

To: All Columbia County 4-H Families and Others
From: Columbia County Extension



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The information in this email is being shared as a courtesy. If you have questions regarding subject matter, please reach out to directly to the contact person listed or your club leader as your initial point of contact. If you need further assistance, you can reach out to Sarah Millard at the Columbia County Extension office and she will do her best to get the information you are seeking. Your cooperation & patience is appreciated during this time of transition.

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Wisconsin 4-H Area Animal Science Days Registration Deadline is 5/25!

Has your team registered for Area Animal Science Day? The registration deadline is May 25th.

Registration - https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_exty2hzkrvm5vn0

Looking for more information like: the registration booklet with information about each contest, registration link, or tentative schedules for the day?

Check out this link and click on the plus symbol to expand any of the green topic areas:

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



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WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

1 Week Left to Register!

SHEBOYGAN - JUNE 15TH

CHIPPEWA - JUNE 17TH

**SEE THE POST FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON THE EVENT AND HOW TO REGISTER**



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Picture Yourself Learning with Us--Take & Learn/VLC Photography Series



Take & Learn and the [Virtual Learning Community](#) INVITE YOU(TH)

Join us for a NEW distance learning opportunity **open for all youth!** (Youth do not need to be enrolled 4-H members to participate).

This is a chance for us to learn together about our cameras and how to take even better photos! It doesn't matter if you use a phone, a point-and-shoot camera, or a DSLR camera. Any of those work, and we can't wait to see what you create.

This series is for all ages and abilities, but there are many ways for youth to choose to participate.

Archery Project Information

Archery Project members ~

Linda & Ryan Helmer are certified for 4-H shooting sports. They have agreed to help those members enrolled in archery interested in practicing and shooting a score for the fair. They will be holding some dates for practice and a fair score date.

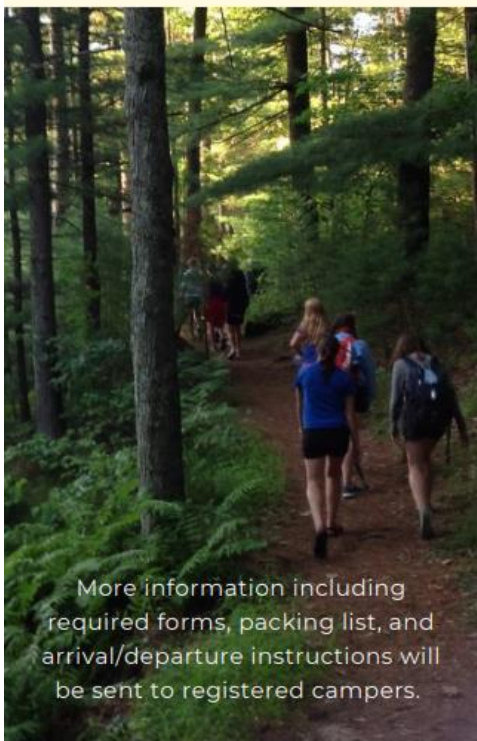
If you are interested and would like more information, please email the Helmer's at: lhelmer03@yahoo.com for more information about the dates, times & locations of the practices & scoring.

Summer Camp Opportunity

Youth who completed grades 3-8 are invited to attend Dane County 4-H Summer Camp.

Invite your friends to join you!
Not in 4-H? No problem, we welcome all youth!

Youth will experience camp activities, crafts, field games, camp songs, nature walks and more. Try new activities, have fun, and make friends.



More information including required forms, packing list, and arrival/departure instructions will be sent to registered campers.

2022 DANE COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP

Session 1:
July 25 - 28, 2022
Completed Grades 3-5

Session 2:
July 28 - 31, 2022
Completed Grades 6-8

Register by June 3, 2022
danecounty4H.org >4-H Camp

\$210.00 - Dane County 4-H Member
\$260.00 - General Camp Rate

Includes all supplies, meals and snacks.
***Financial Assistance Available**

Drop off and pick up at Upham Woods Camp

Times and more information will be available on
danecounty4H.org > 4-H Camp

Questions?
4Hinfo@countyofdane.com
www.danecounty4H.org



Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is a residential facility operated by the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) and located on the magnificent Wisconsin River and amidst the bluffs of Upper Wisconsin Dells.

Upham Woods
Outdoor Learning Center
N194 County Rd N
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965



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DANE COUNTY

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4-H Spark Days

This is a reminder that registration is now open in 4HOnline for the 4-H Spark Days in June! Each event has its own registration in 4HOnline. Please help promote this program to youth in your counties that are currently enrolled in grades 7-10. You can find more information about the program here:

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

For registration, costs are \$30 per person. If families need help with registration, you can include this information in your correspondence with them: "How to register: if families currently have a 4HOnline account, check out the instructions on [how to register here](#). If they do not currently have a 4HOnline account and would like to register, [check out the instructions here](#)."

Tractor Safety Class Scheduled

For those that are interested a Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification course will be offered in Arlington at the Ag Research Center. The course is in-person, June 20-24. Details can be found at <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/programs/youth-tractor-safety/>



[Youth Tractor Safety – Farm Management](#)

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Feel free to share this with families that may have an interest in attending.

To register, you can click on the link below.

<https://uwmadison.eventsair.com/youthtractor/register/Site/Register>

This course is not being planned by Columbia County Extension. If you need additional information, please reach out to Jim Versweyveld at (920) 342-3180 or jim.versweyveld@wisc.edu

**** ATTN: Columbia County Dog Project Members ****

Dog Project members if you wish to show at the Columbia County Fair Jr Dog Show you must sign up for and attend at least six of the training classes offered. Class information has been sent by email to all known Dog Project members as well as being posted on Facebook (closed group called WI Columbia County 4-H Dog Training - if not yet a member please fill out questions for approval).

Questions please contact Maureen Heider, maureenheider29@gmail.com.

State 4-H Dog Shows - Save the Date

Hi all, We are so excited that the Dane County Dog Project has stepped up to host the 2022 State 4-H Dog Shows.

There is more information below. I am including a graphic for local use and it has been shared on the [WI 4-H Facebook page](#) - if you would like to re-share the post from there.

Save the date for the WI 4-H State Dog Show - September 30th - October 2nd at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. A huge thank you to Dane County Dog Project for hosting the shows. This will include all state dogs shows - agility, obedience, showmanship, and quiz bowl. More information will be coming about registrations and what will be held on which day.

WI 4-H STATE DOG SHOWS

**(AGILITY, SHOWMANSHIP,
OBEDIENCE, AND QUIZ BOWL)**

Save the Date

SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, & OCT 2, 2022

**HOSTED BY DANE CO. 4-H DOG PROJECT
AT THE JEFFERSON CO. FAIRGROUNDS**



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4-H Member Graduation Form

Graduation for 4-H members is recognized each year. Please click the link below to complete the Google form, include a photo of yourself and submit or print off the Google form & mail to: Columbia County Extension, 112 E. Edgewater St., Rm. 212, Portage, WI 53901. If you have any questions, please call the Columbia County Extension office (608) 742-9680.



<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/4-h-member-graduation-form/>

Wisconsin Poultry Shows, Exhibitions Suspended thru May 31, 2022



datcp.wi.gov

Wisconsin Poultry Shows, Exhibitions Suspended Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 8, 2022

Contact: Kevin Hoffman, Public Information Officer, (608) 224-5005,
kevin.hoffman@wisconsin.gov

MADISON, Wis. – In an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is suspending all poultry shows, exhibitions and swap meets statewide through May 31, 2022.

DATCP had already suspended poultry exhibitions in Jefferson County after a commercial farm was confirmed with HPAI. [Minnesota](#), [Iowa](#), [Illinois](#), and [North Carolina](#) are just some of the states that have implemented similar restrictions on poultry events.

Poultry owners and those working with poultry are strongly encouraged to continue practicing [strict biosecurity](#) to protect their flocks. When possible, poultry owners are asked to keep their flocks indoors to prevent contact with wild birds.

Signs of HPAI in infected birds include:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Lack of energy or appetite
- Decrease in egg production; soft, misshapen eggs
- Purple discoloration of wattles, comb, and legs
- Difficulty breathing
- Rummy nose, coughing, sneezing
- Stumbling or falling down
- Diarrhea

To report increased mortality or signs of illness among domestic birds, contact DATCP at (608) 224-4872 (business hours) or (800) 943-0003 (after hours and weekend). Reports also can be emailed to datcpanimalimports@wisconsin.gov.

Additional resources

- [DATCP: HPAI in Wisconsin domestic birds](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services: Avian influenza and humans](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Avian influenza and wild birds](#)

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Find more DATCP news in our [newsroom](#), on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Lodi Agricultural Fair - July 7-10, 2022

Lodi Agricultural Fair will be here before you know it! Be sure to check the link below for information about the upcoming fair! Check out the Lodi Ag Fair Facebook page for the most up to date information. Entries will be accepted starting May 22nd through June 22nd - no exceptions.

<https://lodiagfair.com/>

Columbia County 2022 Fair - "Fair Lights, Country Nights" - July 27-31, 2022

Entries accepted starting May 1st but only until June 20th. Enter on-line! More information can be found by clicking the link below.

The paper copies of the Columbia County 2022 Fair books have arrived at the Extension office. If you would like one, please call (608-742-9688) before making the trip to the office to be sure someone is there.

<https://columbiacountyfairwi.org/exhibits>

Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community – Presenters Sought

Check out these links and see what's in store for the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community in 2022. If you'd like to be a presenter, log in now and share that interest so the planning committee can get you signed up. If you just want to learn, watch for announcements via 4-H online about educational learning opportunities from the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>

Sign up at the Qualtrics address below to be a presenter:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2idXsm8tPCVGILz

Columbia Co. 4-H Robotics Project Update—Gently Used and Functioning Lap Tops Needed

There is work being done to get a 4-H robotics project up and running again in Columbia County 4-H. The pandemic restricted the ability to meet, but now things are looking up. One part of the countywide project that is missing and necessary for success is a group of lap tops to use with the robots. Families can supply their own lap top as software for the Lego robots we have is FREE to download. When the robotics program was started, laptops were secured for the countywide project, but over time they are failing.

The robotics committee is asking if anyone recently purchased for themselves a new lap top and would be willing to donate their gently used and functioning lap top to the 4-H Robotics project group. If yes, please contact Sarah at sarah.millard@wisc.edu Thanks!!

4-H At Home

Check out this link to explore fun, educational activities and learning experiences for kids and teens to do at home.

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/#!/menu-builder>

Wisconsin State Fair Summer Internship Opportunity

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR
AUGUST 4-14, 2022 Presented By 



Experience. Learn. Make a Difference!

We have summer internship opportunities for dedicated and motivated individuals! We are looking for candidates who have a passion for agriculture, enjoy working with exhibitors, want to learn how to organize competitions and livestock shows, plus experience the best 11 days of summer at Wisconsin State Fair August 4-14, 2022.

Summer Internship Positions Available:

- **Livestock Coordinator** - Assist with setting up and running livestock shows and events.
- **Exhibitor Education Coordinator** - Create and execute exhibitor educational contests and programs.
- **Fairgoer Education Coordinator** - Coordinate the Compeer Financial Discovery Barnyard along with fairgoer education exhibits and oversee the care of exhibit livestock.
- **Entry Department** - Assist with data entry, exhibitor communication and customer service initiatives.

To apply, email your cover letter and resume to entryoffice@wistatefair.com. Please include the internship position(s) for which you are applying. Ideally, candidates would be able to start in May.

Idea For a 4-H Trip or Virtual Project Meeting -- "Doing DNA, The Code of Life" Field Trips with UW-Madison's Biotech Center — In Person or By Zoom

Come experiment with DNA, the code of life, with Liz Jesse and Tom Zinnen, Wisconsin 4-H state specialists at the BioTrek Outreach Program of the Biotechnology Center of UW-Madison.

- Explore how DNA is like an alphabet that cells use as the Recipe Card of Life.
- Puzzle over the Parable of the DNA Tube and analyze a sample of highly-purified DNA.
- Extract DNA glop from wheat seeds and build a model of single-stranded DNA.

You'll take home three DNA souvenirs to help you share your insights & know-how with your family and friends. Call Liz or Tom at 608 265 4457, or send them an email at biotrek@biotech.wisc.edu, to set up a date and time. Weekdays, weekday evenings, and Saturdays are available. You can

choose to come to campus in person, or we will Zoom to you at your place. Field trips are free. For Zooms, for a small fee we will ship to your club leaders the science kits you'll use for the DNA experiments.

Remember: Wisconsin 4-H is part of UW-Madison, and we want UW-Madison people & programs to be part of your 4-H experience, wherever you live and learn.

-Tom Zinnen, Biotech Lab UW-Madison

Wisconsin-flavored Science at “Wednesday Nite @ The Lab” by Zoom

4-H youth & adult volunteer -- tune in to the “Wednesday Nite @ The Lab” Zoom at 7pm to learn from UW-Madison researchers.

See <https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/>. Zoom at go.wisc.edu/240r59.

The Columbia County Plat Book -- Get Yours Today!

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association continues to offer plat books as a fundraiser. The 2021 Plat Book sells for \$35 and is available at the Extension Office, Johnson Sales (Arlington) and the Farmers and Merchants Union Banks of Columbus, Friesland, and Fall River. This plat book includes aerial photos of every township of the county in addition to the usual plat maps of each township. Get yours today and support Columbia County 4-H in the process. These make great gifts for friends, family and neighbors!



4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops in 2022

Registration information at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

Volunteers who are not currently 4-H leaders must meet the following requirements in order to access the 4-H Online registration form for a certification workshop:

1. Adults age 21 and over registering must be approved county 4-H leaders through 4-H Online.
2. Registration is only available through 4-H Online at “Events”.
3. Certification workshop fees are paid by credit card through 4-H Online when registering.
4. If a county is paying registration fees for their leaders, contact Doug Thompson or Justin Lieck for arrangements.
5. Complete the online National 4-H Shooting Sports training – this is a \$21 credit card fee separate from the certification workshop fee and paid at time of online training. (See the link above for training details.)
6. Online National 4-H Shooting Sports training can be completed prior to achieving county 4-H leader status.

Saturday Certification Schedule – Additional Dates for 4-H Volunteer Training in 2022! Get certified to teach 4-H Shooting Sports Today!

To Register for a Certification Workshop, scroll down to find a Saturday workshop you would like to attend and then log into your 4-H Online account to register.

2022 Western Workshop, Eau Claire, WI (Registration open March 1, 2022)

Date: May 21, 2022, Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: May 14, 2022

Location: **Rifle & Shotgun** – 8AM report to Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club, [801 Schoettl Ave, Eau Claire, WI](#)

Location: **Archery** – 8AM Mouldy's Archery, 2863 South Prairie View Rd., Chippewa Falls, WI
<https://www.mouldysarchery.com/>

2022 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI (Registration open August 1, 2022)

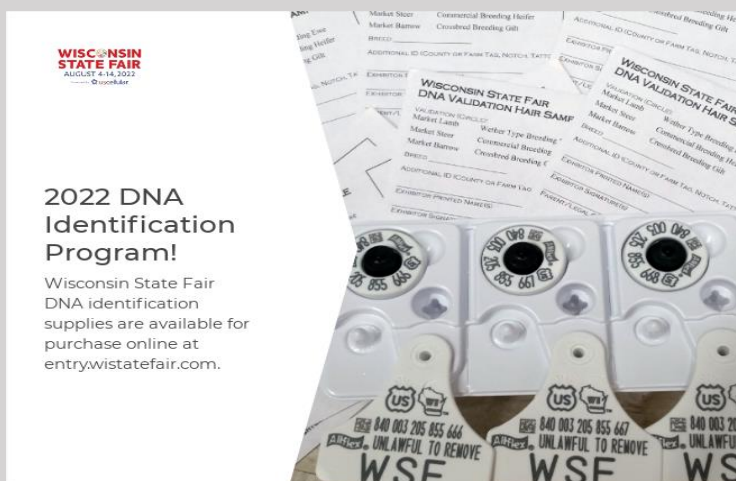
Date: September 17, 2022, Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2022

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, [11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449](#)

Wisconsin State Fair DNA Identification Program



DNA Identification technologies have proven to be instrumental in safeguarding the reputation and integrity of our State's Youth livestock programs. DNA identification must be submitted to be eligible for all 2022 Wisconsin State Fair Championship awards in the market and non-registered breeding stock shows of the Junior Beef, Sheep and Swine Divisions. Wisconsin State Fair's process for 2022 DNA identification is as follows:

840 Ear Tag Identification:

Wisconsin State Fair requires an 840 ear tag as official animal identification. 840 RFID ear tags are preferred but any official 840 ear tag is accepted. The 15-digit sequence of numbers which begin with 840 will be recognized by Wisconsin State Fair as the individual animal identification number. Wisconsin State Fair sells individual 840 RFID ear tags but 840 ear tags do not need to be purchased through Wisconsin State Fair.

DNA Identification Sample Envelopes:

Sample envelopes are used to collect and submit DNA samples for animals in the market and non-registered breeding stock shows in the Junior Beef, Sheep and Swine Divisions. Envelopes purchased from Wisconsin State Fair must be returned

to Wisconsin State Fair (see submission information below).

Purchases through Wisconsin State Fair:

Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification 840 ear tags and sample envelopes are available for purchase online by credit card at entry.wistatefair.com. At the present time, due to COVID-19, walk-up orders will not be accepted at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

- DNA Identification Sample Envelope: \$7.00
- 840 RFID Ear Tag: \$8.00

- DNA Identification Sample Envelope and 840 RFID Ear Tag: \$15

Wisconsin State Fair DNA Identification Submission Date:

Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification sample envelopes must be returned postmarked on (or before) May 25, 2022*. At the present time, due to COVID-19, in-person dropoffs of DNA identification will not be accepted at Wisconsin State Fair Park. DNA identification may only be returned via mail, Fed Ex or UPS. DNA sample envelopes being sent to Wisconsin State Fair should be addressed to:

Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214

***PLEASE NOTE:** Junior market beef, sheep and swine and non-registered breeding stock without DNA identification postmarked/delivered by May 25, 2022, are eligible to show at Wisconsin State Fair but are not eligible for champion awards.

County Fair DNA Programs:

Wisconsin State Fair recognizes and accepts DNA identification from County Fair programs which use *Animal ID Inc.* as their DNA service provider. Any DNA identification sample envelopes purchased through a County Fair program must be submitted back to the respective County where purchased. DNA identification samples postmarked/delivered on (or before) May 25, 2022, will be recognized as meeting Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification requirements.

Reminder!

Purchasing and/or submission of 840 ear tags or DNA sample envelopes is NOT entry in the 2022 Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibitors must enter the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show online at wistatefair.com in a separate process in late spring.

Please contact Wisconsin State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com with additional DNA identification questions.

Purchase Wisconsin State Fair 840 Ear Tags and DNA Sample Envelopes

4-H Wants YOU to be YOU

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/the-movement/>

Written by [Justin Lieck](#)
Posted on February 9, 2022



4-H Needs YOU to be YOU | 4-H necesita que tu seas tu | 4-H xav kom Koj yog Koj

Have you heard about Chris Clover and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement? Hopefully, you have and are ready to join in on Chris Clover's next adventure. This time it's all about YOU. We hope you'll help us learn something new through the "We Want You To Be You Shirt Design Challenge."

The Challenge

We're excited to learn about what is important to YOU in this new challenge. We hope you'll help us by designing a shirt for Chris Clover so we can share with everyone else! Here's more information:

[Design Contest Poster \(PDF\)](#)

[Design Contest Poster \(digital\)](#)

Here's what to do:

Download the Chris Clover shirt template from the options below, or if you want to create your own or free draw, please do!

1. [PDF Printable](#)
2. [Digital Graphic \(PNG Transparent\)](#)
3. [Digital Graphic \(PNG white\)](#)
4. [Digital Graphic \(Adobe Illustrator editable\)](#)
5. Create your shirt about a cause, project, history, anything important to you.

Write about your shirt and any information or resources you have that will help others learn. Submit your design at <http://bit.ly/wi4hmovementpic>

We can't wait to learn about what is important to you! For more information about Chris Clover and The Wisconsin 4-H Movement, please visit <http://cc.wi4h.org>.

Designs must uphold the values of Wisconsin 4-H and may need to be edited to fit the Chris Clover design. By submitting a design, you agree for it to be used on social media and for promotional and educational purposes.

For communicative accommodations in languages other than English, please contact oaic@extension.wisc.edu.

Para pedir adecuaciones para la comunicación en un idioma distinto al inglés, favor de comunicarse con: oaic@extension.wisc.edu.

Rau kev sib tham pab cuam rau qhov lwm yam lus ntawm lus As Kiv (English), thov sau ntawv rau: oaic@extension.wisc.edu.

[4-H Policy Update of Wisconsin 4-H COVID – 19 Policy – Updated 3/1/22](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/)
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/>

[Wisconsin 4-H Website](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/)

It's full of information! Be sure to check this site out often. Find it at this link!

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

[Email Newsletter Online!](https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-newsletters/)

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