

THE CLOVER LINE

December 2025

December

15th - Shawano 4-H on WTCH Breakfast Club, 8:30 a.m.

16th - Dairy Committee Meeting, Rooms A & B, Courthouse, 7:00 p.m.

24th - 25th - Shawano County Courthouse Closed

29th - Shawano County 4-H Movie Morning at the Shawano County Park, 10 a.m.

January

1st - Shawano County Courthouse Closed

10th - SPARK Saturday at the Shawano High School, 9 - Noon. Preregistration Required

17th - Youth Leaders Bowling, Marion Rec, 1-3 p.m.

19th - 4-H on the WTCH Breakfast Club, 8:30 a.m.

22nd - Livestock Committee Meeting, Shawano County Courthouse Rooms AB, 7:30 p.m.

23rd - 25th - Winter Camp for Youth Leaders, Waupaca

26th - 4-H Leader's Inc. meeting, Courthouse Rooms AB, 7 p.m.

31st - Annual Club Leader Training, 9 - Noon, Shawano County Park Pavilion

31st - Annual Financial Management Training, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion

**If you have not already,
please reenroll youth members in**



WEATHER POLICY

Shawano County 4-H Programs will automatically cancel if any of the following occur:

- Shawano County (or the location where the event is scheduled to occur) is under a Winter Storm, Wind Chill, Tornado, Blizzard, or Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued by the National Weather Service.
- Travel is not advised due to snow, wind, or ice storms.
- Schools are closed for the day or are closing early.
- There are doubts as to how the weather will progress during an event.

We are teaching youth to be safe and assess risk; that includes staying home when it may be unsafe to travel. We recognize that we have many young drivers in 4-H.

Please call the office and/or check our website, Facebook, or listen to our local radio partner, 96.1FM for cancellations.

Thank you for being safe!

SHAWANO 4-H LEADERS INC. BIMONTHLY MEETING

Every 4-H adult volunteer leader and 4-H youth are invited to join the Shawano 4-H Leader's Inc. Meetings.

The 4-H Leader

Organization's purpose:

- Conduct county-level 4-H programs with youth
- Raise funds and manage a budget to support 4-H programs
- Coordinate county-level recognition for youth and adults
- Represent 4-H to the community and advocate for 4-H

Join the meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 26th at the Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B to make decisions around fundraisers, support, and outreach efforts for 2025-26.

Looking ahead, save the dates:
Monday, March 23, 2026
Monday, May 18, 2026

Pella Eagles Rabies Clinic and Holiday Bake Sale

December 20th

Pella Fire Hall and
Community Center

9:00am – 12:00pm

W11021 County Road D
Marion

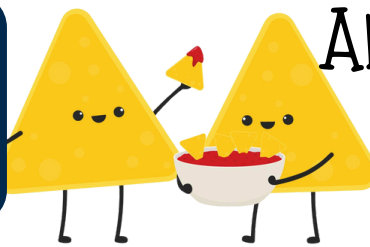


Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/4HSpark11026>

Possible activities include:

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| • All K-2: Cloverbuds | • Crochet |
| • Astronomy | • Rabbits |
| • Scale Models | • Dogs |
| • Recycling Art | • Aviation |
| • Intro to Livestock | • Beginning Barn Quilts |
| • Friendship & Bracelets | • Drums Alive |
| • Canning | • Corsages |
| • Critter Skulls | • Succulents |
| | • Frosting Flowers |


NACHO average leadership training



ANNUAL REQUIRED CLUB TRAINING

One adult volunteer and one youth from each community club and county-wide committee are required to attend this interactive training. All youth officers are welcome to attend. Officer training will be part of the day.

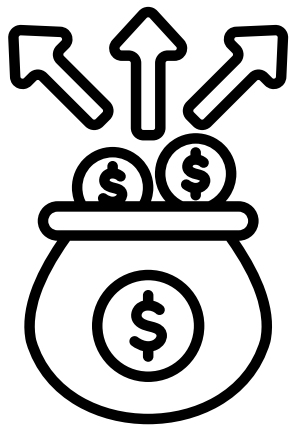


Please RSVP by
Thursday, January 29th at: 
<https://tinyurl.com/13126Nacho4H>
or by calling 715-526-6136.

Nacho Bar
Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 31st
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Shawano County Park Pavillion

Money Matter\$



Saturday, January 31st, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
All community clubs, chartered groups, and committees of the Shawano County 4-H Leader's Inc. must have 2 representatives present to participate (ideally President/Chair and Treasurer.)

This financial training is required. If the group is unable to attend and does not "make up" the training with the recording and confirmation form by February 6, the Shawano County 4-H Community Club, Chartered Group, Committee may lose their Charter status and access to 4-H finances.



Shawano 4-H is excited to be running 4-H at:
the Mohican Family Center,
Shawano Boys and Girls Club, Safe Haven,
Gresham Homework Club,
and Marion Mustang Academy!





YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12TH
will enhance their leadership skills while having fun.

JAN. 23-25 2026

SPENCER LAKE
N1385 Cty Hwy E
Waupaca, WI 54981

COST: \$185
Work with your county educator to reduce costs.

REGISTER BY DECEMBER 19 ON 4-H ONLINE.
Registration opens October 1.

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.

Winter Leadership Camp:

Quest Unlocked! ❄️🎮

Calling all teen adventurers—your next mission awaits!

📅 **Register in 4-H Online TODAY:**

January 23-25, 2026

📍 Spencer Lake Camp,
Waupaca, WI

💡 Power up your leadership skills

🌿 Team up for epic challenges

Spots are limited—secure your place before the countdown ends!

For ages 13 and over, cost for Shawano County youth is \$185. Join 4-H'ers from 8 other counties!!

Scholarships available from the Shawano County 4-H Leader's Inc.

**SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH LEADER
BOWLING
MARION RECREATION**

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 17TH
1 - 3 P.M.**

**\$5 =
2 GAMES OF
BOWLING + PIZZA**



ALL SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH IN GRADES 6 - 13 ARE INVITED!

CLICK [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HBOWLING11726](https://tinyurl.com/4HBOWLING11726)

OR CALL 715-526-6136 TO REGISTER BY NOON ON 1.16.26





Shawano County 4-H

is seeking designs for use on their 2026 gear,
 including t-shirts and hoodies!

Designs must be created by **youth**, kindergarten - grade 13
 enrolled in Shawano County 4-H.

Graphics/Pictures/Designs are due by **Monday, January 16th**.

Please share with **Megan in person** (hard copy)
 or e-mail your file (Jpeg/PNG/PDF) to msuehring@wisc.edu.

Must include "2026", "Shawano County 4-H", and theme
 "Let's TACOBOUT Shawano County 4-H" in the design.



**Thank you to the 4-H
 Leader's Inc. for sponsoring
 and decorating a tree at
 Franklin Park!**

**Way
 to go**

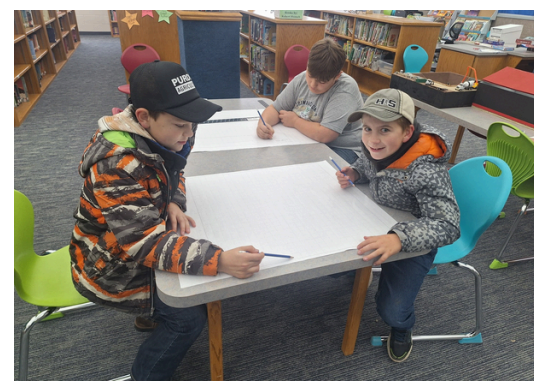
**4-H Youth Leaders
 on your float in the
 Shawano Holiday
 Parade!**



**New Families
 attending Cookie
 Conversations!**



**4-H Youth
 Attendees and
 Teachers of Spark
 Saturday in Marion!**



SHAWANO 4-H PROJECT MEETINGS



JOIN US FOR

VISUAL ARTS PROJECT CERAMIC HOLIDAY TREE PAINTING CLASS

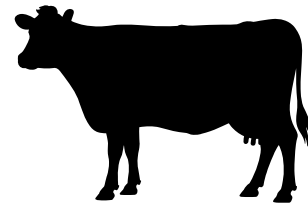


SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH
1-3:30PM

@ BRENDA'S BRUSHSTROKES & BISQUE
N2978 COUNTY RD K, SHAWANO

COST \$5 PER MEMBER

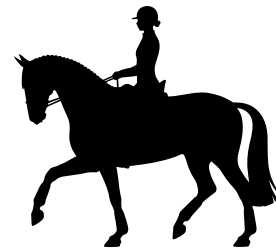
PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION
OFFICE TO RESERVE A SPOT
715-526-6136



Dairy Committee Meeting

December 16th
Rooms A & B, Courthouse
7:00 p.m.

Are you looking to get involved? The dairy committee is always looking for more volunteers.



4-H Horse Committee Meeting

January 14th
7 p.m.

Shawano Middle School
Community Education Room



Cultural Arts Meeting Introduction to Leathercraft

February 24th
Rooms A & B, Courthouse
5:00 -7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of working with leathercraft! Participants will make a coin purse and a key fob as their first projects.

RSVP by calling the office at 715-526-6136 by Feb. 20th.



The next 4-H Livestock Committee

Meetings will be on
Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

There is no December meeting.
Rooms A & B, Shawano Courthouse.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

All Livestock Auction checks must be cashed as soon as possible.



Join the Flat Stanley Pen Pal Project!

Get ready for an exciting mail adventure with Flat Stanley and Flat Stella! In this fun pen pal project, you'll send your own Flat Stanley or Stella to a new friend and receive one in return. Along the way, you'll share stories, take photos, and explore new places together.

The Flat Stanley Project is a fun and creative way for youth in Kindergarten through 2nd grade to explore new places, make new friends, and practice writing all through the mail! Youth will color their own Flat Stanley or Stella, send them on an adventure, and receive a new friend in return.

Along the way, they'll share stories, take photos, and build excitement around reading and connection. It's a great way to bring learning to life, one envelope at a time!

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4-HFlatStanley>

Calling all 4-H Camp Staff!

We are seeking youth currently in grades 8 - 13 to serve as camp counselors at Residential 4-H Camp MarOcoSha and several day camps for the summer of 2026.



We embrace hard work, creativity, fun. Expect to learn lots, laugh often, and make a difference.

BE part of 2026's team!

The Youth Camp Staff Application is open now!
Apply at: <https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha26>



SHOOTING SPORTS
LEARN BY DOING

SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H

Become part of an organization that promotes the development of many life skills.

Open to all ages and skill levels. Age 8 (grade 3) through 19.

Equipment provided to help you get started.

Certified leaders provide quality instruction.

Program emphasis on SAFETY FIRST, having FUN second.

Growth opportunities, Recreational shooting, Wildlife/ecology, Competition levels from local to state to national.

Through the shooting sports program, youth can develop confidence, problem solving, responsibility, and many more valuable skills that make the program an ACTIVITY FOR A LIFETIME.





JOIN SHOOTING SPORTS

Shawano County Extension
Call: 715-526-6136
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports>
Facebook: Shawano County 4-H Shooting Sports



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR LEADERSHIP AMBASSADORS

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Ambassadors will advocate for Wisconsin 4-H and engage in opportunities to build personal leadership skills and encourage others to grow their leadership potential.

Must be in **grades 9-12** at the time of the application.

Apply join the Ambassador Teams by **Dec. 15th!**

Application Process

Applications are LIVE!
Visit <https://26AmbassadorApp.4honline.com> to apply!

Timeline for Application Process:

- December 15 – Applications Close in 4-H Online
- January – Review of Applications & Reference Checks
- February 1 – Notify Applicants of Selection Decisions

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Congratulations to the WI 4-H All Star Judging Team that returned from the North American International Livestock Exposition contest with an overall 3rd place finish!



Members include, Laney Neuser and Noelle Vos, both from Manitowoc; Hailey Fischer, Shawano; and Stella Kamm, St. Croix. The team was coached by Sarah and Jim Neuser.

At the contest, in addition to placing 3rd overall, the team was 2nd place in reasons, 2nd place in Holstein, and 5th place in Guernsey. Individually, the members placed high throughout the contest, with Shawano County 4-H member Hailey Fischer taking honors in Guernsey and Reasons.

Congratulations, Hailey!!



April 23-27, 2026

Huntsville, Alabama

Wisconsin 4-H SPACE CAMP

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Get involved in:

- Simulated Space Missions
- Learning and using Space Simulators
- Building and launching your own model rockets
- Real space training simulation
- etc.

Cost is \$1300

Registration open from Nov 15-Dec 15 via 4HOnline

Positive Youth Development Institute
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Developing a system for communication or/and documentation is critical to the health and well-being of any organization. In order to provide a systemized approach to communication/documentation in the Wisconsin 4-H program, the **Care to Share form** was developed as a simple tool that could be used by members, volunteers, parents and the general public. Find it at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/contact-us/care-to-share/>

Behavior Concerns Report

This form is to be used to document behavior concerns of 4-H members or 4-H volunteers participating in 4-H programs, projects or activities. Read more about it and locate the form at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-behavior-concerns-report-bcr/>



Wisconsin 4-H operates within the guidelines, policies, and procedures of the University of Madison Division of Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. These policies are established to ensure the educational and administrative integrity of all Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities administered by 4-H staff and 4-H volunteers. Wisconsin 4-H Leadership is committed to supporting staff and volunteers by writing clear and simple policies that will standardize Wisconsin 4-H safety and risk management practices. All policies can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

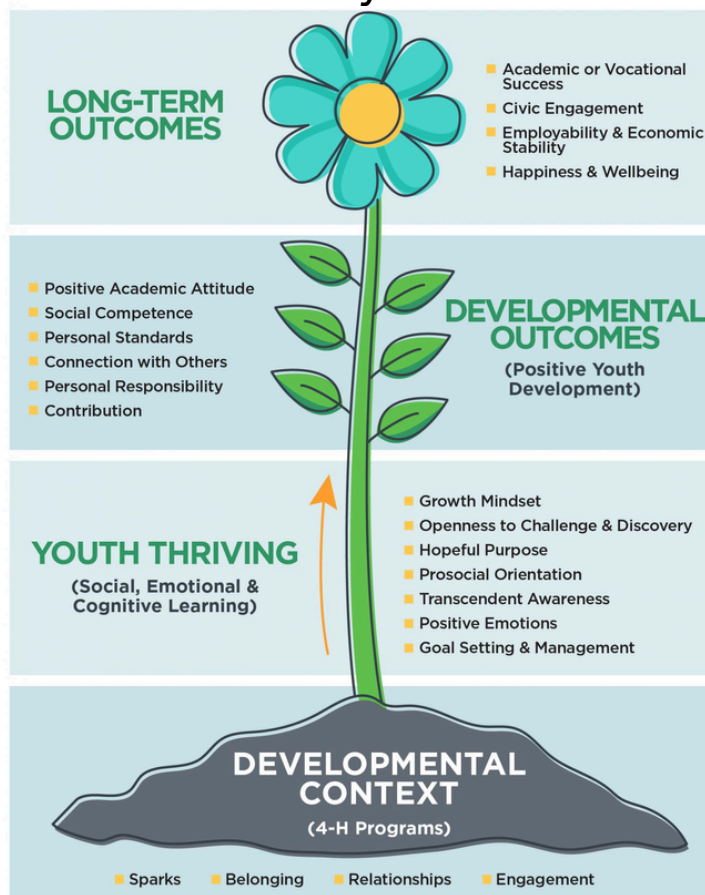


4-H THRIVING MODEL

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 Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. We also get data specific to Shawano County that we can use locally. The survey has been sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win gift cards!

Surveys should be filled out by December 15th.

Thank you.





SAVE THE DATE

4-H CAMP MAROCOSHA JUNE 23 - 26, 2026

**Camp Registration:
Opens in March**

Courthouse - Room 109
311 N Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Phone 715-526-6136
FAX 715-526-4875
711 (Wisconsin Relay)
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/>

Megan Suehring, 4-H Positive Youth Development Extension Educator
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tami.goers@shawanocountywi.gov

Taya Jannusch, Americorps Member
tjannusch@wisc.edu

An EEO/AA employer, Extension Shawano County provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX, Title VI and ADA requirements.




It has been requested that Shawano County 4-H look into options for families who may want to include 4-H in their estate planning.

If you are interested, please contact:

Michelle Lippart Hardwick
Director of Gift Planning

Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
920.702.7622
4455 West Lawrence Street
Appleton, WI 54914
www.cffoxvalley.org





Regardless of your income, estate planning is a vital part of your financial plan. Planning ahead can give you greater control, privacy, and security of your legacy.



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