

Green Lake County 4-H Focus Newsletter

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Enroll in 4-H Today!



It's time for the 2024-2025 4-H Year! Sign up for the new year starts on September 1st. Re-enroll by Nov. 1st to keep receiving the most up to date information! Enroll today at <http://wi.4honline.com/>
Attention Volunteers: Please look at the required trainings carefully as some changes have been made. Please reach out the Green Lake Extension Office with any questions!

GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2024 - 7 pm.

Green Lake County Government Center--Training Room

Vice-President Kim Drews called the meeting to order. Pledges were recited. Members present were... Kim Drews, Heather Herbst, Pat Krueger, Lisa Reyes, Linda Ebert-Swanke, Jacky Berndt, Donna Petit, Emily Strahota, Beth Howman-Combs, Dan Huitema, Gina Fleegal, Tammy Goettl, Deidre Sauer, Elizabeth Kutzleb, Christie Galow, Gabby Huitema, Daniele Hitz, Tonya Pautzke, and Brandon Springer, UW-Extension.

Treasurer's report--Filed for Audit. Donna is holding Green Lake Clovers funds, they will get their own account soon.

Secretary's report--Motion to approve. M--Tammy, S--Heather. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you from Bo Miller. Kim will be leading the meetings in the absence of the President for the remainder of the year. Tonya is taking over as Leader for the Dalton Doers Club.

Ambassadors: Brandon is taking over as Leader of the Ambassadors. No meetings are set up at this time. If anyone is interested in helping or being the Ambassadors Leader contact Brandon.

Fair Activities: Chicken Chase, and a couple other events.

Archery Project: Sunday Shoots at the Horse Area 6pm at the Fairgrounds. They need 5 shots before the Fair.

Dog Project: Sunday Obedience, Rally, and Agility Class at the Fairgrounds. Meetings at 4:30 instead of 5:00pm.

Mandatory Meeting - Wednesday July 31st @ 5:30pm.

Horse Council: Clinic on Sunday, July 14th at the Fairgrounds @ 11am. Mandatory Meeting- Thursday, July 25th @ 7:00 pm.

Livestock Council: Voting will be at Fair setup night. There will be a table with paper ballots. Next meeting is October 15th.

Educator Updates (Brandon Springer):

- Water Quality at Markesan Library July 22nd @ 4pm. Groundwater and wells. Will have Ice cream floats.
- Record Books are due to the County September 12th. Firm Deadline!!
- Annual Financial Reports- Brandon held a workshop tonight at 6:30pm. He handed out each club a paper copy of the report. Due August 16th. Firm Deadline!! Green Lake County is one of the counties getting audited this year. Brandon will contact you if you're missing something.
- Cloverbud Day Camp- A one day Camp to test out camp and see what it is about before the overnight. This is open to campers, counselors, and adult volunteers. Online form for interest in this camp is due August 9th.

- **Summer Academy Update**-Brandon attended as a Floor Leader. Looked at college and career tracks. Toured different places. Ag toured Crave Brothers Farm and Sassy Cow. They toured UW Madison College, stayed in the Dorms, and ate Campus food. Youth got a taste of what college life is like. Highly recommended for youth in grades 9-11th.

Educational Opportunities & Awards:

4-H Project Enhancement Program Update- Had 6 Applicants that all met the standards. When the receipts come in they will get paid out.

GLC Fair Senior Recognition-Forms due tomorrow. Graduating 4 H members will receive a \$25.00 Kwik Trip gift card. The Graduation Committee is Kim and Emily. Looking for an extra person to help on the committee. Jacky will join the committee. They will get the Board put up at the Fair.

The Key Award will be presented at the Fair.

Fundraising Committee:

2024 Friends of 4-H - Tammy, Gina, and Brandon updated and approved.

Fundraising Committee/ Chairpersons- If anyone is interested let Kim know.

Additional fundraisers-Stacy is looking for a club to run the food stand for the Demo Derby at the Fair. Email Stacy if interested.

Scholarship Basket Raffle- Tammy ordered 2500 tickets for \$80.00. Kim filled out the Fair Contract Form from Stacy for the Basket Raffle tonight. Heather and Lisa will be the coordinators for the Scholarship Basket Raffle next year.

Memorial Fund:

Dave Wilke passed away today. Donna will move \$25.00 to the Memorial Fund in his honor.

We originally thought of purchasing a Bench for Fair when we had enough money. Motion to table the Memorial Funds until January's meeting. M-Donna, S-Jacky. Motion carried.

Fair Setup-July 25th 6:30-8:30pm: All youth should help set up the Exhibit Building. Fair tags can be picked that night. Open class tags were mailed.

Next meeting: September 12th at 7pm. Election night -Green Lake Training Room Motion to adjourn the meeting. M--Donna, S--Emily. Motion carried.

Linda Ebert-Swanke
Secretary



What's going on in Green Lake County?

Leaders' Election:

The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association will be holding elections for the following positions at their meeting on September 12th at 7pm in the Green Lake County Training Room located at 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941. :

- Vice President – (3 year term)
 - The Vice-President will assume the position of President for a 1-year term. Following their term as President, they will serve as Past President for 1-year.
- Treasurer – (2 year term)
- Southern District Reps (2 year term- 2 reps)
- Youth Representatives (1 year term – 2 reps)
- Book Keeper – (1 year term)
 - This is a unique position

Make sure you are in attendance to vote on these positions or to run for them yourself!

To be eligible to run, you must be in 6th grade or older or an adult volunteer. You also must be approved in 4-H Online to be eligible.

For any questions related to the positions and their roles, please reach out to current Board members or the Green Lake County Extension Office.

Leader's Assoc. Scholarships:

The Green Lake County 4-H Leader's Association is excited to announce they will be supporting a limited number of scholarships to cover 75% of the cost to many of the Statewide 4-H opportunities!

Watch your email and the Leader's Assoc. page on the website for an up to date application.

These are incredible opportunities to meet life-long friends from across the state and nation and travel across the US.

Reach out to the Extension Office if you have questions or if you want to learn more about any of the experiences available.

Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors:

Calling for New Members! If you are interested in signing up to be a 4-H Ambassador for Green Lake County, you must fill out the application on the next page and return to the Extension Office. Not sure what the Ambassador's do? They plan county-wide events, hold fundraisers, and promote 4-H to new members. This is a great chance to gain leadership skills and support the county 4-H program!



Join Today!
**Green Lake County
4-H Ambassadors**



Sign up to be a GLC 4-H Ambassador!
Open to 4-H members grades 6 and above.
For more information, check out the Green
Lake County 4-H Website: glc4h.org

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Cloverbud Day Camp:

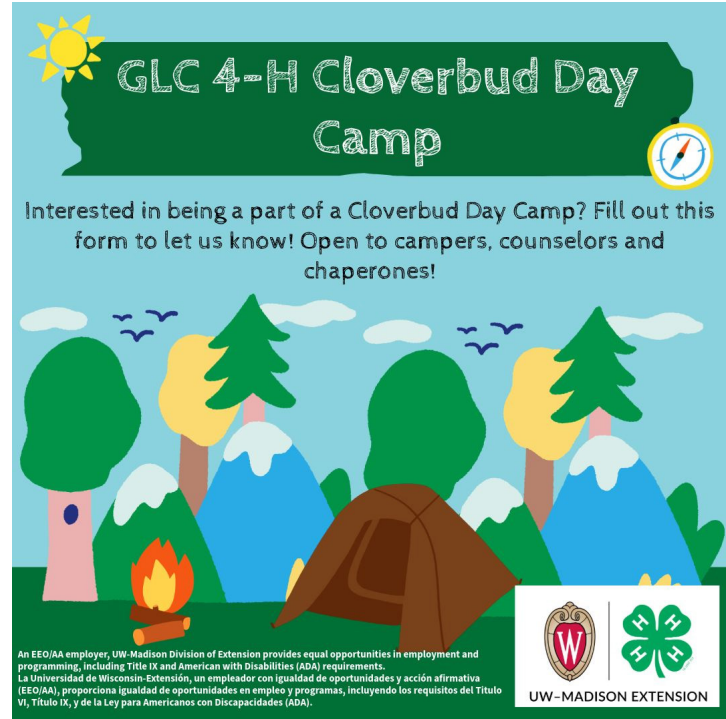
Get excited for the Cloverbuds Day Camp coming this fall! Come learn all about the fun we do at 4-H camp like singing camp songs, crafts, and even community service! This camp is open to all youth in grades K-3rd, so you can bring a friend even if they aren't enrolled in 4-H!

If you haven't yet, fill out the interest form so we can get more campers, counselors, and chaperones!

Date is TBD, but will likely be a weekend in October- an official date will be posted on the Green Lake County Extension website and sent on 4-H Online!

Interested? Fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/QjTtqfXKNebSsYX28>



2024 Green Lake County 4-H Graduates

Name: Julia Lenz

Years in 4-H: 13

Club: Grand River Workers

Projects: Beef, Swine, Baking, Photography, Vegetables, and Flowers

Club/ County Officer Positions: Club Secretary, Vice President, and President; Green Lake County Livestock Council Youth Representative.

Favorite Fair Memory: The endless amount of support given and received within this county. No particular instance stands out, but being on both the giving and receiving end of this support has made the showing experience one to remember.

Favorite 4-H Memory: Being able to be at fair each and every year being able to show my hard work, learn more, and be able to teach younger members in the same projects.

Advice to younger members: Being able to stay in the dorms at the State Fair as an exhibitor through 4-H and having some amazing roommates.

Plan for the Future: Attend Iowa State University this fall to pursue a degree in Agricultural and Life Sciences Education to become an Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor



Congrats to our
Grand River
Workers Grad!

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Name: Joshua Schwochert

Years in 4-H: 10

Club: Fox River Patriots

Projects: Rabbits, Poultry, Food and Nutrition, plant and soil science.

Club/ County Officer Positions: Club Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President.

Favorite Fair Memory: Winning Grand Champion Market Rabbit

Favorite 4-H Memory: Being able to be at fair each and every year being able to show my hard work, learn more, and be able to teach younger members in the same projects.

Advice to younger members: Always try your best, ask questions if you have them, don't give up, and have fun while doing it all

Plan for the Future: Attend Fox Valley Tech for Business Management or keep working.

Name: Savanna Gohlke

Years in 4-H: 10

Club: Fox River Patriots

Projects: Sheep, swine, jewelry making, vegetables, woodworking, cake decorating, pottery, and painting.

Club/ County Officer Positions: Club President and Vice President

Favorite Fair Memory: Winning Grand Champion Hog at the Green Lake County Livestock Scramble

Favorite 4-H Memory: Being Junior Fairest of the Fair to represent the county fair and interact with youth to encourage them to join 4-H.

Advice to younger members: Have fun with your projects, do your best, and winning isn't everything. Enjoy your time showing at the fair, because it goes by fast.

Plan for the Future: Will be a sophomore at Carroll University majoring in Biochemistry, with an emphasis on Pre-PA (Physicians Assistant)



Congrats to our Fox River Patriots Grads!

2024 Green Lake County 4-H Graduates



Name: Spencer Goettl
Years in 4-H: 14
Club: Sunrisers
Projects: Beef, photography, foods, houseplants, home environment
Club/ County Officer Positions: Club Reporter
Favorite Fair Memory: Serving food to the bidders at the Auction Dinner. And also winning Grand Champion Market Steer with Uno.
Favorite 4-H Memory: Going bowling with my club and eating pizza.
Advice to younger members: Try new things and projects. You might find something you really like and enjoy doing.
Plan for the Future: Getting a Job (Not sure in what yet)

Name: Madison Mertens
Years in 4-H: 4
Club: Sunrisers
Projects: Swine, beef, sheep, foods and nutrition, plant and soil science, cultural arts.
Favorite Fair Memory: When my pig ran out of the show ring after the judge called him fat!
Favorite 4-H Memory: Being chosen as the recipient of the Alice Award, named after her great-grandmother, Alice Janes, for an apple pie made using one of her original recipes.
Advice to younger members: Go out of your comfort zone and try new exhibits!
Plan for the Future: Will be a sophomore at North Dakota State University majoring in Agriculture Education, with a minor in Crop and Weed Sciences. Hopes to return to the area to become a High School Agriculture Educator.



Congrats to our Sunrisers Grads!

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Name: Emma Draeger

Years in 4-H: 11

Club: Country Clovers

Projects: Drawing, Painting, Photography, Foods, Woodworking, Jewelry, Scrapbooking, Rabbits, Poultry, Clothing, Tie Dye, Beef, Dairy, Sculpting, Fiber, Small Animal, Goats, Youth Leadership

Club/ County Officer Positions: Various Officer Positions for past 5 years

Favorite Fair Memory: Having the ability to do so many different projects each year and staying with the same ones for multiple years. The fun of trying new exhibit projects and taking a chance.

Favorite 4-H Memory: Being at the Fair each year - it was a calm environment surrounded by people with the same interests and fun to make new friends and watch others show their exhibits.

Advice to younger members: Try new things, don't be afraid to branch out and do something out of your comfort zone, if you don't try new things you'll never know if you're great at it!!!

Plan for the Future: Attend Fox Valley Technical College for Agronomy and Agribusiness

Name: Jenna Konrad

Years in 4-H: 12

Club: Country Clovers

Projects: Sheep- 12 years, Pigs- 5 years, Rabbits- 4 years, Beef- 1 year, Club booth- 3 years, Club scrapbook- 1 year

Club/County Officer Positions: President- 1 year, Vice President- 1 year, Secretary- 5 years, Reporter- 1 year, Sunshine- 1 year, County Office (Ambassadors): Secretary- 1 year, 2023 Green Lake County Fairest of the Fair

Favorite Fair Memory: Winning reserve grand champion dairy steer at the 2023 fair, and the moment in the ring, winning best in breed with my mini lop rabbit in 2022, and walking sheep around the fair and letting people pet them.

Favorite 4-H Memory: Going to 4-H meetings and getting nicely volunteered to do new activities with the club and all the friends from 4-H.

Advice to younger members: Get involved in your club and the county and remember the Cloverbuds look up to you!

Plan for the Future: Will Be a sophomore at UW-Platteville for Agriculture and Technology Education



Congrats to our Country Clover Grads! 7

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Arts Camp:

Attention to youth in grades 6-8! If you take interest in the arts or want to experience something new, considering signing up for 4-H Arts Camp!

Arts Camp is offered to youth in grades 6-8 and will take place on October 5-6, 2024. This camp will allow youth to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and more!

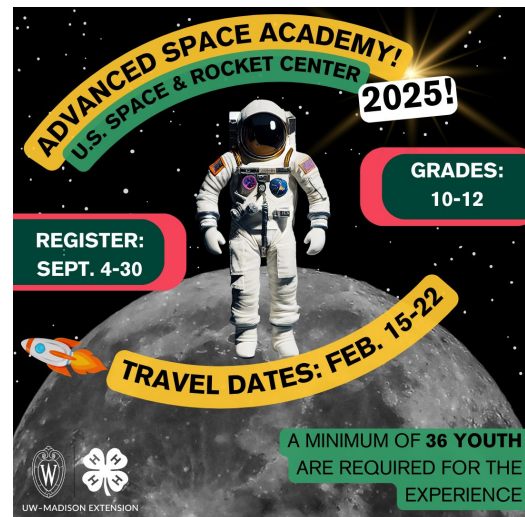
If you are interested, you can find more information and the ability to register on our website:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/arts-camp/>

For questions, reach out to the Extension Office!
This experiences dynamic pricing and is eligible for the Leaders' Association Program and Activity Reimbursement (Separate from Scholarship Opportunity)

Advanced Space Academy:

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to announce details for the 2025 Advanced Space Academy! Advanced Space Academy will take place from February 15-22, 2025, and youth will travel to Huntsville, AL via coach bus and get the opportunity to train like an astronaut, learn team building skills at the Space Camp Challenge Course, participate in SCUBA diving at the underwater astronaut trainer, and learn a ton more about Space and STEM! You can see additional program details on the Wisconsin 4-H website:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/advanced-space-camp/>

For questions, reach out to the Extension Office!
Registration is from Sept. 4-30th

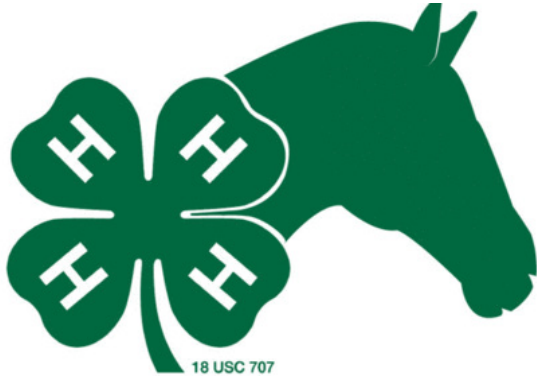


Fall Forum and WLC:

Fall Forum is an annual opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. This is also the opportunity to represent Green Lake County at the state level by joining the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC). WLC is a forum to help improve state, county, and local level programming as well as planning and supporting events like Fall Forum, Summer Academy, etc. Save the Dates: Nov. 2-3 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI
Registration Opens after Sept. 3rd. For Questions, contact the Extension Office!



Beyond Green Lake County



State Horse Leadership Conference:

Attention 4-H'ers 7th grade and up! Are you interested in learning more about horses and being a leader to other members in the project? This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about UW-River Falls, and attend sessions to learn more about horses.

This event is November 9-10 at UW-River Falls. Youth must have a guardian or chaperone to attend. Sign up through 4-H online will be here before you know it! Cost is \$75. Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association's Program and Activity Reimbursement could cover 50% of the cost to attend this conference!

State Dog Agility Show

These must be post marked on or before Sept. 1st! If you are interested in attending and showing off at the state dog show just how agile your dog is, reach out the Extension Office ASAP!

This event is Oct. 12th in Oshkosh! Check more information here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/state-wide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-agility-show/>

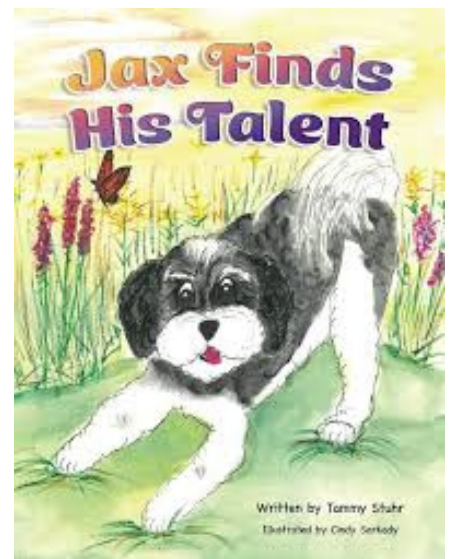
Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association's Program and Activity Reimbursement could cover 50% of the cost to participate!



Book Read Virtual Event

Join the Wisconsin 4-H Distance Learning team on Zoom to meet best-selling children's book author and 30+ year 4-H volunteer Tammy Stuhr! She will be reading her book *Jax Finds his Talent*. In the book, Jax discover his uique talents and how to share them to make the world a better place. After, she will lead an amazing activity from the comfort of you own home! This event is September 19th at 6PM over Zoom. Sign up for the event:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2iCOTd5pB6Hhnwy



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Wisconsin 4-H Foundation



Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign:

Is your club a fan of Tractor Supply Co.? Well, now is your chance to advertise your 4-H club and also get some TSC gift cards! Clubs can receive a \$50 gift card and individual members can receive a \$25 gift card.

All you have to do is promote 4-H! This can be done by creating a project display, animal exhibits, serve as bagger, and many more opportunities! There is an official sign-up and you MUST get the Store Manager's permission to run the promotion - they will want to know what your club is planning to do.

There slots available for sign up on Oct 5, 6, 12, and 13th!
For more information and to sign up for a time slot, check out the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/staging/tscpaperclover/>

Cedar Crest:

Looking for a new ice cream flavor to try? Why not make your own! The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has partnered with Cedar Crest Ice Cream of Cedarburg Wi to create a contest to invent your own ice cream flavor. Submissions open September 1st and are open through November 15th. Not only will you have created an awesome new ice cream creation, but your club will also win \$500!

Think every flavor of ice cream has already been invented? Why not work together with your club to have a new flavor taste test at an upcoming meeting!

For more information and how to enter, check out the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/>



4-Ever Green:

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is introducing 4-Ever Green. This campaign is to identify 4-H Alumni in each county to help support the 4-H program.

If you just graduated 4-H or it's been a few months since your last club meeting, let us know about your history with 4-H in Green Lake County!

This is an easy way to show your blood runs Green and your support as a former 4-H'er!





THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 FRIENDS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H



Green

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Slate Law Offices
Surface and Surroundings
Fox Rive Auto Sales
Blue Star Stable LLC

Bronze

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Pulvermacher Enterprises, Inc.

Silver

Kinas Excavating, Inc.

Gold

Superheating & Cooling, Inc.
Donna Petit
Bright Orthodontics
Markesan Resident Home
Seneca 4-H Club

Platinum

Mashuda Contractors, Inc.
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Green Lake County Pork Producers
Beck's Meat Processing
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by doing, so they can develop skills they need
for 4-H beyond!

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