

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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[Online Youth Tractor Safety Registration Re-opened & Accepting Registrations](#)

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Registration for Tractor Safety Virtual Course Now Open

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Tractor Safety Virtual Course (online, open to WI residents)

July 11-15 8:30-12:00 with driving exams TBD

<https://uwmadison.eventsair.com/july22/register>

Questions about the program can be directed to farms@extension.wisc.edu

Create Your 4-H Club Planter for Entry in the Columbia County Fair

Rob from Link's Greenhouse is willing to give Columbia County 4-H clubs the opportunity to decorate the Columbia County Fairgrounds with beautiful planters during the county fair.

The theme for this year's fair is "Fair Lights, Country Nights". Club members **must** do the work of creating these planters. Your club must have submitted an entry form by the **June 20th deadline**. Clubs need to bring their own planter, and are encouraged to be creative as well as choosing a container that is large enough, yet easy to move.

Link's will provide the planting medium, and flowers and plants used in the planters. Please bring their own trowels and tools. If your club would be interested in creating a planter for the fair, reach out to Rob at Link's Greenhouse to arrange a time. You can reach him at: (608) 742-6758. If you have any additional questions, directly contact Rob at Link's Greenhouse.

Photography Volunteer Opportunity

Dear 4-H Club Leaders, Photography Project Leaders, and FFA Advisors,

My name is Cathy Daentl, and I am the Photography Superintendent at the Columbia County Fair. At the end of the 2021 Columbia County Fair, the shiny paper that covered the walls of the Photography Exhibit was removed. It was torn, full of holes, and had served its time and purpose.

In order to show off the photos (and hide the very ugly walls), new paper needs to be mounted before the coming fair. I am requesting your help as this is a big job. Here are the details:

- *When: The afternoon of the Fair Clean-Up Day: July 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm*
- *Who: Adults and older youth, parents, and Open Class exhibitors. We will be climbing ladders & using staple guns.*
- *Materials Needed: staple guns, ladders, scissors, measuring tape*

14-18 people are needed to help with this, but the work will get done faster with more. Tasks include cutting the paper, carrying it from the fair office to the building, positioning & stapling, and securing the ladders for safety.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me at: 608-617-7856
or ccdaentl@gmail.com.

On behalf of the exhibitors and visitors to the fair, thank you in advance for your help.

Cathy Daentl

Superintendent of Photography

Archery Project Information Update

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 have scheduled and location dates for practice and a fair score date.

Practice times

Saturday, July 2nd 9am-11am

Wednesday, July 6th 5pm-7pm

Fair shoot Wednesday, July 13th 5pm-8pm

All practices and the fair shoot will be at Montello Bowbenders, N 3736 State Rd 22, Montello, Wi. To qualify for the fair shoot you must attend a minimum of 1 practice. This will be an indoor target shoot only. If you have any questions please contact Linda at 608-697-7097 or Ryan at 608-697-6336.

If you are interested and would like more information, please email the Helmer's at:

lhelmer03@yahoo.com or call them at the numbers above for more information about the dates, times & locations of the practices & scoring.

Learn More Challenge Deadline June 30th

Livestock Educational Cards, available at <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information/animal-sciences/> are due **June 30th**. Youth, who complete and submit a livestock educational card for their specific animal species, will be eligible for a cash prize to purchase animal science project supplies for the next 4-H year.

Details about the Columbia County "Learn More" Challenge Program are explained here. The Columbia County Livestock Committee developed the "Learn More" Challenge program to encourage youth to increase their knowledge of the species they exhibit. Youth accomplish this by taking advantage of the many great learning opportunities available to them and completing three or more educational events. As they do this, they complete an Educational Card for their animal species and collect signatures from the presenters. (Note: If youth participate in more than one species, they must complete three or more learning opportunities for each species.) Once the learning is complete, participants submit their educational cards and then have the chance to win special awards for participating. Awards are presented in the following categories: Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, and Avian/Poultry Remember: The more activities you attend, the more chances you have to win! (For example, 3 educational sessions = 1 chance; 4 educational sessions = 2 chances; 5 educational sessions = 3 chances; and so on). Again, the Livestock Educational Cards are available online at <https://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projectinformation/animal-sciences/> or upon request from the Columbia County Extension Office. Completed educational cards are due each year on June 30th to the Livestock Committee (c/o Columbia County Extension, Administration Building, Rm. 212, 112 E. Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901.) Shortly after the deadline date, the livestock committee will draw for prizes and the awards are then presented each year at the Columbia County Fair. Be sure

to get started early by obtaining a Livestock Educational Card for the species of your animal(s) and then complete three or more of the listed sessions on the educational card throughout the program year, but prior to June 30th (Note: Only 1 YQCA session per year is allowed.)






Calling All Creative Youth



**Calling All Creative, Artistic, and
Crafty Youth!**

Entries are open for Youth Exhibits! Youth from Wisconsin, ages 12-19 as of January 1st of the current Fair year, may enter projects for judging and exhibition.

The Youth Exhibits competition features the following divisions:

-  Arts & Crafts
-  Mechanical Sciences, Woodworking & Natural Resources
-  Photography, Black and White
-  Photography, Color
-  Textiles & Home Furnishing

Entry Deadline: Monday, July 25 – 5 pm Central Standard Time

New for 2022 - County Fair Judge's Favorite award: The Judge's Favorite award is given to County Fair project exhibits of outstanding quality. Judge's Favorite award-winners are eligible to advance to Wisconsin State Fair with no entry fees.

Projects no longer need to be exhibited or selected at a Wisconsin County Fair/District Fair. Review the [entry information](#) or submit your nominations [here](#).

[Learn More!](#)

Entry information can be found at this link: https://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/?utm_source=Wisconsin+State+Fair+Exhibitors&utm_campaign=daf9ecef6c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_06_08_06_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_eaf6025a90-daf9ecef6c-52191165&mc_cid=daf9ecef6c&mc_eid=a803f77f06

Nomination submissions can be done at this link: https://entry.wistatefair.com/?utm_source=Wisconsin+State+Fair+Exhibitors&utm_campaign=daf9ecef6c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_06_08_06_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_eaf6025a90-daf9ecef6c-52191165&mc_cid=daf9ecef6c&mc_eid=a803f77f06

**** 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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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.

[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.

-Tom Zinnen, Biotech Lab UW-Madison

[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 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](https://www.wisconsin.gov/4h/central-workshop)

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 ntauv 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/)

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-newsletters/>

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