



Sept/Oct 2023

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Wow! Another 4-H year is about to begin. Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year begins Saturday, September 2 - see inside for more information. Summer was full of 4-H activities - see inside for pictures from various events. I enjoyed seeing many of you and your exhibits at the Taylor County Fair. The fair is a great venue for showcasing the work 4-H members have done and what they have learned throughout the past 4-H

Now it is time to get those record books completed. Here is a quote from a former 4-H member, now a doctor, concerning the value of record books - ***"They talk about college applications & let me just tell you, as much as I didn't like filling out that 4-H record book (so boring!), it was an INCREDIBLE help when doing my college (and even med school) applications because I had all my volunteer and leadership positions right in front of me!"***

Lots of opportunities are available in the coming 4-H year! Choose what works for you, get involved, and enjoy the journey!

Julie Diepenbrock  
4-HProgram Educator





2023-24

# 4-H ENROLLMENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2ND!

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT:

[taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-clubs/](http://taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-clubs/)

TO REGISTER, VISIT:

[v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)



## *Enrollment Deadlines:*

**November 1**—Deadline for 4-H re-enrollments. Youth who have been absent/inactive for more than 12 months are considered a new member upon joining 4-H again.

**March 1**—Deadline for 4-H members to sign up for all 4-H projects if they plan on exhibiting at the county fair.

**After March 1**—Youth may still join 4-H, but will not be allowed to exhibit at the Taylor County fair. Youth enrolling after March 1 may still participate in 4-H programs and activities as a member.



# LEGO ROBOTICS!



All youth 2nd-6th grades are invited and encouraged to join in the fun and learning. We will get together to build and learn using our LEGO WeDo Kits! If you love building and creating, this is a great opportunity for you!

**Held monthly starting September 11th, 2nd  
Monday of each month from 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**COST: FREE!**

**WESTERN TAYLOR COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY - GILMAN**



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# TRICK or TREAT

FOR THE HUNGRY

YLO: WE WILL HAND OUT DOOR HANGERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AND PICK UP

DONATIONS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH



**4-H Discovery Days**

**Saturday, October 28th**

Please contact Julie if you would be willing to help with activities for 4-H Discovery Days at Huey's Children's Museum.

**Interested? Send an email to Julie Diepenbrock at [Julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu](mailto:Julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu)**

**Help Wanted/Youth  
Opportunity**



**2023 Harvest Day Parade**

Taylor County 4-H will be participating in the Harvest Day Parade in Medford on Sunday, October 29th. We will walk with our banners, 4-H attire and hand out candy, etc. Please coordinate with your clubs who plans to walk in the parade and let Katie Krause know at [knkappraisals@tds.net](mailto:knkappraisals@tds.net) or Julie Diepenbrock at [Julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu](mailto:Julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu)



**2024  
FOODSTAND  
MANAGER  
NEEDED**

If you are interested, send an email to 4-H Educator Julie Diepenbrock at [julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu](mailto:julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu)



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**Current Members:** As soon as the system performs year end and rolls over our data to the new year, families can go in and start re-enrolling. The system processing shouldn't take much time at all, so Saturday, September 2nd the system will be ready to start accepting re-enrollments.

Returning members and leaders: we suggest logging in as soon as possible to re-enroll so you don't forget. Re-enrollment will go through Wednesday, November 1st. When you log in to re-enroll, follow these steps:

- Update your contact information if anything has changed
- Update project areas (delete old or add new)
- Review and confirm the waivers and agreements
- Update your health information.

Once you have completely updated your profile, click submit. If you need assistance with enrollment or access to internet, you can stop by the Extension Office during office hours, but remember to bring your 4HOnline password.

It is imperative that members enroll or re-enroll on time **by November 1**. These deadlines are set by the State Office for grant reporting information. Please make sure to give yourself enough time to complete your enrollment so we can have a great 2023-24 4-H Year!

**New members:** To enroll in 4-H for the first time, please go to [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) and create a family profile. It is suggested that you also visit or contact the Extension Office to learn more about 4-H, and/or go to [taylor.extension.wisc.edu](https://taylor.extension.wisc.edu) and look under the 4-H tab to view helpful information for new members, including choosing a club.



# New Family Orientation



Welcome to 4-H

## NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

JOIN

Taylor County 4-H Educator, Julie Diepenbrock to learn more about 4-H & what to expect as a member.

Monday, October 30  
7-8 pm  
Extension Taylor County  
925 Donald Street, Mtg Rm 2  
Medford



Register @  
[tinyurl.com/4Hnewfamily](https://tinyurl.com/4Hnewfamily)



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## Project Information



**2023 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI**

**Date: September 16, 2023**

**Time: 8AM – 5PM**

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

Registration Information: Registration deadline is **September 8, 2023**. Register here: [tinyurl.com/shootingsportssept16](https://tinyurl.com/shootingsportssept16)

Payment will be done through the Brown County Extension webpage – information about payment will be included after you fill out the registration form above.

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, [11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449](https://www.cwsportsmen.com)



# Project Information



## Upcoming Events

**Event:** Black River Riders September Fun Show w/4D Barrels

**When:** Saturday, September 9

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** N1307 Wren Drive, Medford

**Event:** Pleasure Fun Show

**When:** Saturday, September 23

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Circle T Saddle Club, 14128 Gorman Avenue, Thorp

**Event:** September Speed Show

**When:** Sunday, September 24

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Circle T Saddle Club, 14128 Gorman Avenue, Thorp

**For those of you signed up for Horse and Horseless Projects, stay informed by following Taylor County 4-H Horse Project on Facebook!**



## **WHC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**The Wisconsin Horse Council proudly offers the WHC Scholarship Program each year, and the recipients receive their scholarships during a presentation ceremony at the Midwest Horse Fair.**

**The Wisconsin Horse Council has given out more than \$134,200 since 1995!!!**

**Please go to the WHC website, <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/scholarship.php>, to access the WHC Scholarship Program Guidelines and Application.**

**The application is to be completed by the applicant and returned, along with supporting documents to:**

**Wisconsin Horse Council  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
PO Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO  
LATER THAN JANUARY 10th, 2024.**



**\*\*Application MUST be typed or word processed\*\***

# Project Information

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The Wisconsin Beef Council and Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have kicked off a beef promotion contest open to all Wisconsin 4-H beef project members. The goal of the contest is to encourage 4-H beef project members to create an informative and appealing display that will educate consumers attending fairs or other events throughout the summer. Entries are submitted by 4-H clubs and are limited to one entry per club. A winner from each category will be chosen and a beef prize package will be presented to each 4-H member who contributed to the promotion creation.

**Entries must be completed and sent to the Wisconsin Beef Council by September 30, 2023.**

For more information and complete rules, along with the required official entry form, please visit:

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/wibeefcouncilcontest/> or email [Amanda@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:Amanda@Wis4HFoundation.org).



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Club Opportunity



# WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION



Could earn your club\*

**\$50**

\*Registered clubs receive \$50 TSC gift card; registered individuals receive \$25 TSC gift card.

See website for details: [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org)

The Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign is October 4-15, 2023. Sign your club up today!

# Club Opportunity



## T-Shirt Design Contest

It has been several years since we have had new Taylor County 4-H t-shirts/sweatshirts. Time for a new design and new shirts!

Design winner will receive FREE t-shirts for their immediate family.

**Put your creative caps on and send your t-shirt design ideas to Kelly Phillips at [phillips32@wisc.edu](mailto:phillips32@wisc.edu) by October 16th!**



# T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

SEND YOUR DESIGNS TO  
[PHILLIPS32@WISC.EDU](mailto:PHILLIPS32@WISC.EDU)

Due to Extension  
Monday, October 16th


 Callie Cat's 4-H Newsletter Contest
 

Hey 4-H Youth Members! Callie Cat wants you to read the 4-H newsletter so you can have the opportunity to **win a prize** each newsletter! All you have to do is complete the Callie Cat 4-H Newsletter questions and submit them by the last day of the month the newsletter comes out. If you are in K-5 and submit at least 2/3 correct answers OR in grade 6-13 and submit at least 13/15 correct, while following all submission directions, your name will be put into a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate! There will be 1 winner from each grade group per newsletter. Participants must be 4-H youth members.

**Callie Cat 4-H Newsletter Questions:**
**Grade K-5 Questions:**

- 1) When is Harvest Day Parade?
- 2) Where is the New Family Orientation held?
- 3) What are the dates of National 4-H Week?

**Grade 6-13 Questions:**

- 1) When are t-shirt designs due?
- 2) When are Record Books due?
- 3) Where is Lego Robotics held?
- 4) What is the deadline date for 4-H re-enrollments?
- 5) Give one advantage of creating a Record Book?
- 6) Where is the New Family Orientation?
- 7) Which 4-H Educational Experience are you most interested in?
- 8) What is Tractor Supply offering?
- 9) When is the Central Workshop in Marshfield?
- 10) What is needed for 2024 Taylor County Fair?
- 11) When is National 4-H Week?
- 12) What is 4-H doing for the Harvest Day Parade?
- 13) Where is Discovery Days held?
- 14) Which is your favorite pic from 4-H Happenings?
- 15) What is Federation?

**Instructions for submitting your entry:**

- Answer questions on an 8.5x11 piece of paper. Write your full name and club name in the upper right hand corner of your entry page.
- Submit to: 4-H Agent Attn: Callie Cat Contest, Taylor County Extension, 925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford, WI 54451





## 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum

Save the Date for the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum! Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning! The Fall Forum weekend is planned by a team of youth and adults from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council with the support of county and state staff.

Mark your calendars now for November 4th & 5th at the Green Lake Conference Center! Watch our website for more details as they are available – <https://go.wisc.edu/4hfallforum>.

**FALL  
FORUM**

**GREEN  
LAKE  
CONFERENCE  
CENTER**

**NOVEMBER  
4-5**

**BUILDING  
CONNECTIONS  
IN ALL  
DIRECTIONS**

   
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### Educational Travel Experiences and Record Books

As a 4-H member, you have many opportunities to find your “spark” through experiences at the club, county, state and national level. Sometimes, there are so many choices it can be difficult to learn about them all or reach out and try something new. Are you ready to take the next step in 4-H? Attending a 4-H travel experience might be just what you are looking for.

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H is willing to help fund your 4-H Educational Travel Experience (up to half the cost). To earn an Educational Travel Experience Sponsorship, you need to complete a 4-H Record book, Educational Travel Experience application, and an interview. Check out some of the great opportunities listed in this newsletter and get that record book and application submitted by **Friday, September 8**. Not planning to go on a travel experience? Do a record book anyway! Record books help you set goals for yourself and keep track of all the things you are accomplishing in 4-H.

You can learn more about record books at: <https://taylor.extension.wisc.edu/record-books/> and you can find the Educational Travel Experience application at [tinyurl.com/TravelExperiences](http://tinyurl.com/TravelExperiences)



# State 4-H Educational Experiences

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**ADVANCED  
SPACE**



**ACADEMY**



4-H Members grades 10-12

Date: January

Location: Hunstville, AL

**Advanced Space Academy** explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.

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## SPACE CAMP

Space Camp is back! Learn about and experience the different aspects of life as an astronaut, working for NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth!



4-H Members grades 6-8

Date: April

Location: Hunstville, AL

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## State 4-H Educational Experiences

# NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE



4-H Members grades 10-12

Date: April

Location: Washington D.C.

**National 4-H Conference** annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth.



# State 4-H Educational Experiences

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4-H Members grades 7-10  
Date: June  
Location: Madison, WI

**Summer Academy** will help you discover pathways to your future, and learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. Also, fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

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## 4-H SPARK DAYS

4-H Members grades 7-12  
Date: June  
Location: Wisconsin

**4-H Spark Days** helps youth explore their sparks at different campuses around the State! Each day includes hands-on sessions, career pathway exploration, guest speakers, meeting new 4-H friends from around the state, and fun.



## State 4-H Educational Experiences

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CITIZENSHIP  
WASHINGTON  
FOCUS



4-H Members grades 10-12

Date: June/July

Location: Washington D.C.

**Citizenship Washington Focus** is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience, bringing 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States' government and how these parts work together to form an effective Congress.



Youth Ages 14-18

Date: October

Location: Wisconsin

The mission of **YPCL** is to advance youth voices in Wisconsin by increasing the capacity for youth and adults to share civic leadership in local schools, communities, and organizations.





# 4-H FALL FORUM

4-H Members grades 7-13

Date: November

Location: Wisconsin

**4-H Fall Forum** is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.



## NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

4-H Members grades 9-12

Date: November

Location: Atlanta, GA

**National 4-H Congress** is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-H'ers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.



# Calendar of Events

## September

- 1—4-H Enrollment Begins
- 4—UW Extension Office Closed for Labor Day Observation
- 8—Record Books due to Extension
- 8—Trip Applications due to Extension
- 9—4-H Horse Project: September Fun Show w/4D Barrels
- 11—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 23—4-H Horse Project: Pleasure Fun Show
- 24—4-H Horse Project: September Speed Show
- 25—VIP Training In-person at UWEX
- 26—4-H Horse Project: Tuesday Night Fall Series
- 29—VIP Training Via Zoom

## October

- 1—7 **National 4-H Week 2023**
- 4—VIP Training Via Zoom
- 4—15 TSC Paper Clover Campaign
- 9—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 14-16—4-H Summer Camp
- 22—YLO: Trick or Treat for the Hunger—door hanger drop off
- 25—New 4-H Family Orientation 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 28—Discovery Days @ Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum
- 29—Harvest Day Parade
- 29—YLO: Trick or Treat for the Hungry—donation pick up
- 30—New 4-H Family Orientation 7:00 p.m. at UWEX



### **TC Newsletter Deadlines**

October 13—November/December

December 15—January/February

**Clubs are welcome to share events or meetings by these dates.**

If you have any questions please contact the office 715-748-3327 or

[phillips32@wisc.edu](mailto:phillips32@wisc.edu)

# 4-H Happenings



2023 Library Program



2023 Summer School





## 2023 Taylor County Fair



# 4-H Happenings



2023 4-H Summer Camp WI Northern Regional





# Volunteer Training

## VIP TRAINING ZOOM

Tuesday  
September 29  
9-11 am

Wednesday  
October 4  
3-5 pm

### REGISTER AT

[tinyurl.com/  
4Hviptrng](https://tinyurl.com/4Hviptrng)



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### Are you a new Volunteer?

To be recognized as a 4-H volunteer in the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Program, all adults ages 18 and older must complete the Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Training.

The purpose of this training is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

### Steps to become a certified 4-H Volunteer

1. Enroll in 4hOnline to become a volunteer.
2. Complete Background Check (HireRight)
3. Complete VIP Training which includes: Mandated Reporter Training, Title IX, and Building Safe Spaces.

**Once you have completed all of these steps then you are considered a certified 4-H Volunteer.**



**Get all  
training done  
in one  
session!**

## VIP TRAINING in person

Monday  
September 25  
6:30-8:30 pm  
At Extension  
925 Donald Street  
Medford





### Extension

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TAYLOR COUNTY

## Extension's Office Hours

M-F 8:30a.m.—4:30p.m. Closed daily from 11:30a.m.—12:30 p.m.  
If you need assistance during that time, please call Kelly in advance for assistance at 715-748-1413.

*Thank you!*

## What is the Federation?

### Federation of Taylor County 4-H

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H is a board of members who provide assistance to the Taylor County 4-H program and its clubs in various ways including:

- Making decisions affecting Taylor County 4-H
- Offering County-wide Activities for 4-H Members and their families
- Supplement County 4-H Programs
- Providing 4-H Clubs with Literature
- Supplying the Food Stands and materials for Plat Books
- Provide Scholarships to outstanding 4-H Members
- Supplement Camp Fees
- Provide Award Trips for Members
- Reimburses the 4-H for State Trips

**Any 4-H Volunteer is eligible and welcome to be a part of the Federation. Each club also has one standing spot on the Board of Directors for the Federation.**

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## Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook & Instagram!

This will be another way to communicate information,  
event details and learn more about Taylor County 4-H



Facebook: Taylor County 4-H  
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/4h.taylorcounty>



Instagram: uwextaylorcounty4h  
Link: <https://instagram.com/taylor.uwex.edu>

### Purpose Statement

*"We teach, learn, lead and serve,  
connecting people with the University  
of Wisconsin, and engaging with them  
in transforming lives and communities."*



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