

Green Lake County 4-H Focus Newsletter

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Day Trip to Marsh Haven:

Join the GLC 4-H Ambassadors in a trip to Marsh Haven Nature Center in Waupun! Make friends from across the county, learn about nature, and have fun in the outdoors.

The Marsh Haven Day Trip is April 19th, planning to start at 10am. Time and Date are still being confirmed!

Marsh Haven Sign Up!
For questions, reach out the Extension Office!





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Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors: T-Shirt Contest

Information: The Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting a t-shirt fundraiser selling fair t-shirts. We want YOU to show off your creative side and create an awesome T-shirt! Designs should follow the fair theme: Candy Land! Open to youth enrolled in 4-H. The winning designer will receive a free T-shirt with their design as well as a \$20 Kwik Trip gift card!

Use the rectangle below as your canvas! Select ONE option for the T-shirt color:

Green

Red

Orange

Blue

Gray

Pink

Submissions must be printed and received by the Green Lake Extension Office by May 23rd!

Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Grade: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

For questions, contact the Green Lake County Extension Office!

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What's going on in Green Lake County?

Snow Day at the Library!

Did you miss us at the Berlin Library? That's okay, join us for a snowy time at the Princeton Library on March 14th at 4pm!

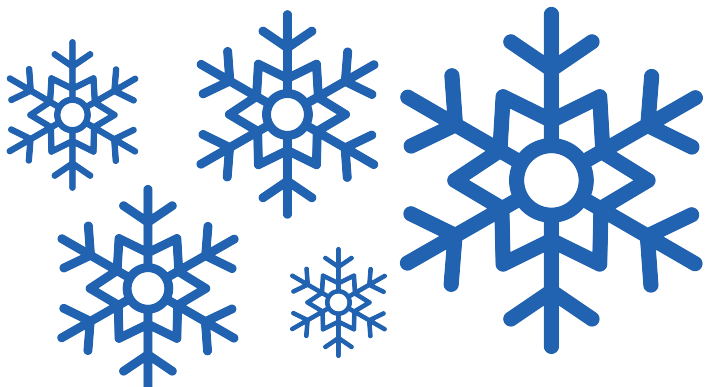
We will:

- Learn about Snow and how it's made
- Build your own snow-storm in a jar
- Make a frozen treat

Interested in signing up? Fill out the [Google Form!](#)



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Lamb Showing and Fitting Clinic



Join the Slark Family for the Lamb Showing and Fitting Clinic. Kylie and Gavin Slark will focus on working with your lamb to gain trust, bracing for show, setting legs, and fitting for show.

When: Sunday, March 23rd 1-approx. 3pm

Where: Slark Family Barn
W3772 Old Ditch Rd, Markesan, WI 53946

For questions or to RSVP, contact Amy slark at 920-420-6881

What's going on in Green Lake County?

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.



WI Youth Livestock Programs (WYLP):

Check out these awesome virtual Livestock Programs! All programs will be held from 6:30-7:30pm and are open to youth grades 3-13. These programs are a connection with UW-Madison Animal Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension.

- ***February 20 - Cooking with Beef**
- March 18th - Management for your Animal Project
- April 17th - Charcuterie Boards

For more information on the session, to register and to get all the necessary forms; check out the [Youth Livestock Extension page](#).

*Can't join during that time? Check out the recordings on the [WYLP Youtube](#).

What's going on in Green Lake?

Five County 4-H Camper Registration



Five County 4-H Camp Registration is LIVE! Now is the chase to register for a groovy time at 4-H Camp! Five County 4-H Camp is a partnership between Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, and Waushara to provide a totally rad summer camp experience. Try out your skills with a bow and arrow at archery, get creative during crafts, paddle out on the lake in a canoe or kayak, and make friends from across the Five Counties! Youth in 3-6th grade will be in Base Camp which provides a typical camp experience enjoy dining hall food, sleeping cabins, and all the regular fun of camp. Youth in 7-8th grade will be in Outpost Camp which provides a rustic feeling to camp by sleeping in platform tents, cooking some meals over the campfire, and more time with older youth campers. Have a friend who isn't in 4-H, bring them to enjoy the fun at camp and 4-H!

Camp is June 8-11 at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma. Transportation is not provided and is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Cost is \$50 for 4-H members and \$275 for non-members (Thank you to our Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Assoc. sponsoring 4-H members!) More information will be sent to campers after registration or can be found on the [GLC Extension Five County 4-H Camp!](#)



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

2025 Five County 4-H Summer Camp Registration

Camp Theme: "Never Underestimate the Power of a 4-H'er"

Location: Camp Lakotah

Drop off: Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.

Pick up: Wednesday, June 11 at 10 a.m.

Cost: \$50 for 4-H Members, \$275 for Non-Members

Thank you to Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association for sponsoring over 80% of the cost for our campers!

Join us for a groovy camp experience at Camp Lakotah for Five County 4-H Summer Camp! Our unique camp experience creates many options for our campers to learn and grow through experiential learning. We create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone to build skills they can use through their entire life. There are two camper experiences available:

Base Camp (3-6th Graders):

- Get Creative during Crafts!
- Become a sharp shooter at Archery!
- Explore the water through swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing!
- Come together and sing camp songs around a campfire!

Outpost Camp (7-8th Graders):

- Sleep in a raised platform Tent!
- Cook some meals and snack over the campfire!
- Explore the night sky with friends around the campfire!
- Experience more base camp fun with the outpost crew!

Instructions for Registration:

Complete registration form AND payment must be received by the Green Lake County Extension Office by April 15th to be considered registered. Please send payment to the following address:

Green Lake County Extension
571 County Road A
Green Lake, WI 54941

Registration may be submitted by email by clicking the "Submit Form" button below or printed and mailed. A print copy of this registration form is also available if you would prefer to complete by hand.

Please only provide mailing address, phone, and email for the first camper if all are the same. If you need to add more campers, please submit an additional form if completing digitally or write on additional sheet if completing a paper copy. For questions or assistance in completing the form, contact Brandon Springer by email at brandon.springer@wisc.edu or by phone at 920-294-4035!

Additional Information:

Once you are registered for camp, you will receive a packet full of information and more forms that will help your camper have a positive camping experience! We are also excited to again offer a Camper Orientation Zoom the week before camp (Sunday, June 1 at 6pm) to start building relationships, set expectations for our time together, and go over some of the information in the packet.

For more information on Five County 4-H Camp, check out the Green Lake County Extension website! Find out about where we camp, look at past schedules, and more!

Camper 1:

Name (First and Last):

Mailing Address: (City,
Street, Zip Code)

Grade:
(24-25 School Year)

Email:

Phone:

Cabin Assignment:

Is there anything we should know to help this camper have a positive camp experience?

Are you enrolled in 4-H?

Yes: No:

T-Shirt Size:

Camper 2:

Name (First and Last):

Mailing Address: (City,
Street, Zip Code)

Grade:
(24-25 School Year)

Email:

Phone:

Cabin Assignment:

Is there anything we should know to help this camper have a positive camp experience?

Are you enrolled in 4-H?

Yes: No:

T-Shirt Size:

Camper 3:

Name (First and Last):

Mailing Address: (City,
Street, Zip Code)

Grade:
(24-25 School Year)

Email:

Phone:

Cabin Assignment:

Is there anything we should know to help this camper have a positive camp experience?

Are you enrolled in 4-H?

Yes: No:

T-Shirt Size:

Camper 4:

Name (First and Last):

Are you enrolled in 4-H?

Yes: No:

Mailing Address: (City,
Street, Zip Code)

T-Shirt Size:

Grade:
(24-25 School Year)

Phone:

Email:

Cabin Assignment*:

Is there anything we should
know to help this camper have a
positive camp experience?

Accessibility and Accommodation:

Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service, or activity. For communicative accommodations in languages other than English, please contact oaic@extension.wisc.edu. For communicative accommodations based on a disability, please contact Heather Lipinski Stelljes at: heather.stelljes@wisc.edu for the public.

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Total 4-H Members:

X \$50 Total 4-H Member Cost:

Total Non-Members:

X \$275 Total Non-Member

Total Cost:

As a program of University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, the Five County 4-H Camp provides a supportive and welcoming environment to all. Camp will provide you with the opportunity to meet and learn with 4-H members and friends from across the 5-county area. Please feel free to contact Brandon Springer for anything regarding Five County 4-H Camp!

Email: brandon.springer@wisc.edu

Phone: 920-294-4035 M-F 8am-4:30pm

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What's going on in Green Lake County?

GLC 4-H Ambassadors

The Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors has been working hard at planning some awesome activities that you can expect to see soon! From trips to semi-local parks to activities at the fair. This group have been working hard at some fun and educational programs for you all to enjoy. Not only that, but they have found some time to enjoy themselves as well! The Ambassadors have gotten to make ice cream and try out wood burning. Sound like fun? Join the ambassadors by attending a meeting (Last Sunday of the Month at 6pm -GLC Government Building) OR contact the Extension Office!



Top: Check out our Ambassadors making their own ice cream!

Right: The Ambassadors carefully craft a wood-burned masterpiece.



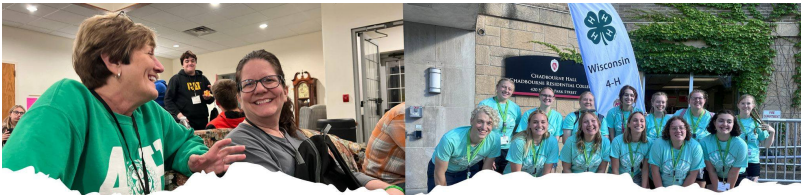
Show Pig Workshop

Our UW-Madison Extension State Swine Specialist is back! Come learn from all about Swine Nutrition, critical nutrients, top dresses (When, Why, and How), and trailer preparation and maintenance. This show pig workshop will be March 29th from 9-11am in the Green Lake County Government Center Training Room. Contact the Green Lake County Extension Office or email Regional Livestock Educator Adam Hartfiel (adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu) to register. This event can count as an educational event for Livestock Council!

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Green Lake County & Beyond

Summer Academy Positions Extended!



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:



APPLY NOW!



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 [Adult Advisors for State Experiences](#) page for more information!

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!

Fill out the [YAL Application](#) today!

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

Both Adult Advisor and YAL Position Applications Now Close March 15th!

Coming Soon...

Summer Academy

You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity! Summer Academy is a great chance to explore pathways to your future. From careers to hobbies, you'll get the chance to ignite your Spark in areas from Automotives to Culinary Arts to Civic Engagement. See what it's like living in dorms, eating dining hall food, and tour some campus buildings at UW-Madison. Don't just take my word for it, check out what last year's participants had to say in the [2024 Recap Video](#). Sign up will be available in mid-March! Summer Academy is June 16-19th. Cost is \$600 per youth with an optional additional \$50 for bus transport. State scholarships may be available. Green Lake County Leaders' Association scholarships for this event have passed, consider applying for 25-26 trips this fall!



Super Saturday Call for Volunteers!

A Super Saturday Event is coming your way soon! We are looking at hosting on the morning of May 10th, but we need volunteers. If you can lead a session or two, help supervise the sessions/transitions, and/or assist with set up/clean up then we want you! Volunteers are critical to having a successful day of learning.

Reach out to the Extension Office today to sign up, ask questions, or for help planning a super session!



Sheep Rate of Gain Weigh-In



Save the date! If you are interested in participating in the Sheep Rate of Gain Contest, mark your calendars for **May 3rd** for weigh-ins! More details to come!

WISCONSIN 4-H ARTS



Wisconsin 4-H State Photography Contest 2025

Calling all Photographers

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to reintroduce a state photography contest.

Who can enter?

Any active 4-H members in grades 3-13.

When is the contest?

The contest will be open no later than **March 1st** and will close on **April 1st at 11:59 pm**.

How do I enter my photos?

The contest will run through **4-H online**. Contest guidelines and how to upload your photo will be available through the 4-H online portal. Use this link: <https://25StatewidePhotoContest.4honline.com> to go to the contest. If you need accommodations, see your County Extension office and they can help you enter your photos.

Categories

This year members will be able to enter photos in the following categories...

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. 4-H Themed | 1. Textures |
| 2. People | 2. Landscape |
| 3. Animals/Wildlife | 3. Black and White only |

You may enter one photo in each category. **Photos must be taken in the last 12 months and be the work of the member.**

Entry fees

Each photo entry will cost the member \$3.00. The cost of the entry fee helps to pay for the printing, mounting and displaying of the photos. Any excess funds will support other 4-H arts activities.

Awards

Each photo will be judged by a group of skilled photographers. **The top photo in each category will be printed, mounted and displayed at the State 4-H office, be a part of the 4-H State Art show at Summer Academy, shared on the Wisconsin 4-H social media sites, and available for display at other statewide events.** Each category winner will be eligible for recognition for the overall best photo. Top photos will be used to promote the 2026 contest.

Copyright and Photo Releases

Each photographer will need to give 4-H permission to print, share and display your photos. Upon selection, permission is given only for public display, social media and any promotion for Wisconsin 4-H. Proper artist credit is always given. **You retain the rights to your photos.** [UW-Talent Release form](#).

Any photo with people in it will need the photographer to secure permission from the subjects. This is important so that we have the permission to share pictures of your subjects. You may opt out of having your photos shared on social media but still will need to secure permission for your photos to be displayed.

Learning about photography

Want to know how to take and edit good pictures? Review these resources for tips on how to improve your photography skills. You can also access our 4-H projects materials here: [Wi Photography Project Resources](#)

Why enter?

Having your work judged is a great way to build your skills as a photographer. You will engage in taking better pictures, evaluating your work based on what makes a good photo, set goals for future photos, and reflect on comments that can help you improve for next time. It is also a good way to practice for the fair. If you are in the photography project it is a good idea to have your work evaluated.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the contest please reach out to Jay Johnson at 920-449-0519 or jay.johnson2@wisc.edu



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