

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 **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!

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What's going on in Green Lake County?

Youth Awards:



Come and Celebrate! Green Lake County 4-H Youth Awards

What: Youth Awards with
Bowling to Follow

When: Nov. 10th, 2024

Where: Berlin Lanes

All youth are welcome, award
receipts will receive a free
game of bowling!



Leader's Assoc. Banquet:

Congratulations to the Green Lake County 4-H Volunteers! We will be celebrating the amazing work that our volunteers have done to keep the 4-H Program moving. There is also the chance for recipients of scholarships to share their experience as well as the presentation of the highest honor in 4-H, the Key Award. This will be November 7th at 6:30pm with a cost of \$8 for 4-H members and \$16 for non-members.

Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors:

Calling for New Members! 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, pick what county-wide programming you want to see, and see your 4-H friends from across the county! Reach out to the Extension Office if you are interested!

A recruitment poster for Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors. The poster has a white rounded rectangle in the center on a background of yellow, teal, and orange splatters. The text inside the rectangle reads: "Join Today! Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors" followed by a 4-H logo. Below the logo, it says: "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". At the bottom of the poster, there are logos for UW-Madison Extension and a small text block: "An AA/EEO employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and ADA requirements. La Universidad de Wisconsin-Madison, Division de Extension, un empleador con igualdad de oportunidades y acción afirmativa (EEO/AA), proporciona igualdad de oportunidades en empleo y programas, incluyendo los requisitos del Título VI, Título IX, y de la Ley para Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA)."

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Club Officer Training

Were you just elected an officer at your last club meeting? Interested in running for a position in the future? Sign up for club officer training to learn more about what it takes to be a club officer. Meet other club officers in Green Lake County and learn about the different positions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and more! Have you been a club officer already? Get some leadership experience and help let teach the newer officers all about what it takes.

This program will be Dec. 7th from 1pm-4pm.
Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/BCvmyqzptJE2SWxw5>

Green Lake County 4-H Officer Training

Come and learn what it takes to be a 4-H Club Officer!

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Green Lake County 4-H Welcome Night!

Check out our Top Projects:



Find your Spark with 4-H!

What: Learn all about Green Lake County 4-H

When: Dec. 21st at 6PM

Where: Green Lake County Government Building

GLC 4-H Welcome Night:

Are you new to Green Lake County 4-H? Have a friend that might be interested in joining? This is a great chance to meet other new families, learn more about 4-H, and get any questions answered that you might have! We will talk about 4-H Clubs, 4-H Projects, Educational Experiences, 4-H Camp, and more!

This program will be Dec. 21st at 6pm. Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/BCvmyqzptJE2SWxw5>

Are you an expert in all things 4-H? Do you want to help new families learn about 4-H? Reach out to the Extension Office to see how you can help support this event!



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Land Conservation Poster

Contest

Do you like to make posters? Interested in conservation and protecting the environment?

Make a poster for the Green Lake County Land Conservation Poster Contest!

Youth in grades K-12 are eligible to submit a poster related to this year's theme, "Home is where the Habitat is!" Posters must be submitted by Dec. 20th

The goal is to create a poster that shows the importance of habitats.

"A habitat is a place where an organism makes its home. A habitat meets all the environmental conditions an organism needs to survive.

For an animal, that means everything it needs to find and gather food, select a mate, and successfully reproduce. For a plant, a good habitat must provide the right combination of light, air, water, and soil.

The main components of a habitat are shelter, water, food, and space. A habitat is said to have a suitable arrangement when it has the correct amount of all of these." - Poster Contest Details, Land Conservation

Guidelines and Registration can be found on the Green Lake County website.

<https://www.greenlakecountywi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2025-Guidelines.pdf>



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Green Lake County & Beyond

Horse Club Stable Tour:

On Saturday October 26, the Horse Club toured Blue Star Stable in Berlin. Stable owner Cristie Hess, gave us a tour of her facility. She talked about why she made the choices and decisions in building the stable and how she runs the business. Cristie is a supporter of Green Lake County 4-H, and we thank her for taking time from her schedule to show us her stable.



Horse Club Guest Speaker:

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a large animal veterinarian? If so, please join the Horse Club on Monday November 18 at 6:30 pm, at the Brooklyn Town Hall. At our meeting, Dr. Mark Williams from Waupun Vet Clinic will be our guest speaker. The focus of Dr. Williams talk will be about horse related issues. However, Dr. Williams is open to answering questions about other veterinary topics. Hope to see you on November 18!

Fall Forum and WLC:

Fall Forum is happening the very first weekend of November! This is a state-wide opportunity for youth to come together and learn from various 4-H youth, volunteers, and educators from across WI. This is also the time that Wisconsin Leadership Council (WLC) is elected. They are the youth and adult 4-H'ers that help to make Wisconsin 4-H Events happen. Although it might be too late to sign up, be on the look out for the exciting things that come from WLC and Wisconsin 4-H! cInterested in learning more about Fall Forum and WLC, reach out to the Extension Office



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Wisconsin 4-H Arts Ambassadors (Formerly State Arts Teams)

Do you enjoy making, learning, and or even just appreciating all things art? Be on the lookout for the upcoming application to become a Wisconsin 4-H Arts Ambassador! Application period is set to open Nov. 15th and run through Dec. 20th!

What happened to the State Arts Teams?

Nothing is going away! The past State Arts Teams (Drama Company and Art Team) will now fall under the "Wisconsin 4-H Arts Ambassadors" umbrella. This will allow more collaboration and leadership from a larger group of youth when it comes to planning participation in various statewide events.

What do Art Ambassadors do?

The Wisconsin 4-H Arts Ambassadors provide a voice into the statewide 4-H arts and how they exist at 4-H events throughout the year including Summer Academy, Fall Forum, Arts Camps, and also County-based programs. There are various teams that youth can join within the Art Ambassadors umbrella:

Drama Company

- This group creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to the Summer Academy. You will also learn leadership skills, perform, create and develop lifelong skills related to growth management, resilience, collaboration and explore personal sparks.

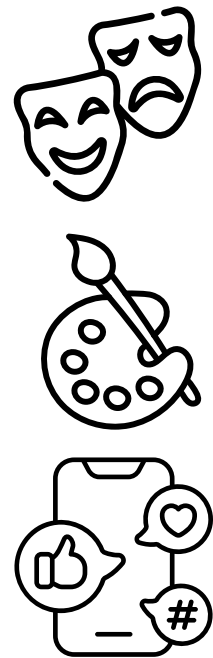
Check out the 2023 performance! <https://go.wisc.edu/17wlq3>

Art Team

- This group creates artwork around the theme of the Summer Academy as well as designing and organizing the Summer Academy Art Exhibit, reception, and guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including Fall Forum. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.

Communications, Media, and Marketing Team (NEW THIS YEAR!)

- This group creates original content, (Video, social media, digital promotional materials) to promote the 4-H story in Wisconsin. Working with an advisor, you will build a community of digital storytellers through skill development, and hands on practice.

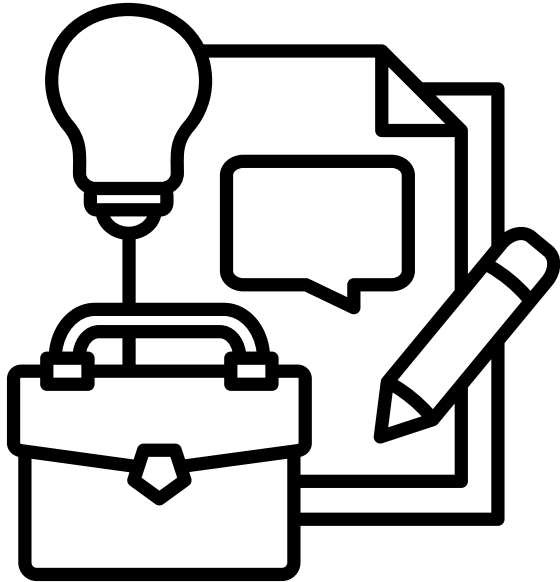


Not an "Artist"?

Don't worry about it! Everyone has some form of artistic talent even if it's not drawing or painting a picture. This is a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and maybe even find a new spark in the arts!



Resources



Wisconsin 4-H Accessibility Kits

Do you want to learn more about making your 4-H club and project meetings more accessible? Do you want materials to help support youth in their 4-H experience?

Check out the Wisconsin 4-H Accessibility Kit from the Green Lake County Extension Office! The accessibility kit includes:

- 1-Hour Visual Timer
- Fidgets
- Calming Stickers
- Disability Pride Month Bracelet-Making Activity
- Informational Material

If you are interested or want to learn more, reach out to Brandon Springer at the Extension Office!

Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet

Check out all of the amazing Wisconsin 4-H opportunities available for this program year! This booklet includes things like American Spirit, Space Camp, State-wide Project Meetings, 4-H Competitions, and more. It's always a good time to find an experience you might be interested in so you are ready to apply once they open or to be ready for next year's Leaders' Association scholarship opportunity.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

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