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report--Filed for audit.

Correspondence: none

Ambassadors

 Next meeting is December 19 at 6:00 PM at the Green Lake American Legion

Archery Project

Winter shoots will begin in January. Check the website.

Dog Project

No update

Horse Council

 Next meeting is January 3 at the Green Lake American Legion

Livestock Council

 Next meeting is January 18 at 6:30 PM in the Training Room

4-H Program Educator--Morgan

 January/February newsletter submission deadline is December 13 at 4:30 PM

Annual Leader Training

 January 31 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Focus: Learn about youth-adult partnerships and how we can learn and lead together. Website information https:// greenlake.extension.wisc.edu/2021/11/23/ annual-4-h-leader-training/

Request for Funds

- Thomas Zuhlke requested reimbursement for attending the 4-H Shooting Sports certification course. Course was \$52.00 Motion made to reimburse For according to the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders Association bylaws; 50% or up to \$50.00. M—Tammy, S—Linda. Motion carried.
- Kathy Ninneman and Irene Kutz requested sponsorship from the Leaders Association to hold a scrapbooking workshop over Christmas break. The cost would be \$15.00/participant. Motion made to cover the entire cost for each participant of \$15.00. M-Tammy, S-Linda. Motion carried

Fundraising Committee

• Discussion of 4-H mailing for 2022. Heading this committee are Brenda, Gina, Tammy & Morgan.

Educational Opportunities & Awards Committee

- American Spirit trip is being planned for 2022.
- Youth Conference in Madison is being planned for 2022.

Elections

 1 Youth Rep, 1 year term. Noah and Elizabeth nominated. Voted via computer. Elizabeth received the most votes and will be the youth rep for 2021-2022.

Next meeting: January 6, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. M--Tom, S--David. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Tammy M Goettl, Secretary



Annual Leader Training

It's that time of year for Annual Leader Training on January 31, 2022 with the focus on voices, roles and participation!

This year we are learning about youth-adult partnerships. You will leave this training with ideas to use right away in growing youth adult-partnerships in your club and community.

At least one volunteer leader from each club needs to attend but we encourage ANY volunteer leaders as well as youth leaders to join us! Register to attend at https://go.wisc.edu/7r9x64

Session is designed to bring together youth and adult leaders, and provide easy-to-use strategies, activities, and ideas during your 4-H experiences.

4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS!

Dalton Doers 4-H Club

The November 14, 2021 meeting for the Dalton Doers 4-H Club was held at the Dalton Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Emma at 3:00. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were approved by David and seconded by Cameron. The Treasurers' report was given. The balance of the last meeting was \$667. We earned a lot of money after the very successful breakfast. The total balance is \$1,704. For community service, David approved and Austin seconded that we buy Christmas gifts for a boy and a girl from the Angel Tree and spend \$50. We will have a Secret Santa for \$5, approved by Austin and seconded by David. The meeting was adjourned. It was approved by Nicholas and seconded by Weston.

Austin Trotz, Secretary

Seneca October Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of the Seneca 4-H Club was called to order at 6:46 PM on Monday, October 11, 2021, at St. Paul's Church by President Michael.

Pledges were recited and roll call was taken responding with your Halloween costume.

The **Secretary's report** was read by Korbin.

Elisabeth motioned to approve the report, seconded by Tatianya.

The **Treasurer's report** was read by Elisabeth. Savings stayed the same with \$1,053.32 while checking had a balance of \$3,654.97.

Old business was the 2021-2022 enrollment deadline, which was November 1st. We also discussed 4-H week.

New business included the Halloween party, which was held on October 25th. We talked about bringing carved or painted pumpkins and to dress in costumes. We needed a chair for the food drive, we were to bring items to this meeting. We were also bringing items for the soldier packages tonight. The Green Lake County awards were yesterday, November 7th at the Brooklyn Town Hall. We also need to pick a date to decorate the Christmas tree in the park before November 17th. Elizabeth and Autumn are the chairs. Then we talked about the float for the parade, Elisabeth made the motion and Tatianya seconded it. We set up dates to meet to decorate. We set a date for highway cleanup, which was October 17th.

Leader's Report - We discussed the Focus on the Farm which was October 24th. Donna read some thank you cards from award winners. We

spent some time going over the charter writing SMART goals. Elisabeth spoke about student ambassadors having a Cloverbud workshop and they need helpers/craft ideas for December 4th. We also discussed possibly having a winter field trip to go tubing or to Oshkosh to see the lights.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM by Elizabeth and seconded by Lucas.

Korbin Kettlewell, Seneca 4-H Secretary





Sunrisers 4-H members shopped for 12 Angels from the Green Lake County Christmas tree. They met at Wal-Mart in Berlin. Each family took one or two angels and bought gifts listed on the paper angel. Club members have been doing this activity for over 20 years. Below members made tied lap blankets for residents of a local nursing home in Berlin. The residents of Brown Wilcox were very appreciative of the warm blankets this Christmas season.









4-H PROMOTION

Fox River Patriots

During the week of National 4-H Week our club did a display and took some projects down to the Princeton Public Library to be displayed. On October 5th we did an open house at the library with project leader Jerry Disterhaft, and club leader Beth MacGowan. They were there to help answer any questions and get information out. They did a short video for the library. Evelyn MacGowan and Alexis Dreger had some of their projects displayed. On October 6th club leader Beth MacGowan went to Princeton Public School to talk to each class from kindergarten through 5th grade. She handed out enrollment forms, as well as an activity book. She also talked and promoted the Fox River Patriots 4-H Club coloring contest. She he handed out coloring sheets as well. The coloring contest winners were chosen by the 4-H club members in voting form. There was a total of 55 coloring contest pictures turned in. At our club meeting on October 17th club members picked their favorite picture from each class on a voting ballot. Each class winner received \$10 gift card to the Ice Bowl Ice Cream Shop. 3rd grade had a tie and the club voted to give both winners a gift card.

From the library open house we received 1 new member, and so far from the coloring contest we have received 2 new members and 4 other families that have reached with interest or questions.





Country Clovers

Each Family was to bring ideas to the September meeting. The family with the best idea won a small prize. The club decided to have Webster's make clover shaped cookies that were decorated with 4-H themed words promoting 4-H. Each family took a dozen cookies to a business in the area for them to enjoy. They also included a note promoting 4-H the businesses were excited to have this treat and were eager to pose for pictures. The youth had fun spending time with the businesses and chatting with them about 4-H. The youth felt good about getting back out into the community and putting smiles on peoples faces again.





Roy Creek Ramblers

On October 8th, the Roy Creek Ramblers 4-H club handed out string cheese at the Markesan High School football game. The cheese was donated by Saputo Cheese. We had about 5-6 members and several adults who participated. Members stood at the entrance of the football field and handed out string cheese to the families as they entered the game along with informational slips with our 4-H club information and an invitation to join our next meeting and promoting Green Lake County 4-H with informational displays about our club and county activities.





4-H PROMOTION

Sunrisers

Our Sunrisers Club promoted National 4-H Week by having a coloring contest for students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade at all the schools in Berlin. We also put up a display at the Berlin Public Library. We showcase projects we took to the fair and awards. Our items included the following: photography, arts, paintings, awards, Cloverbuds, woodworking and animals. We included information about our current members and our meeting time and place too. Finally, our club put an article in our local newspaper during 4-H week to promote 4-H and to join a local club.

Spencer Goettl, Reporter





4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshop

A statewide archery certification workshop for adults will be offered Saturday, January 22, 2022. This East Central Wisconsin certification workshop will be held in Waupaca County and open to all approved 4-H leaders age 21 and over. Workshop hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm. Follow this link for registration information:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/

Clover Kids Science Workshop

What?

Come explore chemistry in hands-on STEM experiments as we discover how to make fizzy foam reactions!

Who?

Green Lake County youth grades 5K-3rd Grade

When?

Thursday, January 20th 6:00p.m. – 6:45p.m.

Where?

Green Lake Co. Gov. Center Training Room (571 County Rd A, Green Lake)

Sign up to attend in your 4HOnline account by January 14

Doing DNA: The Code of Life Workshop

What?

In this LIVE Zoom participants will:

Explore ways to think about and work with DNA

Analyze a sample of highly-purified DNA

Extract DNA glop from wheat germ

Build a model of single-stranded DNA

This workshop is led by staff from BioTrek, the science outreach program of the University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center and of UW Madison- Division of Extension.

Who?

Adams, Green Lake, and Marquette County 4-H members in grades 3-13

When?

Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Where?

Via Zoom

Sign Up to attend in your 4HOnline account by January 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Participants will need to pick up a supply kit from the Extension Office between February 1-10.

4-H TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

4-H American Spirit Experience 2022

Dates: June 3-12, June 10-19 or June 17-26, 2022 **Registration deadline in 4HOnline:** January 14, 2022

Highlighted Location(s):

- Maumee, Ohio
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- New York City, New York
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
- Gloucester, Massachusetts
- Niagara Falls, New York

What is this Experience:

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast — Youth-led content throughout the experience — Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred — Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation.

Participant Eligibility:

- All youth grades 8-10 (Youth in 11th -12th grade eligible for 2022 dates ONLY)
- Pre-Registration in 4-H Online 2.0 open January 3-14, 2022. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes several questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Each experience is limited to 44 youth, decisions about who is selected to travel are based on the following factors: first-come-first-serve registrants, # of youth per experience, full rooms by identified gender, ages of youth traveling together, eligibility to participate in future years
- Estimated Cost of Experience = \$1,650

COVID Questions

UW Madison, Wisconsin 4-H and the American Spirit Planning Committee is committed to ensuring a solid educational program in a safe and healthy environment. As we move forward with planning and preparing for American Spirit in 2022, we will continue to utilize the latest research and information on how an educational travel experience, through several states, can happen safely; using information from the CDC, the hospitality community (PCMA, MPI, etc.) and the American Camping Association. All participants will be required to agree to and abide by COVID Safety Protocols.

Timeline

 December 20, 2021- Registration for American Spirit Experience is open to past/2020 Registrants in 4-H Online

- January 3, 2022- Registration for American Spirit Experience Open to ALL in 4-H Online
- January 14, 2022- Registration for American Spirit Experience Closes in 4-H Online
- January 28, 2022- Communication Regarding Participants Selected/Able to Travel E-mailed

Visit https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spiriteast/ for more detailed information!

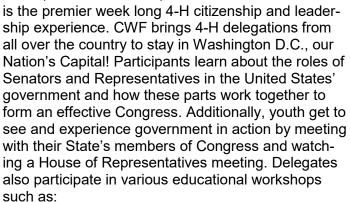
Citizenship Washington Focus 2022

Dates: June 11-18, 2022 or July 2-9, 2022 **Registration deadline in 4HOnline:** January 3, 2022

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON

What is this Experience:

Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short,



- Citizenship Toolbox: By exploring what it means to be a good citizen, delegates identify their own skill set to become active citizens and leaders in their communities back home.
- Congressional Issues: Delegates will have open discussions with different perspectives on real national issues in the government today.
- Bill Writing: Delegates learn the process of writing a bill in the House of Representatives and then write one of their own. They then will hold a mock House of Representatives meeting where they will discuss and either pass or deny said bills.
- Action Planning: By combining all of the skills they have learned at CWF, the entire delegation will discuss what issues are prominent in their communities. They will then develop a plan to take back and implement positive change into their hometowns.

Participant Eligibility:

• 4-H members in grades 10-12 (minimum age 15 during experience)

4-H TRAVEL EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Pre-Registration in 4-H Online 2.0 due January 3, 2022. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes several questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Estimated Cost of Experience = \$1,750 Visit https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/ for more detailed information.

National 4-H Conference 2022

Dates: March 20-24, 2022

Registration deadline in 4HOnline: January 2, 2022 What is this Experience:

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.

Participant Eligibility:

- 4-H members in grades 10-12 (minimum age 15 and maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2022)
- Pre-Registration in 4-H Online 2.0 due January 3, 2022. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes several questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Estimated Cost of Experience = \$1,500 Visit https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/ for more detailed information.

4-H Leaders' Association Scholarships & Key Award Application-Due January 15, 2022

The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association will be providing scholarship funds to help support 4-H members who are interested in attending Citizenship Washington Focus, American Spirit Experience, and National 4-H Congress. Young people may participate in these experiences without receiving a scholarship from the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association. In addition, we will also be selecting the recipients of the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award and the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' As-

sociation academic scholarships.

Wisconsin 4-H Key Award is the highest level of award that can be achieved by a 4-H member in the State of Wisconsin, it is an achievement only a few can be proud to receive. The Key Award is presented to 4-H members that have shown growth and strong involvement throughout their participation in 4-H. They also need to show participation in club, county and community activities.

On the Green Lake County 4-H website you will find a more detailed description of these educational travel opportunities and awards along with a scholar-ship application and reference form. Note: Completing a Green Lake County 4-H Record Book is not a requirement to apply for these scholarship opportunities, but strongly encouraged.

At this time WI 4-H has not shared out information if a 4-H and Youth Conference will be held. If this experience is held, scholarship information will become available at that time.

Please note WI 4-H deadlines for registering for these experiences are earlier than the Green Lake County 4-H Scholarship application:

- American Spirit due by January 14, 2022
- Citizenship Washington Focus due by January 3, 2022
- National 4-H Conference due by January 2, 2022

Wisconsin 4-H registration for these experiences are available through 4HOnline.

Scholarship applications and reference forms are due to the Green Lake County Extension office, or postmarked, by January 15, 2022. All applicants will be asked to participate in a short interview date, format, and location to be determined.

UW Science Expeditions Campus Open House- April 8-10

Come explore science at your public land-grant research & Extension university! Bring your club to campus for this exciting hands-on science event! For more information on the schedule of events visit https://science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/. If your 4-H club wants to attend this event, let Morgan know as she can help you work with the Biotech Center in planning your trip!

4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Sheep & Swine Clinic

Who? Green Lake County 4-H sheep and swine project members



What? Sheep & swine clinic covering a variety of topics including animal selection and nutrition. This clinic will feature a guest livestock nutritionist and judge, so bring any questions you may have with you! Project members can come for their species time or stay for the entire clinic! The Livestock Council will be providing lunch for project members attending.

When? Saturday, February 26, 2022

- ⇒ 10:00am 11:00am Sheep
- ⇒ 11:00 am 12:00 pm

 Lunch provided by the Livestock Council
- ⇒ 12:00pm 1:00pm Swine

Where? Green Lake American Legion Hall (518 Water St., Green Lake)

Interested in attending? RSVP at https://forms.gle/MjJFT5Kyg8GDanXs5 by February 22 (RSVP link also located on 4-H website).

Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction Tagging Form- Due March 1

March 1 Deadline! If you are planning to enter a market animal in the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction, then you must complete the tagging form located online at glc4h.org under the "Livestock Council" tab or the direct link is https://forms.gle/VaPUsAMvvYuGoo4W9

Even if you are only thinking about entering a market animal, you should complete the form as it is better to be safe and timely!

There will be a \$10 LATE FEE, per species, per exhibitor, per month charged on all late entries (late entries accepted until tagging is completed in April). These fees must be paid prior to your animals being tagged. Make checks for late entries payable to: Green Lake County Livestock Council and mailed to 571 County Road A Green Lake, WI 54941.

Wisconsin State Fair tags- We know that some of you tag your animals with State Fair tags and that is acceptable at the Green Lake County Fair Auction.

We would still like to know that you are interested in participating in the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction so we still ask you to complete this form and indicate that no Green Lake County tags are needed.

The maximum number of tagged animals per exhibitor/per species is eight, which includes State Fair tags.

As a reminder make sure you have reviewed the 2022 Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction Participation Requirements located on the website.

Questions? Contact the Livestock Council President Dan Huitema, dieseldan4jc@yahoo.com.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be emailed to the 4-H Foundation as one, two-page PDF. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarship

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Archery Project

Interested in participating in the archery project? Make sure to have "archery" as one of your projects in 4HOnline to be receiving all the important project information!

The Green Lake County 4-H Archery Project covers the fundamentals of archery safety and marksmanship, understanding and making equipment, shooting form, shooting with sites and compound bows. The 4-H Archery Project is open to Green Lake County 4-H members grades 3-13.

All the following links and this information are posted on the Archery Project website at https://greenlake.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-archery-project/

Equipment

 The 4-H Archery Project has archery equipment and compound bows available for 4-H members to use to participate in the project. The equipment is maintained by the Archery Project. If 4-H members may bring their own personal archery equipment to the shoots to use, but having own equipment is not needed to participate in this project.

Safety Video & Rules

- ALL members must review the Archery Safety Rules and view the Archery Safety Video PRIOR to coming to the first shoot.
- To meet this safety requirement, view Safety Rules and Video on the Archery Project website and verify this requirement has been met.
- Each project member must submit their own verification form.

Agreement for Indemnification

- ALL members must turn in a completed Agreement for Indemnification, Release, and Consent for Emergency Treatment at or before the first shoot.
- Agreement for Indemnification forms are on the Archery Project website and also will be available at the first shoot.

Shooting Schedule

• The shooting schedule is posted on the Green Lake County 4-H Archery Project website.

Signing up For Shooting Days

- NEW this year project members are asked to sign up for a shooting slot for the date(s) they are planning to attend.
- For Thursday Shoots-
 - ⇒ Please sign up by 8:00 p.m. the night before (Wednesday)



- For Saturday/Sunday Shoots-
 - ⇒ Please sign up by 12:00 p.m. the Friday prior (the day before/two days before)
- If members don't sign up for a shooting slot, youth can still come and shoot! The sign up is to help the shooting instructors in planning for the shooting date.
- Sign up link (also on the website)- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da8a6 28a0fcc43-qlc4h

Dues

• \$5.00 dues can be paid to the 4-H Archery Project Treasurer or Secretary at your first shoot.

Represent GLC 4-H at the GLC Fair Archery Shoot

- Members must:
 - ⇒ Attend five shoots and turn in five completed score cards as a verification for attending five shoots to 4-H Archery Project Secretary
 - ⇒ Five shoots can be any shoots offered by the Archery Project at Berlin Conservation Club (winter shoots), Montello Bow Benders (winter shoots), and Green Lake County Fairgrounds (summer shoots)
 - ⇒ Watch Archery Safety Video
 - ⇒ Pay \$5 dues
 - ⇒ Be a member in good standing with a Green Lake County 4-H Club

Questions?

For any questions reach out to an Archery Project Board Member! Their information is posted on the Archery Project website.

Newsletter Articles

March/April 2022 Newsletter Deadline

Have club meeting minutes, 4-H pictures, stories, how your club is giving back to the community, or anything your club/group would like to share with Green Lake County 4-H? Submit them by February 13 at 4:30 p.m. to be included in the March/April 4-H Newsletter! We would love to share what your club/group is up to!

Connecting Minerals to Careers for the Youth of Wisconsin

Open to anyone in grades 5-8

MINING: ESSENTIAL TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE 8 SESSIONS



WEDNESDAY, JAN 12TH | 6:30-7:30 PM Register at wi.4honline.com



Meeting Dates: 2nd & 4th Wednesday January 12th-April 20





Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/
Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com



"TRACKS" - December 2021

Participation in wildlife & forestry activities are open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Astronomy is one of the oldest natural sciences. Humans have been using the stars and planets to navigate, establish calendars and understand natural phenomenon. One of the oldest and most recognizable constellations is the Big Dipper. The Big Dipper is a clipped version of the constellation Ursa Major the Greater Bear, with the Big Dipper stars outlining the Bear's tail and hindquarters. In the lore of the Mi'kmaq nation in northern Canada, the Big Dipper is a Celestial Bear, and the three stars of the handle are hunters chasing the Bear. In autumn, the hunters finally catch up with the Bear and it's said that the blood from the Bear colors the landscape. When the Celestial Bear is seen on the northern horizon in late fall and early winter evenings, it's a sign that the hibernation season is upon us. The Big Dipper moves about 4 minutes per day - arriving in its same spot one year later. How can you tell stars from planets and satellites? The planets follow about the same path as the sun. During the day, pay attention to where the sun travels across the sky. After dark, look along the same path for the planets. Planets reflect a steady light. With binoculars, a star is a point of light while a planet looks round. The best time to spot a satellite is about one hour after sunset. Since satellites don't have flashing lights like airplanes you will only see them when they are in sunlight. After sunset, it is dark on earth, but satellites are so high that the sun is still shining on them. Most satellites move from west to east.

2022 Wildlife & Woods Virtual Classes – Coming Soon! More Wildlife and Woods Virtual Sessions. Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry virtual event.

Outdoor enthusiasts get to connect with other 4-H youth grades 3-13 from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and forests. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Each month focuses on a different habitat, some of its plants and critters. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Since the sessions are co-led by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful. Youth leaders can research about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices; prepare slides; lead activities; present topics from slides; record videos; or read announcements. Youth leaders also meet virtually the week before for prep and practice. Being a part of this team is great preparation for WHEP and Forestry competitions. For more information or to join the Wildlife & Woods Leader Team, contact: Shannon Stege: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

To register for the virtual sessions, watch your e-mail for a message from 4-H online. The registration link will also be in the January TRACKS Newsletter. Mark your 2022 calendars for the third Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Jan 19 - Wonderful Wetlands; Feb 16 - Hot Desert; Mar 16 - City Wildlife; Apr 20 - Great Lakes

<u>Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest – April 1st & 2nd, 2022.</u> It's time to start taking pictures and getting ideas for entries in the upcoming contest. There are 18 categories & 4 groups: K-5-2nd grade, 3-6th grade, 7-9th grade, & 10-13th grade.

<u>Do you need wildlife & forestry activities to do in your county?</u> Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders can do age specific hands-on activities in your county. We'll train your youth and adult leaders at the same time. Parents, youth, and adult leaders are encouraged to participate to find out how easy it is to lead these hands-on activities. Contact us anytime and reserve your program dates.

We have topic suggestions for you on the "Backyard & Back 40" Wildlife & Forestry Activities — Just let us know and we'll email you: Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along with Wildlife WHEP and Forestry Class Topics. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings and we have more topics if needed. 1.) Raising Beetles to control Invasive Purple Loosestrife, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly/Rain Gardens & Project Milkweed, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds & Bird Watching, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements, 8.) Forestry Fundamentals & Management Practices, 9.) Trees for Wildlife, Recreation, & A Renewable Resource, 10.) Maps, Topography, Compass, & GPS, 11.) Viewing Wildlife & Camera Hunting, 12.) And more.

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CONSERVATION AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

The National Poster Contest theme is "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life".

Soil is an amazing substance! A complex mix of minerals, air, and water, soil also teems with countless micro-organisms, and the decaying remains of once-living things. Soil is made of life and soil makes life. To the farmer, soil is where crops grow. To the engineer, soil is a foundation upon which to build. To the ecologist soil supports communities of living things. To the archaeologist, soil holds clues to past cultures. To the city dweller, soil nurtures grass and gardens. To the soil scientist, soil is all these things. Soil has been called "the skin of the earth" because it is the thin outermost layer of the Earth's crust. Like our own skin, we can't live without soil.



Visit Green Lake County Land Conservation

Department website for resources, activity pages, and poster contest information at https://www.co.green-lake.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/

Open to youth in grades K-12.

Entry deadline: January 14, 2022





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- January 3 at 6:30 p.m.—The Horse Club will meet at the Green Lake American Legion Hall.
- January 6 and February 3 at 7:00 p.m.—4-H
 Leaders' Association will meet via Zoom. Inperson meetings will resume on March 3 at 7:00
 p.m. at the GLC Gov. Center. Meeting information is on the 4-H website.
- January 18 at 6:30 p.m.—The Livestock Council will meet at the GLC Gov. Center. Meeting information will be on the 4-H website.
- For all meetings held at GLC Gov. Center (571 County Road A, Green Lake)- Following Green Lake County Government Center guidance, all participants are to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, given our current high transmission level in Green Lake County.

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