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DUNN COUNTY 4-H



Educator Update

Hello 4-H Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we all know, this is a time to share what we are thankful for. I am truly thankful for the members, parents, volunteers, and everyone else in the Dunn County 4-H community. We have a great program here in Dunn County, and it is largely because of all of you. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you, and look forward to seeing more of the 4-H community at a club meeting or event.

This month's newsletter is jam packed with things to be thankful for. Whether it be a county-wide activity, project meeting, state trip, or county or state competition, I hope you can find something that sparks your interest.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and as always, please reach out if I can help you in any way.

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Announcements

Dunn County 4-H Food Drive

Dunn County 4-H is sponsoring a food drive for all clubs that wish to participate. If your club votes to participate, here is what you need to do:

- Collect Non-perishable food items and bring them to your December **OR** January meeting.
- E-mail a picture of the club members with the items **AND** the total amount of items collected to zachary.rozmiarek@wisc.edu.
- Donate the items to the food pantry of your choice. You can also bring them to the extension office and we will donate them for you.



The club with the most non-perishable food items per member will receive an ice cream sundae and root beer float party at their next meeting! (non-dairy options will be available upon request)

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4-H Thrive Survey

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey will help your county educator and Wisconsin 4-H learn about the quality of their programs. The survey will be sent to all 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who

complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card! For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, visit the 4-H Thriving Model website below.

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.

[4-H Thriving Model](#)

2024-2025 Meat Animal Project Scholarship

The Meat Animal Project scholarship is open to all MAP members. It can be used for purchasing an animal or supplies you may need for the project. There are more

details in the application form below. Scholarship applications are due December 31st. Reach out to Jessie Singerhouse at Fullhousefarms16@gmail.com with any questions.



[MAP Scholarship Form](#)



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Photography Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025. Follow the link below to learn more!

[Celebrate the Arts Photography Contest](#)

Space Camp!

Registration for 2025 4-H Space Camp is open in 4HOnline! Registration is open to youth in grades 6-8 who are new to Space Camp. Space Camp will take place from May 1-5, 2025. This educational experience is a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn about aerospace, STEM, explore Space Camp, meet new people, and more! Registration is open until December 15th. You can read more on at the website below.

[Space Camp!](#)



Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

4-H Informational Zooms

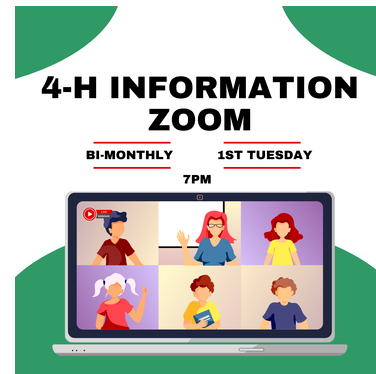
The next 4-H Informational Zoom will be on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm**. The topics for December will include:

- Speaking and Demonstration Contest
- Performing Arts Festival
- Camp

This is also a great place to ask questions and learn more about the 4-H program. If you have a question or topic you would like covered, you can fill out the form below and let us know!

[Zoom Questions Form](#)

[Zoom Link](#)



Dog Pictures with the Grinch

The fantastic dog project leaders are inviting all Dunn County 4-H members AND their K-9 companions to get a holiday picture with the Grinch.

The event will happen on **December 9th at 6pm** in room 101 of the **Dunn County Government Building**. Reach out to Zachary.rozmiarek@wisc.edu if you have any questions.

Small Animal Project Kick off Meeting

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Join the Small Animal Project on **December 10th at 6:30pm in Room 60 of the Dunn County Government Building**. They will be going over information for first time members as well as discussing what the project would like to do this year.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the project and what it takes to raise rabbits or poultry. Everyone is invited, even if you don't own small animals!



Speaking and Demonstration Contest

- Thursday, January 23rd, 5pm
- Registration Due January 9th
- Elk Mound High School
- Grades K-12
- Free!

The 2025 Tri-County Speaking and Demonstration Festival is a fantastic opportunity for youth to develop skills, share their passions, and boost their confidence! Youth can present as a reading, speech or demonstration alone or as a dynamic duo. Participants will practice essential communication skills, inspire others, and have a chance to shine in a supportive environment. Learn more and register at the link below.

[4-H Speaking and Demostration Contest](#)

YAC Holiday Service Night!

- Tuesday, December 17th 6:30pm
- Room 60 of the Dunn County Government Building
- Youth Grades 6 and up

Join the Youth Activities Council for a Holiday Community Service Activity.

The YAC will be making tie blankets to donate to a local charity. There will also be music, hot chocolate, holiday movies, games, and a lot of holiday cheer! Come hang out with other Dunn County youth and give back to the community. All members in grades 6+ are invited to participate.



Art U 2025!

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- Mondays from February 2nd - March 10th
- 6:30- 7:30pm
- K-6 virtual, 7+ in person at UW- Stout
- \$5 for 4-H members, \$10 for Non Members
- Registration now open, closes January 5th

Art U is Back! Join us for what has become our most popular County Wide Program.

Art U is a collaboration between 4-H and the UW-Stout Art Ed Department. Art Ed students will teach a series of 5 art classes virtually (grades k-6) and in person (grades 7+). The youth in the virtual session will be divided up by grade level, so everyone will have a unique experience that is right for them! Register now with the link below.

[Art U Registration](#)

Camp Counselor Application Now Open!

We are looking for youth in 9th grade and up to be counselors at 4-H camp. Camp will be from June 9-12, 2025. There are also three in person trainings to attend prior to camp: February 8-9 (overnight), May 4 and June 8.

Being a camp counselor is a great way to build leadership skills, make new friends, and share your passions with youth. No experience? No Problem! We will train you to give you the skills you need to be an effective camp counselor. Follow the link below to learn more and apply.



[Camp Counselor Application](#)

County-Wide Meetings and Events

County-Wide Project meetings are open to any 4-H member who meets the age criteria. If you are unsure about adding a project area, these meetings are an excellent way to explore and learn more. Reach out to the extension office or project leaders for more information.

Projects can be added any time before May 15th in 4honline.com

Project	Meeting Date and Time	Topic
4-H Information Zoom	Tuesday, December 3rd, 7pm Via Zoom	Speaking Contest, Performing Arts Festival, Camp
Dog Project	Monday, December 9th, 6pm, Room 101 County Government Building	Pictures with Grinch- all are Welcome
Small Animal	Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30pm, Room 60 County Government Building	First time member information, project planning
Youth Activities Council	Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30pm, Room 60, County Government Building	Holiday Service Night
County Government Building, 3001 Hwy 12 E, Menomonie, WI 54751		

Support Opportunities

Trip Funding

The Dunn County Leaders Council is excited to help fund your 4-H trip or activity! The Leaders Council is committed to funding 25% of all state and national trips and activities. The Leaders Council may fund at greater amounts depending on the number of participants and budgetary allowances.

[Trip Funding Application](#)

Youth Support Fund

The Youth Support Fund is largely supported by donations from community members and businesses. Its purpose is to reduce the cost barrier associated with 4-H events and activities. If you are planning to participate in a 4-H event and feel like you could benefit from this fund, reach out to the extension office at zachary.rozmiarek@wisc.edu for more information.

Club and Leader Information

New Volunteer Training

All returning Volunteers are required to take the "Supporting Youth, Supporting You" training. Please take a moment to check your 4H Online account to see if you are missing any trainings. A link to training information is below.

[Training Information](#)

Leaders Council

The next Leaders Council Meeting will be on Thursday, February 6th at 6:30pm in the County Government Building. Please attend if you are available.

[Dunn County Club Meeting Schedule & Leader Information](#)

4-H On the Air Schedule

4-H On the Air is a fun and unique opportunity for the youth, and a great way to promote your club and Dunn County 4-H. Interviews can be done at the station or by phone.

If you are listed here, please take a moment to connect with WAXX: farm@midwestfamilyec.com or call Jill at 715-852-2659.

4-H On The Air 2025 Schedule



Month	Primary Club	Secondary Club
December	Small Animal	22ers
January	Missouri Valley	22ers
February	Hay River Helpers	Cedarlings

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