

THE CLOVER LINE

Early Summer 2026

May

- 18th - 4-H Leader's Inc. Meeting, Courthouse A & B, 7:00 p.m.
- 21st - Visual Arts Watercolor, Shawano Courthouse Rooms AB, 6:00 p.m.
- 21st - Dog Obedience, Shawano Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.
- 25th - Memorial Day (observed), Shawano Courthouse Closed.
- 31st - Shawano Co. Dairy Promotion reels due.
- 31st - 4-H Food Stand Date for youth supported for Trips & Camp

**Shawano Courthouse
Summer Hours**

ARE HERE!

**Monday - Thursday 7 - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 7 - 11 a.m.**

June

- 9th - Horse Committee Meeting, Shawano Middle School LGI
- 11th - Camp Counselor Training, 1 - 3 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion
- 12th - Child Care Basics, 8:30am - 3pm, Shawano County Courthouse
- 14th - 4-H Food Stand Date for youth supported for Trips & Camp
- 16th - Shawano County 4-H Clover KaBOOM, Shawano Fairgrounds, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 18th - Tentative Sheep Clinic, Shawano Fairgrounds
- 20th - 4-H on the WTCH Breakfast Club, 8:30 a.m.
- 22nd - Camp Counselors to Camp Bird
- 23rd - 26th - 4-H Camp MarOcoSha at Camp Bird
- 24th - Livestock Committee Meeting, Shawano County Courthouse Rooms AB, 7:30 pm
- 28th - Brunch on the Farm at Kurowski's
- 30th - Area Animal Science Days for Judging Teams - GOOD LUCK!
- 30th - Tentative Swine Showmanship Clinic, Shawano Fairgrounds

July

- 3rd - Shawano Courthouse Closed in Observance of July 4th
- 7th - New Family Fair Night, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds
- 7th - Vet Science Project Night, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds
- 14th - Day Camp - On the Water, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Shawano County Park
- 16th - Library Hydroponics Chat, 2 p.m., Shawano Library
- July 17th - Trapper Camp!, 8 - 5, Shawano Fairgrounds
- July 18th - Trapper Camp!, 8 - 5, Shawano Fairgrounds
- July 20th - 4-H Fun Field Trip: Pneumatics & Robotics, Green Bay
- July 21st - Clover KaBOOM, Shawano Fairgrounds, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- July 27th - Shawano County 4-H Leader's Meeting, 7 p.m., Rooms A & B, Courthouse
- July 29th - Vet Science Project Morning, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Rooms A & B, Courthouse
- July 31st - Day Camp - Recycling, 9 - Noon

SAVE THE DATE

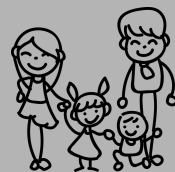
**4-H Fall Fun Fest
Annual Awards Celebration
October 11, Noon
Shawano County Park**

4-H New Family Night: Fair Edition

Tuesday, July 7th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Shawano Fairgrounds

Join us at the Huntington Family 4-H & Youth Junior Fair Building to learn about judging, take a fair tour, practice face to face judging, and get help signing up for fair exhibits. Call 715-526-6136 to get on the list.



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, May 18th 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, July 20, 2026
Monday, September 21, 2026



NOW OPEN

Purchase your annual Shawano County 4-H t-shirt!

Orders are open now through July 1st.

\$10 each

Order at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Shawano4H2026tshirt>

or by calling the office at 715-526-6136.



To ALL Shooting Sports Volunteer Leaders, Helpers, Family and Youth Participants for making the 2026 All Star Shoot SUPER!

This state-wide event takes a lot of hands on deck, organization, and energy. We are in gratitude for the people who continuously pour into the Shooting Sports program, making it one of the top in Wisconsin. THANK YOU!



To ALL Foods Committee Volunteer Leaders, Helpers, Family and Youth for making the 2026 Foods Revue FABULOUS!



This annual event continually brings learning, smiles, and new experiences together in a friendly, local setting. This year, youth and their families tried a burrito and chips with different toppings - even cactus! Kids brought their food and place-setting to be judged face-to-face, improving their skills for the year ahead. Thank you to all the people who helped make this year's event a tasty success!



Shawano County 4-H

Financial Support for Educational Experiences



This summer, be a

Sunflower Kid

FREE

Kids of all ages and their families welcome

**Tuesday, May 19th
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Shawano Public Library**

128 South Sawyer Street
Shawano



Stop in at the library to plant your sunflower



Grow it through the summer



Show it off at the Shawano County Fair!

Join us for a **Stop & Go Event!**
Drop in, explore hands-on stations, and discover something new at every stop. Stay as long as you like and move at your own pace.



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 31st or June 14th.



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

Available for 4-H members heading to Camp MarOcoSha in June too. Email megan at msuehring@wisc.edu to get a slot.

CHILDCARE

BASICS



Friday, June 12

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Shawano County Courthouse
Rooms A & B

Class intended for youth,
age 11 - 18

4-H Youth: \$10

Youth not enrolled in 4-H: \$15

Topics will include:

- CPR & First Aid Overview
 - Provided by J & B CPR
- Ages & Stages of Child Development
- Simple Snacks & Food Preparation
- Cyber Safety
- Conflict Care
- Games & Activities

Register now!

715-526-6136



<https://tinyurl.com/Childcare61226>



An EEO Affirmative Action employer, the University of Wisconsin - Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please indicate needs during registration.



Are you interested in paper 4-H curriculum?

Arrange a time to come look and claim yours in May or June.

FREE!

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



SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

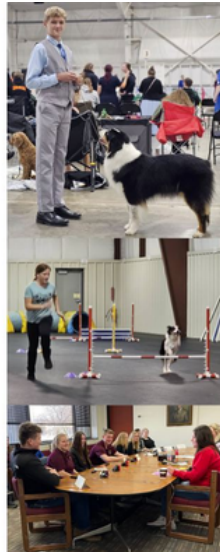
DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL
APRIL 25, 2026

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



"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.

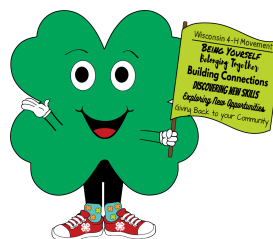
Questions

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

We all know an outstanding volunteer in your club or county!
Nominate them for one of three Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Awards Categories: Emerging Volunteer (1-5 years of service), Outstanding Club Leader, and Outstanding Project Leader. Nominations are open in 4-H Online through August 1st. Application details are available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/state-4-h-awards/>

Statewide 4-H Volunteer Awards

- Emerging Volunteer of the Year - 1-5 years of service
- Outstanding Club Leader of the Year
- Outstanding Project Leader of the Year



SHAWANO 4-H PROJECT MEETINGS

Livestock Project Information: Educational Credits



The next **4-H Livestock Committee Meeting** will be on Thursday, June 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Rooms A & B, Shawano Courthouse.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to everyone who helped make the Beef Weigh-in, and Goat and Sheep Weigh-In **SUCCESSFUL** for 2026!

Thank you to Mandi McClone for hosting an in-person YQCA class in Bonduel on April 25th!



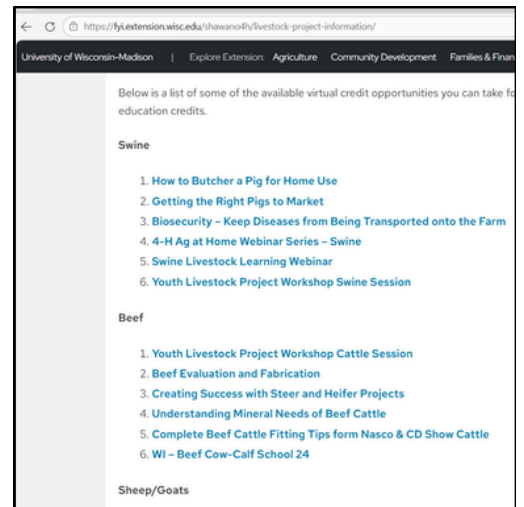
All junior fair exhibitors must earn two livestock educational credits each year to be eligible to sell an animal in the livestock auction in addition to YQCA.

2026 Livestock educational credits must be earned between August 2, 25-August 1, 26. Youth may earn their credits by attending in-person educational events or taking it in virtually.

ALL educational credits must be submitted using the google form, located at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Shawano4HLVSK2026Edu>

Check out the Shawano County website for suggestions of virtual educational recordings to utilize.



National 4-H Animal Science Career Night



Presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals, Animal Science Working Group

Join us for an evening to hear from noted speakers in the animal science industry as they share career exploration insights, advice, and more! Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

Open to youth in grades 7-13 (ages 12-19)



Dr. Mark Hoge
Associate Professor of Animal Science and Livestock Judging Coach
Western Illinois University



Mr. Kevin Robinson
Senior Animal Care Specialist
Sea World San Diego



June 18, 2026

at 7-8:30p.m. EST
via Zoom

*Classes and Clubs encouraged to join

Register by June 17 at 11:59p.m. EST at go.illinois.edu/CareerNight

For more information contact: srcarls2@illinois.edu

Tentative
More details to come soon

In-person credit opportunity:
Sheep & Goat - June 18th at the Shawano County Fairgrounds!

In-person credit opportunity:
Swine Showmanship - June 30th at the Shawano County Fairgrounds!



Vet Science

What is it all about?

A natural compassion for animals and an interest in science is what leads most veterinarians and animal science professionals into their field. These activities will help you learn about the different equipment used by agriculture, animal science, and veterinary professionals, diseases and health problems.

You do not have to own an animal to be in this project!



That's cool! Why do we need to know about it here?

In 2026, the Shawano County Fair has a new rule for all youth showing animals in the Junior Fair. Every animal exhibitor must also enter at least one project in Department #110: Animal Science & Veterinary Science. This means that if a young person plans to bring an animal to the fair, they first need to complete an educational exhibit that shows what they have learned about animal care, science, or health. If you show 3 different species of animals, you are only required to enter 1 project total in Dept. 110.

Face to Face Judging for exhibits in #110, Animal & Vet Science, happens on PRE FAIR SATURDAY, August 29th. If youth cannot be present on August 29th, it is their responsibility to get the exhibit and a notecard with written explanation attached explaining how it was completed, year in project and exhibitor's age. These items must be turned into the Shawano County Extension Office by 10 a.m. on Friday, August 28th or to the Junior Fair Building on August 29th by 2 p.m.

Read more about Department #110 in the Fairbook on pages 94 - 96.

SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULE 2026

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

4-H Horse Committee Meeting

June 9th at 7 p.m.

Shawano Middle School

LGI Room



Visual Arts Education

May 21st - WATERCOLOR - 6pm,

Rooms AB of the Courthouse.

Call the office to reserve your spot:



715-526-6136.

4-H Dog Obedience Practice

is starting on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

at the Shawano Fairgrounds.

Beginners welcomed!



Want help with your Animal or Vet Science Projects?

Join Megan & Tami on Tuesday, July 7th from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Junior Fair Building and/or Wednesday, July 29th from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at the Shawano Courthouse, Rooms A & B for ideas and help. This does not count as an "educational credit."

THE WONDER OF WATER KAYAKING DAY CAMP

BEGINNER
KAYAKING

WATER
EDUCATION

GAMES

AND MORE!

JULY 14,
1:30-4:30PM

Cost \$10

Open to
grades 3-10

Held at
Shawano County Park
W5791 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166

Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/4Hkayak71426>
or call 715-526-6136



We have a kayak waiting for you!



EVERYTHING RECYCLING DAY CAMP

CRAFTS

SCIENCE

SNACKS

AND MORE!

JULY 31, 9-12PM
GRADES 3-8
COST \$5

Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/4Hrecycling73126>
or by calling
7155266136

Shawano County Fair Grounds
in the Huntington building
990 E Green Bay St, Shawano, WI 54166



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: w4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com



TRAPPER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



JULY 17 & 18, 2026
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Why trapping?

Trappers create a positive image when they engage in the responsible and ethical pursuit of our sustainable fur bearer resource. Trapper education courses teach basic trap line skills with an emphasis on ethical, humane and legal trapping methods. The trapper education course provides a solid foundation upon which a safe and successful trapping career can be built. It also helps trappers understand the importance of maintaining good relationships with landowners, other outdoor enthusiasts and managers of our natural resources. The knowledge and skills that you learn will be used every day on your trapline.

Who must attend?

You are required by law to successfully complete a trapper education course before purchasing your first trapping license.

LOCATION: SHAWANO
COST \$30

**4-H members
in grades 3 - 13
are invited to
participate with a
parent/guardian.**

Parent/Guradian may also earn certified trapper certification if they pay the fee and go through the coursework with youth.
Area will also be available for adults to sit for the day.

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HJulyTrapper>
or call 715-526-6136

4-H & Registration Questions to
4-H Educator Megan Suehring: 715-526-6136 or
msuehring@wisc.edu

Course Questions to
Trapper Jacob Van Schyndel: 920-265-1680 or
kofc1990@gmail.com

**BECOME A CERTIFIED
TRAPPER
FOR LIFE!**





LIBRARY LOCK-IN

AUGUST 6 - 7, 2026
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.

SHAWANO
COST \$30

4-H members
in grades 3 - 10
are invited to
participate!

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Shawano4HLibraryLockin>
or call 715-526-6136

Join our overnight
adventure full of
4-H fun and
activities:

- Escape Room
- Scavenger Hunt
- Midnight Snacks
- Community Service
- Time to Read
- Writing Activities
- Games
- Movies
- Crafts
- Rest in the shelves
- Breakfast

Spots are
limited!



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/>

♥ May is Mental Health Awareness Month ♥

It's okay to not be okay.

Some days feel heavier than others—and that's part of being human. You don't have to carry it all on your own.

Check in with yourself. Check in with someone else. A simple "How are you?" can go a long way.

If you or someone you know needs support, help is always available. You are not alone.

☎ Call or text 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline



Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum

4-H Adult Volunteers and
Youth in grades 7 - 13
Stevens Point, WI
November 6 - 8, 2026



From our partners



June Dairy Month Reel Campaign

4-H, FFA, Individual Families, non-profit youth groups, or daycare providers will have the opportunity to do a reel with a positive promotional message about the dairy industry.

The video must be 30 seconds to 2 minutes in length.

The following are ideas; you can do something different if desired.

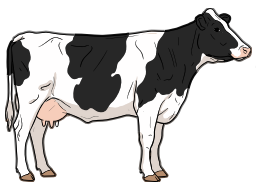
- Farm to Table
 - Tracing the journey of your favorite dairy product from farm to table
- Dairy Nutrition
 - Take your favorite dairy product and highlighting its nutrition facts
- Sustainability and Stewardship
 - Showcase how farms protect natural resources and how they are innovating new ways to continue to produce quality products while cutting their carbon footprint.
- Heritage and Family Legacy
 - Share a story/stories of family farms
- Create Dairy Recipes
 - Share your favorite recipe that uses dairy products
- Dairy Community
 - Highlight the dairy industry in your community by sharing jobs that are related to dairy but are not strictly dairy farming. (I.e. milk trucks, breeder, veterinary, custom harvesting, etc.)



Please send video to shawanocountydairypromotions@gmail.com by May 31st.

Must sign the media release form (scan, picture, mail) – reach out to the Extension office for a copy.

Upon submission, Shawano County Dairy Promotions will confirm receipt of the video. Judging will be based on a combination of “Likes” and shares on the Shawano County Dairy Promotions Facebook page from posting until June 30th at midnight and results from the Shawano County Dairy Promotions team.



1st-3rd place cash prizes and will be named at the annual 4-H Fall Event.

All participants will receive Culver's coupons to enjoy and thank for their participation in promoting the dairy industry.



Volunteers needed – please call Tami at 715-526-6136

or complete the Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/2026SCFBBrunchontheFarm>

SHAWANO 4-H CLOVER KABOOM

BEEES, BLOOMS, & BUBBLES

Join us for fun learning through hands-on activities, games, crafts, and snacks featuring bees, blooms, and bubbles! Each day will feature different activities. Parents/guardians are welcome to stay.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Youth
\$5 per Child
Shawano Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on
June 16th
July 21st
August 11th

Sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HCloverKaboom26>
or by calling 715-526-6136.



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/>



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

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Taya Jannusch, Americorps Member
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