

# THE CLOVER LINE

Early Spring 2026

## March

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Dog Quiz Bowl Practice, Rooms AB, Courthouse, 7:00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Dairy Committee Meeting, Rooms AB, Courthouse, 7:00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Horse Mandatory Meeting, Shawano Middle School LGI, 6:00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Livestock Committee Meeting, Rooms AB, Courthouse, 7:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Camp Counselor Training - Shawano County Park, 9:00am
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Shawano 4-H on WTCH Breakfast Club, 8:30 am
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Dog Quiz Bowl Practice, Rooms AB, Courthouse, 7:00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Shawano County 4-H Photography Challenge opens
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Shawano 4-H Leader's Inc. Meeting, Rooms AB, Courthouse, 7:00 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dog Quiz Bowl Practice, Room 7, Courthouse, 7:00pm

## April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shawano County Courthouse Closed
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Horse Committee Meeting, Shawano Middle School LGI
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Visual Arts Pointillism Class, Shawano County Courthouse Rooms AB, 6:00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> - 4-H on the WTCH Breakfast Club, 8:30 a.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Livestock Committee Meeting, Shawano County Courthouse Rooms AB, 7:30 pm

## May

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Sheep & Goat Weigh-in - Shawano Fairgrounds, 5pm - 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Shawano Shooting Sports All Star Shoot, Crawford Center
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Foods Revue at the Richmond Town Hall
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 4-H on the WTCH Breakfast Club, 8:30 am
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Visual Arts Class, Shawano County Courthouse Rooms AB, 6:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Livestock Committee Meeting, Shawano County Courthouse Rooms AB, 7:30 pm

Congratulations to Madison Harbaugh on being named a Wisconsin 4-H Agriculture Ambassador!



## SAVE THE DATE

Shawano County 4-H  
Day Camps  
Grades 3 - 8  
July 14 & 31



EXTENSION  
OFFICE  
MOVES



Extension  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
SHAWANO COUNTY

The Division of Extension Office will be relocated to Room 103 (currently the Veteran's Office) in mid-April.

Are you interested in paper 4-H curriculum? We need to move it. Arrange a time to come look and claim yours before April.

FREE!



# 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, March 23rd at the Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B to make decisions around trips, fundraisers, support, and outreach efforts for 2026.

Looking ahead, save the dates:  
 Monday, May 18, 2026  
 Monday, July 20, 2026

*to the youth and adults who participated in Annual 4-H Club Training*



*Thank you*

*to all of the adult volunteers and youth who taught, learned, and supported SPARK Saturday in Shawano!*



*to the 8 teens who represented Shawano County 4-H at Winter Camp*



Thank you to WTCH for featuring Shawano 4-H on the radio each month. Clubs, do you have an upcoming event you'd like to talk about? Contact Megan, and we'll include you in one of our next segments!



# Shawano County 4-H

Financial Support for Educational Experiences



## Steps to financial support



### Register

4-H travel opportunities come available through the year. Sign up through 4-H Online or Google Form.



### Fill out the Form

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Shawano4Hsupport>



### Pay

Shawano 4-H will bill you, with the scholarship amount applied to your total.



### Work

Work your shift at the 4-H Food Stand on May 31<sup>st</sup> or June 14<sup>th</sup>.



### Share

Tell people about your 4-H experience at club meetings, on the radio, and in print.

## 4-H Life Skills In Action

Traveling in 4-H helps kids learn by doing, not just by reading or listening. It teaches important skills like making good choices, understanding others, being a leader, and bouncing back when things are tough. When kids visit new places and meet new people, they grow more confident and learn more about the world and their place in it.

The Shawano County 4-H Leader's Inc. supports Educational Experiences of Shawano County 4-H Youth with moneys gained from the 4-H Food Stand.



715-526-6136



<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/awardstripsscholarships/>



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

Check this out! Available for 4-H members heading to Camp MarOcoSha in June too.



Youth in grades 8-11 can register for this exciting and hands-on experience to explore and engage with many different career and college tracks. Between June 14-18, youth will spend time on the UW-Madison Campus, stay in one of the residential halls, hear from speakers, and more!

To learn more, you can visit the website: <http://go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy>

REGISTRATION OPEN

# 4-H Camp MAROCOSHA

## Welcome to the Jungle!



JUNE 23 - 26, 2026

CAMP BIRD, CRIVITZ, WI  
Open to youth in grades 3 - 7



Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoSha4H2026>



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# SUMMER ACADEMY THE QUEST

Grades 8-11

June 14-18, 2026

UW-Madison Campus



REGISTER TODAY



## What is it?

- Track-based activities, seminars, campus tours, performances, and hands-on experiences
- Visit locations on Campus and in Madison
- Hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and more!



# CONGRATULATIONS

## SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL TEAMS!



Our county was fortunate to have 3 separate teams competing this year. Many thanks to team coaches, Heather J. and Sara H. Senior A team was 3rd. All 3 teams won at least one match and all 3 got a bonus (three different team members answered a question correctly.)



"Taking pictures is savoring life intensely, every hundredth of a second."

Having your work judged is a great way to build your skills as a photographer. **You will engage in taking better pictures, evaluating your work based on what makes a good photo, set goals for future photos, and reflect on comments that can help you improve for next time.** It is also a good way to practice for the fair. If you are in the photography project, it is a good idea to have your work evaluated.

## Shawano County 4-H Photography Challenge

Join Shawano County 4-H in a photography challenge! Over the next 12 weeks, watch for a weekly photo theme to be shared in the 4-H Minute. Enter for your chance to be included in the 2027 4-H Calendar.

Participate every week or only once. Winners will be announced at the end of the challenge.

Open to all Shawano County 4-H youth!

### Guidelines for 2026 Contest

#### Entries

Photos can be submitted in color or black and white, and each photo can only be entered in one category. Each "theme" will be open for submission for one week. Photos must be taken in the last 12 months and be the work of the member. The online link for submission will be shared each week in the 4-H minute.

#### Awards

Each photo will be judged by a group of skilled photographers. The top photo in each category will be featured in the Shawano County 2027 4-H Calendar, to be created and distributed in the fall of 2026. Winners will win a free 2027 4-H calendar.

#### Copyright and Photo Releases

Each photographer will need to give 4-H permission to print, share and display your photos. Upon selection, permission is given for public display, social media and any promotion for Shawano County 4-H. Proper artist credit is always given. You retain the rights to your photos. Any photo with people in it will need the photographer to secure permission from the subjects. This is important so that we have the permission to share pictures of your subjects.

#### Using Artificial Intelligence

AI-generated or AI-composited images will not be accepted. Basic edits like cropping and minor color or exposure adjustments are fine, but heavy Photoshop manipulation is not.

#### Questions

If you have any questions regarding the contest please reach out to Tami Goers or Megan Suehring.

**KICKS OFF**

**MARCH 17**

# SHAWANO 4-H PROJECT MEETINGS

## SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULE 2026



Practice Times: (Age as of 1/1/2026)  
Juniors (Ages 8 - 11) 9:00 a.m. - 10 yards  
Intermediates (Ages 12 - 14) 10:00 a.m. - 15 yards  
Seniors (Ages 15 - 19) 11:00 a.m. - 20 yards

**BUTCH'S ARCHERY**  
N2885 PIONEER ROAD  
CLINTONVILLE WI 54929

### January

1.10.26 Practice Butch's Archery  
1.24.26 Practice Butch's Archery

### February

2.7.26 Practice Butch's Archery  
2.21.26 Practice Butch's Archery  
2.28.26 Leader, Training Richland Center

### March

3.7.26 TBD  
3.21.26 Practice Butch's Archery

### April

4.11.26 Practice Butch's Archery  
4.25.26 Practice Butch's Archery  
4.25.26 Leader, Training New Franken



### May

5.7.26 Shawano Shoot Set Up, Crawford Center  
5.8.26 Shawano Shoot, Crawford Center  
5.9.26 Shawano Shoot, Crawford Center  
5.29.26 Brown County Shoot  
5.30.26 Brown County Shoot

### June

21-26 4-H Nationals Shoot

### July

7.11.26 Shawano 4-H Shoot,  
7.12.26 Shawano 4-H Shoot

### August

8.29.26 Fair Shoot, Crawford Center

## Visual Arts Education



**April 16th - Visual Arts Pointillism- 6pm,**

Rooms AB of the Courthouse.

Call the office to reserve your spot:

715-526-6136.

Save the date: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 p.m., Topic TBA



## 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl

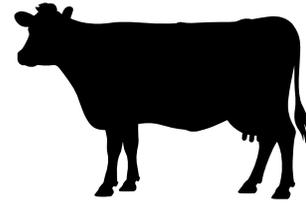
Join the team!

Practice with us at 7 p.m.

on Monday nights

in Rooms A & B, Shawano Courthouse.

**Beginners welcomed!**



## Dairy Committee Meeting

March 10th

Rooms A & B, Courthouse

7:00 p.m.

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



## Mandatory 4-H Horse Project Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup>

6 p.m.

Shawano Middle School

LGI Room



The next **4-H Livestock Committee**

Meeting will be on

Thursday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Rooms A & B, Shawano Courthouse.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Wildlife & Woods**

Register via  
4HOnline  
wi.4honline.com

**EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES**

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5  
7:00PM-7:45PM

**JAN. 28, 2026**  
**FEB. 25, 2026**  
**MAR. 25, 2026**  
**APRIL 29, 2026**  
**MAY 20, 2026**





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**Wildlife & Woods**

Register via  
4HOnline  
wi.4honline.com

**CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES**

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-13  
7:00PM-7:45PM

**JAN. 26, 2026**  
**FEB. 23, 2026**  
**MAR. 23, 2026**  
**APRIL 27, 2026**  
**MAY 18, 2026**





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### Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

**Phenology is the study of events in biological life cycles and how these are influenced by seasonal variations in climate.** One very simple example of this is skunks coming out of hibernation in response to more daylight.

Now that temperatures are rising and days are getting longer, what else is happening here in Wisconsin? Keep your eyes open for:

- Maple sap running
- Male cardinals singing "what cheer" to attract a mate
- Red winged blackbirds returning to perch on cattails
- Migratory rainbow trout on the move to spawn in Wisconsin's rivers that flow into Lake Michigan from Marinette to Kenosha.

These signs of spring are important in helping us understand how living organisms respond to environmental cues such as day length and temperature. Plants, animals, and insects are visible cues to us when the natural environment has shifted or is shifting. Changes in biological events can have a cascading impact; understanding these changes can help us develop effective conservation strategies.

*Sources: February Phenology | EEK WI; Why phenology? | USA National Phenology Network*

**KITS - TO - GO**

**Turkey Call Kit**



**Backyard & Back 40 Activity #9-2**

**Turkey Call Kit** - Learn how turkeys communicate with their calls. Develop your turkey call skills. Talk to the turkeys and they will talk back to you.



1. Cover page Turkey Call Kit B&B40#9-2
2. Turkey call Supplies & Instructions
3. Wild Turkey Call Vocabulary
4. Box SIGN TURKEY CALL KIT



### Backyard & Back 40 "Kits-To-Go"

There are 13 different Backyard & Back 40 wildlife & forestry related programs. Each program offers many different hands-on educational opportunities for kids and adults of all ages. The activities are presented by your 4-H youth/adult leaders. We'll provide instructions for you to build your own 4-H Club "Kits-To-Go" hands-on activity boxes to share with other clubs.

Email: [wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com](mailto:wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com)



WI 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION

# HORSE EDUCATION DAYS MAY 2 - 3, 2026

## EXCITING CHANGES!

### EVENTS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Horse Bowl
- ✓ Hippology
- ✓ Speaking and Demonstration
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Model Horse
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Team Problems
- ✓ Creative Communication

### QUESTIONS?

☎ (920) 757-5167, Sharon, Education Chairperson

🌐 See the WI 4-H Horse Association Handbook link in the post



# SAVE THE DATES STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

### DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL APRIL 25, 2026

STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

### STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY; SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026

LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

### STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW OCTOBER 10, 2026

OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



# SAVE THE DATES STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS

### HORSE EDUCATION DAYS MAY 2 & 3, 2026

### STATE HUNT AND DRESSAGE SHOW JUNE 26, 27, & 28, 2026

### STATE GYMKHANA SHOW SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

### STATE HORSE EXPO SHOW SEPTEMBER 18, 19, & 20, 2026



# CLOVER CONNECT

Idea sharing zooms for 4-H volunteers and older youth

## Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter and Learning to 4-H Club Meetings

- ☘ March 23 at 12:00 p.m.
- ☘ March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn more:



Register:



Register at <https://go.wisc.edu/pbm474>.

Sessions will be recorded, and resources will be shared with those who sign up!

# Register Now!

## Wausau

April 25, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Marathon County Extension Office, Wausau, WI



## Milwaukee

May 16, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Kellog PEAK, Milwaukee, WI

Art and science hands-on workshops  
Available for youth in grades 3-5  
\$10 per youth participant



**Register now for STEAM GAZE!**  
STEAM GAZE is a hands-on experience for youth in grades 3-5 to learn more about art and science. Explore chemistry, environmental science, theater, music, and visual arts.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/steam-gaze-a-creative-fusion-of-art-science/>



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/>

# POLICIES

WISCONSIN 4-H



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/>

## Teens are optimistic... and they know what skills matter for their future.

National 4-H Council's most recent Youth Voice Survey shows:

- 73% say managing money is essential**
- 72% say mental health skills matter**
- 88% say they'll need AI skills for future jobs**
- Nearly 1 in 4 youth in 4-H are interested in agriculture careers**

And 4-H youth are even more likely to pursue college and career pathways

Through hands-on learning, mentorship, and real-world experiences, we're helping young people become Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.



**72%**  
of youth say mental health skills matter, only 48% feel prepared




**73%**  
of teens say managing money is essential




**1 in 4**  
Nearly 1 in 4 4-H'ers say they're interested in pursuing a career in agriculture




**65%**  
of 4-H'ers plan to pursue a 4-year degree, compared to 53% of overall youth



**80% of teens feel optimistic about the future. Among 4-H'ers, that number jumps to 87%,** underscoring how out-of-school experiences help bridge the readiness divide and create opportunities for business, education, and community leaders to hire employees who are prepared for work.

# ADULTING 101 2026



January 27 Money Management

February 24 My Space, My Home

March 24 Understanding Credit & Keeping Your Money Safe

April 28 Cooking and Kitchen Skills

May 26 Practice Interviewing

Looking for summer classes? Check the website!



September 22 Public Transportation Field Trip  
October 27 Career Planning & Exploration

All classes will be held from 4:15 - 5:45 pm at  
Extension Outagamie County Office,  
3365 W Brewster St, Appleton.

Valley Transit route 12.

Open to all ages 14-24.

Come to all or pick and choose the sessions of interest to you.  
Registration is required one week prior to each class.

Contact MaryBeth Wohlrabe with questions:  
[marybeth.wohlrabe@wisc.edu](mailto:marybeth.wohlrabe@wisc.edu) (920) 404-1215

<https://bit.ly/OCAdulting>



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## Are you thinking about your summer plans?

Wisconsin 4-H AmeriCorps offers paid service opportunities where you can support youth programs, build real-world skills, and make a difference in communities across the state.

This is a great fit for students, recent grads, and anyone interested in youth development, education, or community leadership.

Serve. Learn. Grow.

Explore summer positions and details here:  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin4h-ameri-corps/>

Adulting 101 is an educational series for teens led by Extension Educators that teaches youth valuable life skills. Adulting refers to being a responsible adult by paying bills, cooking and cleaning, having health insurance and maintaining a savings account. Open to all ages 14-24. Classes will be held at the Extension Outagamie County Office in Appleton. Register at least one week before each class you wish to attend, <https://bit.ly/OCAdulting>

**Summer Positions available in:**

- Calumet
- Rusk
- LaCrosse
- Richland
- Lafayette
- Dodge
- Clark
- Waukesha
- Waupaca
- Winnebago
- Manitowoc
- Sauk
- Wood
- Portage
- Trempeleau
- Iron
- Washington
- Kewaunee
- Sheboygan

**LEARN MORE:**

**Wisconsin AmeriCorps POSITIONS OPEN**

# From our partners



It's That Time of Year!

The Shawano County Fair is looking for creativity to design the front and back of the Fair shirts for this year's fair season!

This year is extra special as America celebrates 250 years.

Designs should incorporate:

Up to 4 colors

America 250

All things FAIR – animals, rides, food, tractors, music, barns, family fun & traditions

The heart of what makes our fair so special.

Let your imagination run wild! This is your chance to create something that represents our community, our traditions, and our patriotic pride.

Submit your design ideas by March 31 to: [shawanospeedway@gmail.com](mailto:shawanospeedway@gmail.com)



# 2026 Conservation Camps

Our camps combine outdoor adventure, hands-on learning, and leadership development, giving students the opportunity to develop conservation skills and explore environmental careers.



### Middle School (Grades 6-8):

June 28 - July 1 at **Camp Lakotah**

### High School (Grades 9-12):

June 15-18 at **NORTH LAKE LAND DISCOVERY CENTER**



Scan for more details, or visit [wisconsinlandwater.org/camps](http://wisconsinlandwater.org/camps)

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311 N Main Street  
Shawano, WI 54166  
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<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/>

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# DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

APRIL 25,  
2026  
10AM-2PM



Bonduel Police Department  
205 S. First Street  
Bonduel, WI 54107

Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety  
W1344 Camp 14 Road  
Bowler, WI 54416

### Permanent Drop Boxes:

Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center  
Shawano Sheriff Department  
Theda Care Shawano  
Bonduel Police Department

SIGA FUNMAKER Community Center  
W17634 Radke Rd.  
Wittenberg, WI 54499

Any questions please call 715-526-3111

All this made possible through the help and work of Shawano Co Sheriff Dept, Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness, Stockbridge PD, Theda-Care, Bonduel PD, and Shawano Co DHS.

Let's keep the STREETS SAFE!



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