



Nov/Dec 2023

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:



Happy Holiday Season 4-H Families,

Thanks to all of our 4-H youth members and adult volunteers who made the 22-23 4-H year a great one in Taylor County with lots of activities, learning and growth. We are working hard to create new, fun, engaging learning activities for a meaningful 4-H experience in the 2023-24 4-H year.

4-H is open enrollment which means people can enroll throughout the year. However, it helps our clubs and our office to know who is going to be involved. Last year we ended the 4-H year with 179 4-H youth members in Taylor County and 38 adult volunteers. Currently, we are at 100 4-H youth members and 25 adult volunteers. If you haven't enrolled yet, please do so. Let's keep increasing these numbers so other youth can benefit from 4-H! Remember youth need to enroll in 4-H by March 1 and attend at least 3 club meetings by summer to be qualified to exhibit at the Taylor County Fair.

Adult volunteers, we need your help to provide project meetings for our youth to help them learn. We will soon be sending out information about how many youth are enrolled in each project. Please register to be a 4-H volunteer and be thinking about how you can share your skills with our youth.

I hope that you will read through this newsletter and learn about some of the awesome things that have been happening over the last few months - and more importantly, those that are still in the future. The more you get involved, the more you benefit! Thanks for all you do for 4-H!!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator



The 4-H year extends from October 1 to September 30. So while many consider the Fair the culmination of the 4-H year, there are still things to be done so September was a month of transition. Record Books, Educational Travel Experience Scholarship Applications and Interviews, and Annual Financial Reports are some of the tasks that were completed after the fair. The 4-H Record Book is a summary of what youth have done throughout the year. The goal of 4-H is to build life skills of the youth members and goal setting and reflection are tools that help youth learn. Educational Travel Experience Scholarship applications and interviews provide an opportunity for youth to earn money to help pay for a 4-H Educational Travel Experience for the coming year and learn valuable interviewing skills. Annual Financial Reports ensure that our 4-H clubs and groups are using the funds in an appropriate manner to support 4-H activities and programs throughout the year.



WISCONSIN 4-H CLUBS & GROUPS
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
April 2023

UW-MADISON EXTENSION Wisconsin 4-H

Annual Financial Report Due Date: September 1st

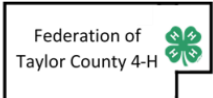
To be authorized to have a checking and/or savings account, 4-H Clubs and Groups must annually complete and submit the following documents to 4-H Program Educator by September 1:

1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report
2. 4-H Club or 4-H Group Audit Checklist
3. Copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30
4. Copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statements and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
5. Current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or more
6. Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000

Failure to submit a completed Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax exempt status, forfeiture of all financial assets and non-renewal of the 4-H Club or Group Charter.

County: _____ Today's date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Name of 4-H Club or Group: _____



Federation of Taylor County 4-H
925 Donald Street Room 103
Medford, WI 54451

Educational Travel Experience Sponsorship and Key Award Application

Educational Travel Experience Sponsorship applicants have an additional form on the back of this application

Name: _____ Date: _____

4-H Club: _____

of Years Involved in 4-H: _____ Grade: _____



CLC - After School programs at MAMS, Stetsonville Elementary, Gilman Public Library

Taylor County 4-H is reaching out to youth in the after school programs this Fall with STEM activities. September, youth learned LEGO robotics and in October youth were able to explore 3Doodler pens and make some fun creations. STEM activities encourage hands-on creative thinking skills.





FREE for all 4-H Members, their families, and Adult Volunteers! Please RSVP by November 13th so we can supply numbers to The Sports Page by registering at tinyurl.com/4Hbowling-awards

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H FAMILY BOWLING & AWARDS

The Sports Page Bowl & Grill
Sunday, November 19th 3:30-5:30 p.m.

RSVP by November 13th at:
tinyurl.com/4Hbowling-awards

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BOWLING,
PIZZA &
SODA





Are you ready for some Wisconsin 4-H merchandise? We are excited to launch our Wisconsin 4-H Pop-up Store where YOU can order Wisconsin 4-H merchandise. We have a limited number of options, but hope this is a success and we can offer more items in the future! Most options come in multiple colors. Order today here: go.wisc.edu/x94yby

The store will be open for individual orders from now until November 6. Items will be received around the first week of December. Shipping is a minimum flat rate of \$15

Wisconsin 4-H POP-UP STORE

Custom Wisconsin 4-H apparel and more!



Design 1



design by Shannon & Sierra Stienfest,
Calumet County

Design 2



Design 3



How to order:

- Visit Store Website
- Choose item, color AND Design
 - All clothing items come in a variety of colors and designs. You will be able to choose the color and design when you order. To view colors and designs, click on the product.
- Add all of your items to your cart
- Check out when you are done.
- You will be billed and charged for shipping costs. Items will be shipped on approximately 3 weeks after closing of store

- t-shirts
- sweatshirts
- jackets
- tie-dye tee
- long sleeve tee
- zip-ups
- sweatpants
- crewneck
- pullover
- waterbottles
- notebooks/folders
- cinch pack
- tumbler
- socks
- decals
- cap

Open Oct 1st - Nov 6th

Order Today!
<https://go.wisc.edu/x94yby>



The beginning of the 4-H year is a great time to begin your record book. Record books are required for youth applying for scholarships, educational travel experiences, and 4-H Key Awards. Not planning to go on a travel experience? Do a record book anyways! Record books help you set goals for yourself and keep track of all the things you are accomplishing in 4-H. Record books are typically due the 1st week in September.

You can learn more, print additional pages, and/or request your record book by going to <http://taylor.uwex.edu/4-h/record-books/> or call the Extension office at 715-748-3327 extension 3. Once record books are requested they will be available within one week.





4-H is a Family Program

4-H members need the support and encouragement of their family. Parents and other family members can contribute in many ways to the 4-H program. They may help members:

- Determine project goals
- Obtain necessary project supplies
- Carry out work at home
- Maintain records
- Evaluate project work
- Attend club meetings
- Participate in countywide events
- Choose to become a 4-H volunteer

Some helpful advice from 4-H families to new 4-H families:

- Read the Taylor County 4-H Newsletter and 4-H Email Blasts
- Follow Taylor County 4-H on Facebook
- Be on time for important 4-H deadlines
- Bring your family calendar to your 4-H meeting
- Take lots of pictures of your children during 4-H activities
- If you have questions, reach out to your club leader, other 4-H families, or the county 4-H Educator

4-H Terminology

4-H Educator—4-H staff that manages the county 4-H program and provides outreach programming to non 4-H youth.

4-H Year—October to September

Cloverbud—4-H member in grades K-2nd grade

Club Meeting—monthly meeting for 4-H members



What Are Project Meetings?

A project meeting is defined as a scheduled meeting which is planned, organized, coordinated, and /or taught by a certified 4-H volunteer with the purpose of learning new project skills or mastering project knowledge which will assist the 4-H member enrolled in 4-H project work.

Routine tasks associated with project work should not be considered as an appropriate substitute for project meeting attendance. For example, feeding a pet cat daily should not be considered a project meeting. As the purpose of the 4-H program is one of education and not competition, project meetings should provide an opportunity to develop new skills. Therefore, project meeting focus should be on skill development and not simply on fair exhibit completion and competition. For example, if a 4-H member baked purple ribbon cookies at a project meeting last year and returned to bake the same recipe this year, this activity would be defined as project work and not a project meeting as no new skills were developed.

4-H Terminology continued....

Club Leader—an adult volunteer who is responsible for the general operation and coordination of the club.

Project Leader—work with individual members, or a group of youth, in a project area to support and guide their learning.

Federation—group of countywide volunteers who set policies, coordinates countywide activities, and plan and promote the county 4-H program.



Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarship

The Wisconsin Pork Association is sponsoring a scholarship program for Wisconsin high school seniors recognizing individuals pursuing a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to those students possessing leadership abilities and interests in the swine industry.

To find this scholarship, go to <http://www.wppa.org/scholarships/>.

Scholarship Requirements

1. All applicants must possess a sincere interest in the pork industry.
2. All applicants must pursue a post high school education, i.e. college, vocational school, short course, etc.
3. All applicants are required to fill out and return the form, found at the above link, no later than **DECEMBER 1, 2023**
4. Only seniors in a Wisconsin high school are eligible to apply.

For more information contact:

Wisconsin Pork Association

PO Box 327

Lancaster, WI 53813

(608) 723-7551 or 1-800-822-7675





Equity Cooperative Livestock Scholarship

Annually, Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association offers ten \$1,250 4-year or university scholarships and four \$1,000 technical college scholarships. Students applying must have completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, or at least one semester at a technical college. They must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale. Either the student, their parent (s) or grandparent(s) must be an active member or employee of Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association. Go to www.equitycoop.com to see eligibility requirements. Entries must be completed by **November 30, 2023**, to be considered.




 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 the Family Bowling & Awards event?
- 2) What dates are the Afterschool Program making Bread in a Bag?
- 3) What grades is a Cloverbud?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) When are entries due for the Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest?
- 2) Where is the Family Bowling & Awards event held?
- 3) How many club meetings by summer to be qualified for the Fair?
- 4) Where can you find out what's happening in Taylor County 4-H?
- 5) Give one advantage of creating a Record Book?
- 6) What program is offering Holiday Snacks?
- 7) What does a Club Leader do?
- 8) When is the 4-H Year?
- 9) When does the 4-H Pop-Up Store close?
- 10) What 2 scholarships are offered?
- 11) What club put on a window display for Nat'l 4-H Week?
- 12) How many 4-H Youth Members were there last year?
- 13) Where are STEM activities held?
- 14) When is registration due for the Family Bowling & Awards?
- 15) What dates will Extension be closed?

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

Club Opportunity

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CONTEST RULES:

\$500 prize!

Who: All 4-H Clubs in the State of Wisconsin are eligible.

What: Wisconsin 4-H clubs are invited to collaborate to imagine a delicious new ice cream flavor, and come up with an interesting flavor name. Each club may submit up to five entries.

When: Entries must be submitted to Cedar Crest Ice Cream no later than November 15, 2023, via online entry form or email.

We like interesting flavor names and innovative and irresistible flavor combinations!

Online Entry form at: <https://cedarcresticecream.com/4h-flavor-contest/>



November

- 1— 4-H Enrollment Ends
- 4—Annual MASS Meeting—Grand Gilman Theater 9 a.m.
- 4-5—Fall Forum
- 6—4-H Pop Up Store ends
- 13—RSVP for Bowling & Awards
- 13—Lego Robotics at Gilman Public Library
- 13—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 14—MAMS Afterschool Program: Bread in a Bag
- 15—Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest Order Entry due
- 19—Family Bowling & Awards 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 21—SES Afterschool Program: Bread in a Bag
- 24—Happy Thanksgiving Day
- 24-25—UW-Extension is closed

December

- 9—MASS Beef & Dairy Initial Weigh-In—Taylor County Fairgrounds 10-Noon
- 11—Lego Robotics at Gilman Public Library
- 11—No 4-H Federation Meeting
- 12—MAMS Afterschool Program: Holiday Snacks
- 19—SES Afterschool Program: Holiday Snacks
- 22&25—UW-Extension is closed
- 29—UW-Extension is closed 1/2 day



TC Newsletter Deadlines

December 15—January/February

February 16—March/April

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

4-H Happenings



2023 Nat'l 4-H Week



2023 Discover Days @ Huey's





2023 Harvest Days Parade



4-H Happenings



2023 Trick-Or-Treat for the Hungry



4-H Club Officers - Ready to have some fun and learn more about how to be a great 4-H club officer? **Adult Volunteers** - Looking for some great ideas to make your 4-H club meetings and project meetings even better? Join Julie Diepenbrock and Amber Rehberg for an hour and a half of fun, learning, and sharing ideas "To make the best better"



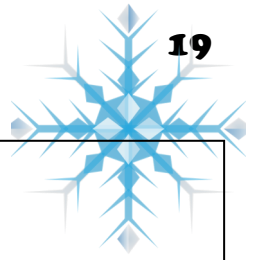

ANNUAL LEADER & CLUB OFFICER TRAININGS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
Taylor County Extension Office
1:00-2:30pm
Register at:
<https://bit.ly/LeaderOfficerTraining>

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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!

**We will be closed on
Thursday, November 24th
& Friday, November 25th
in observance of
Thanksgiving.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Holiday Hours:
Closed -
December 22nd,
December 25th &
1/2 day December
29th*

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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>

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