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Exploring 4-H – Let’s Talk about 4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their interests and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth’s interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Cultural Arts
- Family, Home, & Health
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM
- Start Your Own

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as Cloverbuds. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website:

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

What resources are available?

Each county’s 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Kewaunee County offers a number of countywide, short-term workshops, meetings, and activities. There is also 4-H literature that families are able to order – this is especially helpful for those projects that do not have a county or club leader but is something a member wants to learn more about or explore. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!

What if my county or club doesn’t offer a project?

Anywhere can a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from shop4-h.org or the Extension office.

What’s happening in your club or project?

We would love to see pictures and hear about what is happening in your clubs and projects to share with our 4-H community. We have seen some awesome virtual activities, speakers, and projects. Send your pictures and short descriptions to Jill at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu and she would share them in our monthly Extension Connection Newsletter

Check out these fun club and group happenings from around the county:

Silver Creek Cubs has been working on several activities. Club leader Heather has been door dropping fun craft activities for members to complete on their own time and share at meetings. For their January meeting, they came up with a picture scavenger hunt where families were sent a list of clues and they went as families to take pictures around town of answers related to those clues. At the meeting they each showed on zoom the pictures they took related to the clues. They were creative and beautiful. Check out the two below from Heather and her son Brady.



Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) 2021 Educational Programs

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these **LIVE Virtual Zoom** educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.

For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events, please go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>. On this webpage you can also complete an educational verification form and turn it into your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

February 11 - Feeding & caring for Swine without Ractopamine

March 11 - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products

April 8 - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras

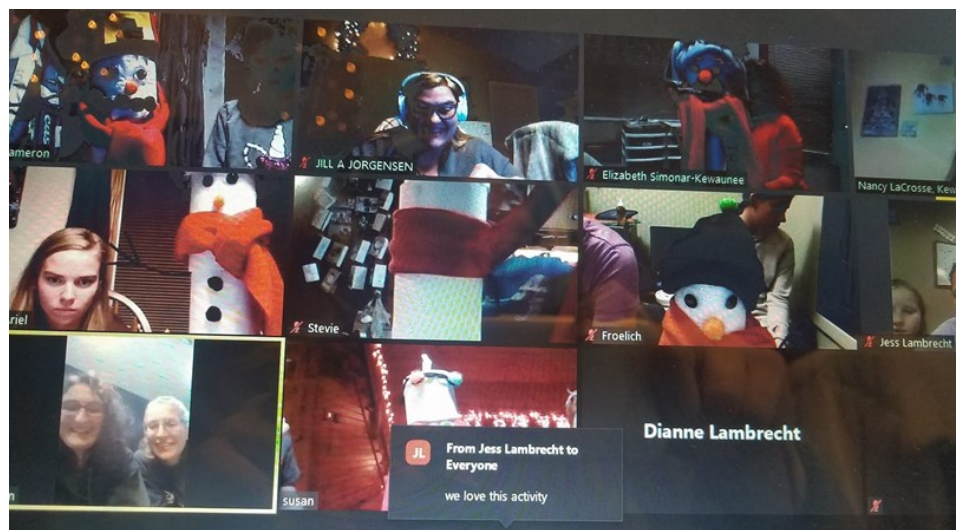
May 13 - Meat Science Cookery

Miss a session and want to watch the recording? Visit: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/>

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh> or contact Bernie O’Rourke, UW- Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program. Website - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/> YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mPVKo63rmBr5s3kFyvX9g> Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>

Stars of Carlton made plunger snowmen at their January meeting. They are also working on creating snowflakes to give to local assisted living facilities to drop off for residents. They will be working on valentines for residents in February.





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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification

The YQCA program is a youth education certification program on the issues of animal welfare, food safety and character education.

For 2021, this certification will be required of:

- **Kewaunee County Fair Animal Exhibitors (Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits)** – must complete and submit certification number as part of the Kewaunee County Fair entry process.
- **WI State Fair Junior Animal Exhibitors (Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits)** – must complete and submit certification number as part of WSF entry process.

The 2021 Certificate must be completed for the Kewaunee County fair. Prior year's certificates will not be accepted.

All 2021 YQCA Training options **MUST** be registered and paid for online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io>

Option A – Web-Based Online Training (60-90 minutes) – Available 24/7 which allows exhibitors flexibility to take course at their convenience; Will contain 3 modules, tailored to youth age categories (ages 8-11, 12-14, 15-18 & 19-21); Each module will conclude with a 10 question quiz, with opportunities to go back into the modules to find the correct answers or retake the quiz after 1 hour; Must register online at a cost of \$12/person/year for the online training and **MUST** be paid online.

Option B – Test Out – Youth ages 12(\$36), 15(\$48), and 19(\$36) may choose the test out option. Youth must score 80% or better and you will only be charged if you pass the test. If you don't pass, you will be instructed to take the web-based training. If you pass, you will need to retest when you reach the next age split.

Steps for Getting Your YQCA Certification:

For step-by-step instructions, please visit the website and you can download the directions: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewaunee4h/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/>

Create An Account—Go to: <https://yqca.learnrow.io>

- 4-H Exhibitors—Please sign in using the “4HOnline” option. This will save you re-entering all of your contact info.
- FFA Exhibitors—Please sign in using the “Independent Sign In” option.

Select a Course—it is IMPORTANT to select the correct course for the youth's age, as of Dec. 31, 2020.

Purchase a Course—Select the state, and then Web-Based (\$12) Training. **MUST pay online for the course.**

Keep a copy of your receipt/confirmation.

Submitting Certificate of Completion—Once the training is complete, return to the course menu screen to download a PDF of the Certificate of Completion with the youth's unique certificate number. **Certificates must be submitted for the Kewaunee County Fair.**

Please contact the Extension Kewaunee County at (920)388-7141 or (920)388-7185 to help with any questions.

New State 4-H Website

Check out the improved WI 4-H website. It has great information about project areas, educational trips and activities, policies, volunteer resources and much more.

You can find the updated website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

4-H FAQs Related to COVID-19

Are you looking for the latest 4-H updates from the state office related to Covid-19 and 4-H procedures? Find them at this website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

Anytime there is a related update, it will be posted to the site.



Cloverbud Leader Learning Activities

There are now three years of amazing Wisconsin Cloverbud Learning Activities available for you to use! Cloverbud Resources

Our year-three lesson plans for Cloverbud are now available. We are excited for this installment of learning activities for youth in five-year-old kindergarten through second grade. These lesson plans follow our experiential learning model and include materials and supplies which are affordable and accessible for all.

You can download the lesson plans on the Cloverbuds website:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/activity-plans/>

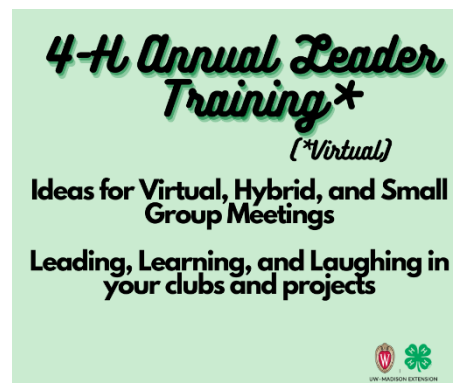
Click the Unlock Activities button. That will take you to a short survey. After you complete the survey, you'll be able to view the materials.

You don't have to search high and low for lesson ideas for youth in kindergarten to 2nd grade. Everything you need is right at your fingertips!

- Three years of lessons with nine lessons per year
- Three-year rotation so Cloverbuds will not have to repeat any activities
- Easy to plan and lead lessons.

Thank you for volunteering your time to provide programming to youth across the state. We could not offer high quality programs without your help.

Annual Leader Training Recorded Videos



Are you looking for the recorded videos of annual leader training? If you missed one, want to watch it again, or need access to the handouts, you can find all of that information here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/>

State 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Each year, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors provide funding for educational scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H youth. They provide these scholarships in order to show our appreciation for your accomplishments as a result of your 4-H experiences, and to support your future educational goals.

If you have been actively involved in 4-H, then you should consider applying for one of the many scholarships offered by the foundation.

Applications must be word processed or typed and are usually due in February. More information can be found at:

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> or by e-mailing Jill at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu

Kewaunee County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Are you in grades 12 or 13, a current or past Kewaunee County 4-H member, and are looking for financial help with post secondary education? Then check out these scholarship opportunities on the website at:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewaunee4h/scholarships/>

Clover Connections Videos

Are you a club or project leader looking for ideas as we begin this new 4-H year? We've been working on a new video series to help you connect with your club members, run meetings and much more. There are idea for virtual, hybrid, and small group in person meetings. We'll release a new Clover Connections video each week! Watch our social media channels for links and more information!



The videos can be found at: <http://bit.ly/CloverConnections>