

Green Lake County 4-H Focus Newsletter

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Attention Volunteers:

Please check your volunteer status on 4-H Online to ensure that you are approved! The trainings and background checks do not always end up marked complete in 4-H Online. If your status is "Submitted" that means a training or background check is not marked complete yet - if this is a mistake please contact me directly (Allow at least 1 week after completing trainings and background check to reach out!) If you are marked "Awaiting Review" then you are likely ready and should be approved soon - please reach out if you are not approved after 1 week! Not sure if you're approved, reach out and ask!

What's going on in Green Lake County?

Snow Day at the Library!

Join us for a snowy time at the Berlin Library on January 14th at 4pm!

We will:

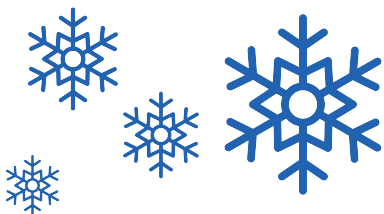
- Learn about Snow and how it's made
- Build your own snow-storm in a jar
- Make a frozen treat
- Battle in an indoor "snowball" fight!

Interested in signing up? Fill out the Google Form!

[Snow Day Sign Up](#)



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BERLIN
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Scaling Up a New Project

Interested in learning a new project? Try out scale models! In February, you can join others in learning how to build a scale model, painting, decals, issues and fixes, and history behind the model!

When:

- February 13th, 20th, and 27th from 4:30-5:30pm
 - Each session will be a different topic!

Where:

- Green Lake County Government Building

Sign up coming shortly- watch your Emails, Extension Website, and Facebook!

What's going on in Green Lake County?



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**WISCONSIN
BEEF QUALITY
ASSURANCE
CERTIFICATION**

ATTEND AN IN-PERSON TRAINING OR COMPLETE ONLINE AT:
www.bqa.org

Register for an in-person session:

Jan. 7, Darlington	Jan. 29, Eau Claire
Jan. 11, Rib Lake	Feb. 10, Richland Center
Jan. 13, River Falls	
Jan. 16, Lomira	
Jan. 16, Markesan	

BEEF
Funded by Beef Farmers and Ranchers

Wisconsin BEEF COUNCIL

Beef Quality Assurance Certification

Join Livestock Educator Adam Hartfiel and the Wisconsin Beef Council at an upcoming Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification! BQA is a great opportunity to learn about the beef industry. This certification helps with consumer confidence and public image of the beef industry, enhance herd profitability through best management practices, and improve the sale of marketed beef cattle.

BQA Sign Up

This is also a great opportunity to check off an auction requirement if you can't make a Livestock Council meeting! Make sure you fill out the Educational Event Evaluation!

GLC 4-H Ambassadors

The Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors is excited to kick off the New Year! At the December meeting, they discussed goals for events/ opportunities to look out for. They are planning a nature day trip to a State or Local park, fair events like the chicken chase, and the annual food drive! Interested in helping with these events or want to lead something different? Join the Ambassadors! Youth in 6th grade and older can help promote Green Lake County 4-H, just attend the next meetin on Jan. 26th at 6pm!

Questions or want more information? Contact the Extension Office!

Super Saturday Interest Survey!

A Super Saturday Style Event is in the Works! We are looking to gauge interest and see what kinds of sessions, length, and general interest in the event. It seems long, but should only take about 10-15 minutes!

Fill out the survey so we can have a Super Session! Interest Form

Never heard of Super Saturday? It's a one day experiential learning extravaganza. Typically there are multiple sessions that each have a variety of classes that youth can sign up for to learn a new project or skill. Past classes have included No-Bake Cookies, Tie-Dye Wood Art, Animal Showmanship, and more!

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What's going on in Green Lake County? Congratulations to our Youth Awards Recipients!

Recipients of youth awards did an amazing job creating record books that tell their 4-H story. Creating a record of 4-H makes applying for Educational Experience Scholarships, the Leaders' Association Academic Scholarship, and in applying for jobs and college now and through the future. Keep up the amazing work!

A Special Thank You to Berlin Lanes for recognizing the hard work of all the 4-H'ers and sponsoring a free game for all award recipients!



Green Lake 4-H Focus Newsletter

What's going on in Green Lake County? Congratulations to all our Volunteers and Key Award Recipient!

Thank you to all our amazing 4-H volunteers!

Whether it was your first year or almost 50th as a 4-H Volunteer, you do amazing work in keeping the 4-H program going strong and it was a great chance to recognize that at the Leaders' Banquet! Make sure to thank your 4-H volunteers for all they do!

Congratulations to our Key Award Recipient Spencer Goettl! The Key Award is the highest honor a 4-H member can receive and is awarded to youth who show growth in leadership skills through active participation in 4-H!

Thank you to our youth presenters for sharing about the educational experiences that the Leaders' helped sponsor!



Scholarship Opportunities

*Scholarship Packets for both GLC Leaders and WI 4-H Foundation on following pages!

Leaders' Association 2025 Scholarship

Are you a graduating senior or college freshman? Now is the time to apply the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association Scholarship! This year, 3 scholarships of \$1000 will be awarded. To apply, submit the following to the Extension Office by March 14th:

- 1-page Essay
- 4-H Resume
- 1 Letter of Recommendation

Youth must be a high school senior or college freshman AND a member for 3 years



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 2025 Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers many scholarships totaling more than \$20,000 to Wisconsin 4-H and alumni who pursue higher education in 2025. Applications must be received by March 1st. You must be a 4-H member for at least 3 years, at least a 2.5 grade point average on 4, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school for the 2025-2026 academic school year.

Applicants must submit a resume and cover letter to the Foundation at the following address:

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation
The Pyle Center
702 Langdon St.
Madison, WI 53706

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders Association Academic Scholarships

Thank you for showing interest in the Green Lake County 4-H Scholarship program. The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association will be sponsoring three (3) one thousand dollar (\$1000) academic scholarships that can be used at any public or private college, university or technical school. Youth can only be selected once for this scholarship.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a high school senior or college freshman at time of selection and an active member of GLC 4-H for at least 3 years.

APPLICATION

1. 1 page written essay which addresses the following questions
 - a. A brief (think 1-2 paragraph) review of your 4-H career and some of the 4-H accomplishments for which you are most proud.
 - b. How has 4-H made an impact on your life so far and how you will use the 4-H skills you've learned in the future.
2. 4-H Resume (please see attached sample) - Please keep to no more than 2 pages
3. One letter of recommendation is needed. It should be from past or current 4-H leaders (i.e. general, project, activity leader) BUT CANNOT BE YOUR PARENTS.

E-mail completed application to Brandon Springer at brandon.springer@wisc.edu with subject line "4-H Scholarship – Your last name" or mail completed PDF to

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association

Green Lake County Extension

571 County Road A Green Lake, WI 54941

DEADLINE: March 1 th, 2025

If you have any questions about the scholarship application or process please call the extension office at (920) 294-4032

RESUME OUTLINE

NAME
ADDRESS LINE 1
ADDRESS LINE 2
PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL (if applicable)

EDUCATION

School or college name, then year in school (Senior, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior) , Can include GPA

4-H SUMMARY

-4-H club name, years in 4-H (including years as a Cloverbud project member)

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Summarize all 4-H activities in which you have participated and the number of years you participated. Include and distinguish club leadership activities as well. May include skills acquired through these activities.

PROJECT PARTICIPATION AND AWARDS List all projects in which you are or have been enrolled. Include the number of years you have been or were a member of that project. Include youth leadership roles and awards received. May include skills acquired through these activities.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP Summarize all 4-H county activities in which you have participated and the number of years you participated. Include and distinguish county leadership activities as well. May include skills acquired through these activities.

STATE PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP Summarize all state 4-H activities in which you have participated and the number of years you participated. Include and distinguish state leadership activities as well. May include skills acquired through these activities.

NON 4-H INVOLVEMENT In this section, include school activities, work experience, special activities, etc. and the number of years you participated.

EXAMPLE

Chris Clover
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Green Lake, WI 54941
920-294-4032 cclover@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Green Lake High School

Graduate, May 2023
GPA 3.0

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Biomedical Engineering, to start in fall 2023

4-H SUMMARY

Busy Bees 4-H Club, Green Lake, WI 2014- Present

- Club Activities
 - Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up Chair 2019,2022
 - Club Fair Booth - 2020-2022
 - committee leader - 2022
 - Christmas Cards for Nursing Home Residents - 2018-2020
 - Club Float
 - lead designer 2021-2022
- Club Leadership
 - Club President - 2022
 - Club Vice President - 2021
 - Club Reporter 2018
- Project Participation and Awards
 - Electricity, 8 years • Youth leader, 2 years
 - Merit award – 2013, 2016
 - Mechanical Sciences, 8 years
 - Poultry, 4 years
 - Grand Champion Market Roasters
 - 5 & 10 year project award
- County Activities and Leadership
 - Green Lake County Ambassadors 2019- Current
 - President - 2021
 - Cloverbud Day Planning Committee - 2019, 2022
 - Planned and led multiple sessions during Cloverbud Days
 - Performed outreach during the County fair through a dog toy service project.
 - Led electricity course as youth leader at Super Saturday in 2022
 - Green Lake County 4-H Livestock Committee
 - Youth Representative 2020
 - 4-H Camp
 - Camp Counselor - 2018-2019, 2021-2022
 - responsible for campers of multiple age groups

- assisted in implementing new safety protocols while at camp.
 - State Activities and Leadership
 - Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council - 2020-2022
 - served on Fall Forum and By-laws Committees
 - WI State 4-H Conference - attendee 2015
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**NON 4-H
INVOLVEMENT**

Clover Farms - Farmhand 2018-Current
- milked and helped care for over 200 head of dairy
Green Lake High School Basketball Team, 4 years; captain 2022
Green Lake High School Baseball Team, 4 years
Key Club, member 4 years; president 2018
FFA - Secretary 2022
St. John's Youth Group, 4 years

Opportunity

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2025. To be considered for financial support, applications will be accepted starting December 15, 2024, and must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via mail, post marked by March 1, 2025.

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 2025-2026 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.

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 help with creating cover letters and résumés, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, county educator or a teacher or parent.

Application

Applications will consist of two single-page documents, a cover letter and a résumé.

1. Cover Letter

- a. Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page. Include email (choose one that will be active through Fall of 2024), address, phone.
- b. One page only - do not exceed one page
- c. No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points
- d. Use this document to briefly describe your 4-H experience; to share how 4-H made an impact in your life, and to explain how you will be using lessons learned in 4-H as you move to higher education and into a career.

2. Résumé

- a. Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page. Include email (choose one that will be active through Fall of 2024), address, phone.
- b. One page only - do not exceed one page
- c. No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points
- d. Suggested résumé headings include: Career Goals, School Experience, Work Experience, 4-H Projects and Activities, Leadership Experience, Activities Outside of 4-H
- e. Include probable school choice and major on your résumé
- f. Include a brief list of 4-H projects and activities that were most influential to you

Cover letter and résumés must be mailed together and addressed to:

**Wisconsin 4-H Foundation
The Pyle Center
702 Langdon St.
Madison, WI 53706**

Résumé/cover letter must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation postmarked on or before March 1, 2025. Applications postmarked after March 1, 2025, as well as any emailed applications, will not be considered. We encourage you to apply early.

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to email a photo to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and provide a one-page thank you letter outlining 4-H experiences and future plans that the Foundation will send to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

Questions

Call or email Board of Directors President, Charles Crave
920.285.3812 or Charles@cravecheese.com



The Pyle Center | 702 Langdon Street
Madison, WI 53706
www.Wis4HFoundation.org

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Green Lake County & Beyond

DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



THE SCIENCE OF THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE



AUDIENCE:
Youth in grades 3-12
WHEN:
February-March, 2025

Registration opens December 20
and closes January 13

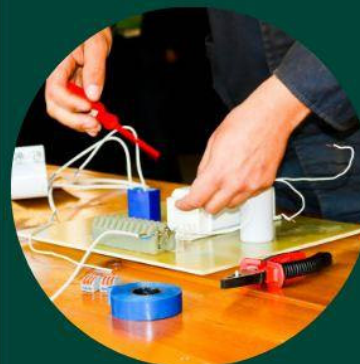
DINOSAURS AND UNICORNS!



AUDIENCE:
Youth in grades K-2
WHEN:
February-March, 2025

Registration opens December 20
and closes January 13

PAPER CIRCUITS



AUDIENCE:
Youth in grades 4-9
WHEN:
March 2025

Registration opens January 2
and closes January 24



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[HTTPS://4H.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/
WI-DISTANCE-LEARNING/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/)



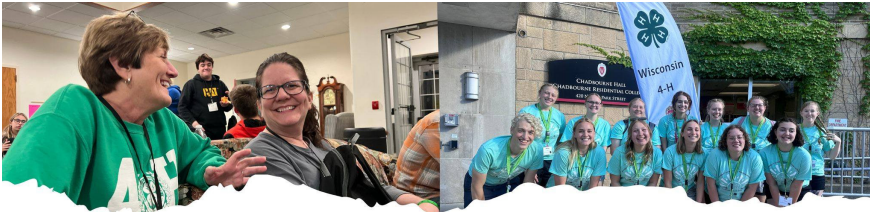
Positive Youth Development Institute
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Check out these chances for learning in your own home! Learn all about the science of cookies, create and discover dinosaurs and unicorns and learn about electricity with paper circuits! Sign up today!

[Distance Learning Website](#)

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Green Lake County & Beyond Educational Experiences Need YOU!



ADULT ADVISOR POSITION

ADULT ADVISOR APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING 4-H EXPERIENCES:

- SUMMER ACADEMY
- SPACE CAMP
- CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
- NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
- ARTS EXPERIENCES

FIND INFO
HERE:



Looking for a state-wide volunteering opportunity? Wisconsin 4-H is looking for Adult Advisors to help ensure the Educational Experiences run smoothly! This is an especially great opportunity to learn about what these experiences offer and better promote to your 4-H'ers! Check out the state website for more information!
[Adult Advisor Position Information](#)



APPLY NOW!

Looking for Young Adult Leaders (YALs) for Summer Academy! This is a unique position for adults ages 19-25 to help support the Summer Academy where youth learn about college and career options while staying on the UW-Madison Campus! This position does provide a stipend and is a great opportunity after graduating 4-H to stay involved!
[Summer Academy YAL Application](#)



YOUNG ADULT LEADER POSITION

For Summer Academy 2025

Applicants Must be:

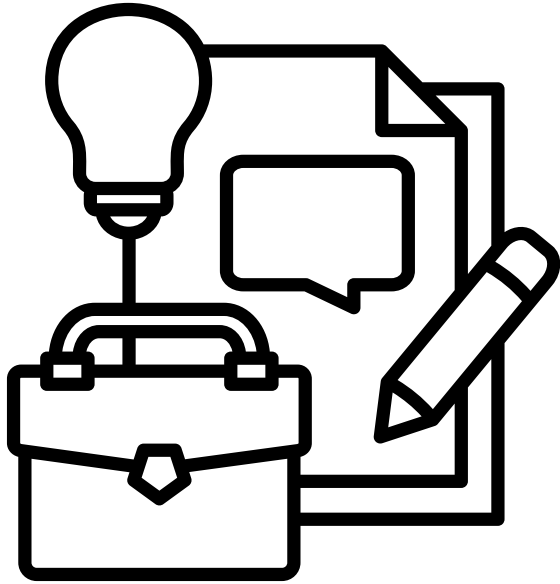
- Between the ages of 19 and 25
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- A role model and support system for youth attendees

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE: JANUARY
30, 2025**

Young Adult Leaders also must be able to attend trainings and an on-site orientation



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.

[Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet](#)

Please reach out to Brandon Springer at the Extension Office for any questions!

