

# 4-H ECHO



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## October 7 - 12 is National 4-H Week!



As the largest youth development organization in the nation, we provide a place for all kids to reach their full potential. They're able to see the world beyond themselves through hands-on, research-based experiences in every corner of Wisconsin.

Help spread the word about 4-H in your community. If your club is doing a display, participating in a parade, or any other way to help spread the word, submit a picture to be published in the next Echo.

Grant County has 20 4-H clubs to choose from. October 1 starts the new 4-H year and is a perfect time to join and re-enroll. Enroll at <https://wi.4honline.com/>. Contact the Grant County Extension Office for more information on how to join or with questions on re-enrolling.

4-H grows confident, capable, and caring kids with the life skills to thrive in today's world and succeed in their boldest dreams for tomorrow.

# Upcoming Dates & Events

October 1 - Record books due to Extension Office (check with your club for club deadline)  
October 1 - Start of new 4-H Year - Time to re-enroll on [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)  
October 7 - 12 - National 4-H Week  
October 9 - 4-H Leaders Banquet, 7:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster  
October 13 - 4-H Junior Leaders Meeting, 1:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center  
October 14 - County Record Book Check, noon - 7:00 pm, Auditorium, Youth & Ag, Lancaster  
October 16 - **Deadline** Extended for 4-H Ambassador Applications  
November 1 - **Deadline** Club Year End Reports due to the Extension Office  
November 1 - **Deadline** Club Charters Due - online form  
November 8 - 4-H Awards Night, 7:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster  
December 1 - **Deadline** to enroll/re-enroll via [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) to stay on mailing lists  
December 2 - January 9 - Grant County Fair Beef ID by 4:00 pm



If you sold an animal or cheese at the 2024 Grant County Fair Livestock Auction, checks and buyers' pictures can be picked up at the Grant County Extension Office Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Other arrangements can be made by calling the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. Each exhibitor who sold will receive a framed picture that is to be given to the buyer.

## 4-H Family Project Day: Saturday, February 8, 2025

The 4-H Family Project Day will be hosted in February 2025 at the Youth & Ag Center, on the Grant County Fairgrounds, in Lancaster. More information will be going out to club leaders regarding projects. Registration for attendees will be starting in January. For any questions, or you would like join the Family Project Day Committee, please contact Jenny Dixon at the Extension Office at [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or 608-723-2125.



# 4-H Club Minutes

## Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Klay C.

At the August meeting we had our Club Tour. We went to look at Thoma's sheep, Conley's pigs and Buskee's beef and sheep projects. We ended the tour at the Donar's to look at Landon and Lily's beef. We also looked at other members' projects for the fair. We had a potluck and discussed other fairs coming up, and that people should participate in them because they are fun.

At the September meeting we discussed National 4-H week. We decided we would make posters, wear our 4-H shirts and have a float in the Kieler Fire Prevention Parade. We will also take part in the "Trunk or Treat" at CCES. We will go glow golfing in Galena on October 5. We are all excited for our year end club points auction on October 20. We will have a float in the Cuba City Holiday glow parade in December.

## 4-H Ambassador 2024 - 2025 Team:

The Grant County Ambassador Advisors are seeking applications for the 2024-2025 Ambassador Team. The Ambassador Team serves as the 4-H promotion team throughout the county. Some of the activities the Ambassadors do include:



- Various duties at the county fair
- Help at county events such as Family Project Day, Cloverbud Day, Communication Arts Day, Awards Night, etc.
- Represent 4-H at community and county events, such as Dairy Breakfast
- Promote upcoming 4-H activities and events with radio recordings and media posts
- Write articles for the Echo and local newspapers
- Create posts to be used on the county 4-H Facebook page
- Visit with local 4-H clubs

The deadline to apply to be an Ambassador has been extended to **October 16**. Applications can be found on the Extension website at <https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications/4-h-forms/>

## What is 4-H Junior Leaders and How do I Join???



**October 13 at 1:00 pm**  
**Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster**



- Junior Leaders is to help 4-H members connect to others across the county through leadership activities and community service projects.
- We are recruiting new members to join Grant County Junior Leaders.
- This meeting Matt Adams, 4-H Volunteer, is looking to restart the group and discuss the future and interest in Grant County Junior Leaders.
- 4-H members in grades 7 and over are welcome to attend.
- Questions: Contact Matt Adams at [docadamsvet@gmail.com](mailto:docadamsvet@gmail.com) or 608-412-4351.

# Announcements

## Record Book Check:

Reminder to club leaders: All record book forms and books that need to come to the county level need to be turned into the Extension Office by October 1 in order to prepare for the County Record Book Check.

County Record Book Check is scheduled for Monday, October 14. Books will be available to score beginning at noon and we will wrap up around 7:00 pm or when all books have been scored. Please let Charisse Orth know if you plan to score record books.

## Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups Charters Due

A 4-H charter indicates the club or group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the 4-H program. It authorizes the club or group to use the 4-H emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the 4-H Charter is education, communication, and accountability.



4-H clubs and groups must renew their charter annually through completion of the Charter Application Process. Charter Applications are to be completed online by **November 1st**.

4-H 2024-2025 Charter Application is now available on the Charters page of the Wisconsin 4-H volunteer website. The online version is the easiest, fastest way to submit, but you can also download printable pdf to fill out and return also. You can find the online and printable options at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>

We encourage all clubs and groups to work together through the planning process.

## Grant County Fair Beef Identification:

**December 2, 2024 - January 9, 2025 by 4:00 pm**

Exhibitors wishing to show beef in the market division at the 2025 Grant County Fair will need to self identify their animal and turn in required paperwork before 4:00 pm on January 9, 2025 to the Grant County Extension Office. Tags will be available from the Grant County Extension Office in December.

**More detailed information will be going out to members in the beef project. Forms and information will also be available at [grant.extension.wisc.edu](http://grant.extension.wisc.edu) in December.**

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## 2024-2025 4-H Year Begins Now

Now is the time for families and members to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H online. 4-H enrollment is through <https://wi.4honline.com/> and the 4-H year starts October 1. 4-H youth need to be in 5K through 13th grade.

All enrollments need to be done by December 1st to be listed on our mailing lists to stay current on upcoming events, deadlines and information. The deadline to enroll and change projects in order to exhibit at the Grant County Fair is April 1st.

Once you log in, you will have the ability to add projects and check and update any changes in your profile.

The family enrollment guide at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf> can help you during the enrollment process.

Leaders: See page 6 for the breakdown of trainings that are required. Online trainings can be accessed by your wi.4honline.com account.

If you are having difficulties in enrolling online or have questions, email Charisse Orth, 4-H Educator, at [Charisse.orth@wisc.edu](mailto:Charisse.orth@wisc.edu) or Jenny Dixon at [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or call the Grant County Extension Office at 723-2125.



### National 4-H Week:

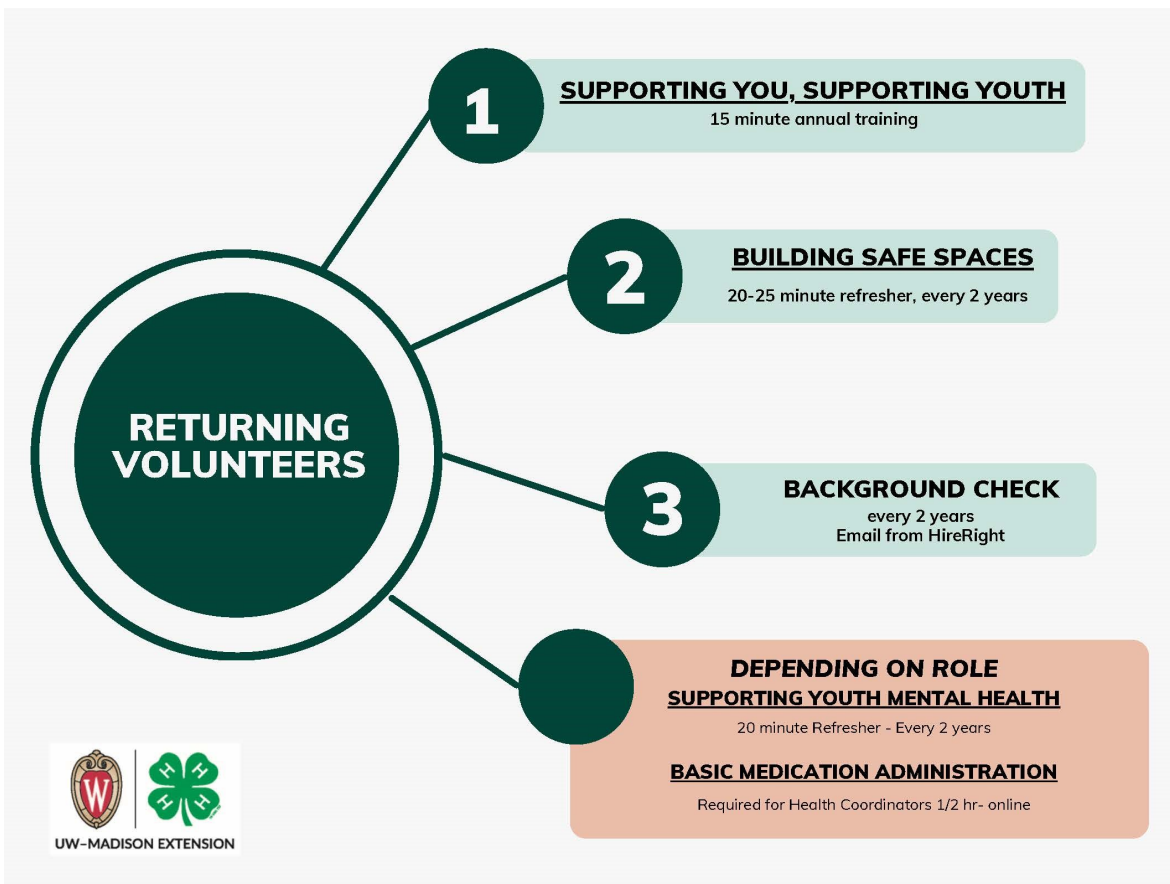
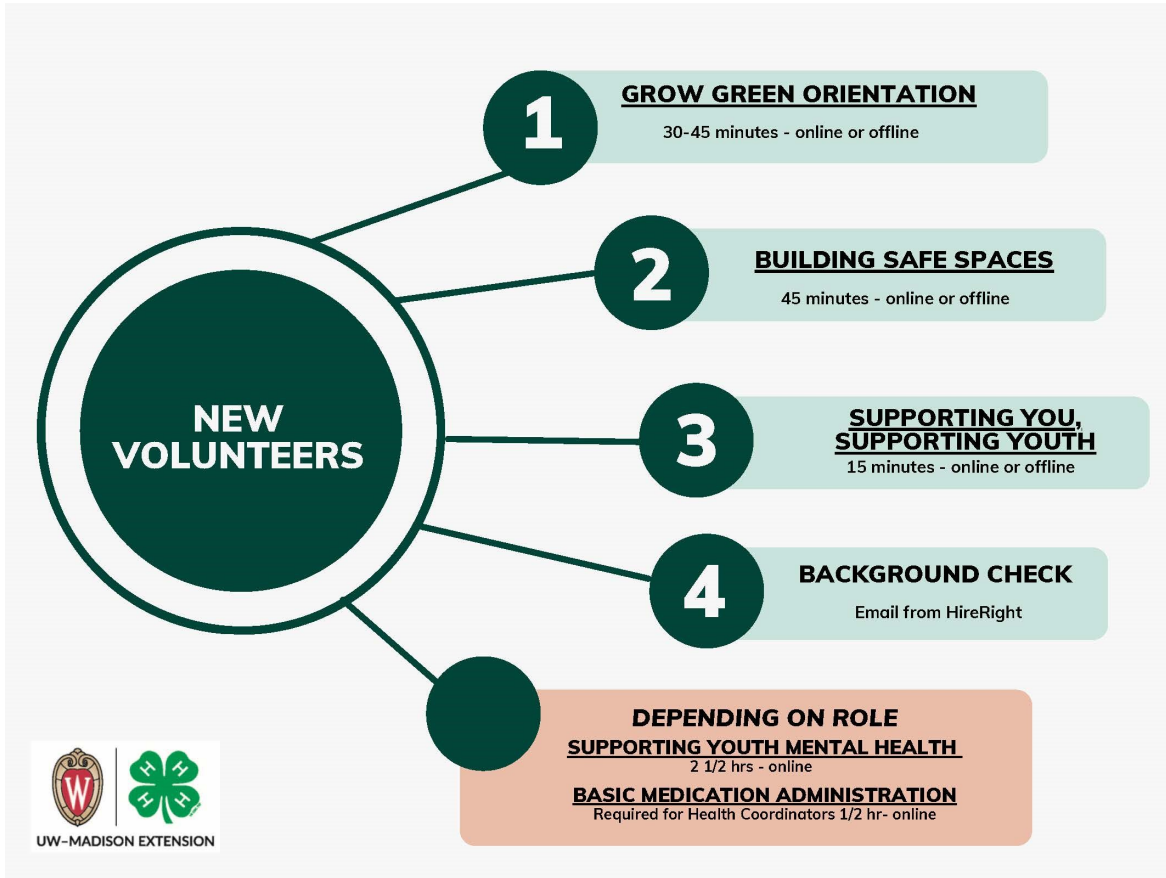
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National 4-H Week is a great time to share 4-H with others. How will your club get involved?

Some suggestions:

- Talk to local business owners about 4-H and thank supporters for their contribution
- Ask car dealerships to support 4-H by tying 4-H balloons/flags to their cars during the week
- Ask restaurants to support 4-H by using 4-H placemats on their tables during the week
- Invite a new friend to attend a 4-H meeting or event
- Make posters to put in local business windows promoting 4-H during the week
- Donate some time or money to the 4-H program
- Do a community service project
- Don't forget to wear your 4-H t-shirts and apparel!

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## **4-H Leaders Banquet October 9, 2024, 7:00 pm Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster**

The 4-H Leaders Association Banquet will be held on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center. All current youth and adult 4-H leaders are invited and encouraged to attend. The banquet is an opportunity for leaders to be recognized for their achievements and enjoy a catered meal. Let us show our leaders appreciation for all the great work they do for the 4-H program.

The Leader's Association is seeking donations for their Dollar Auction during the banquet. If you have an item to donate, please let Charisse know.

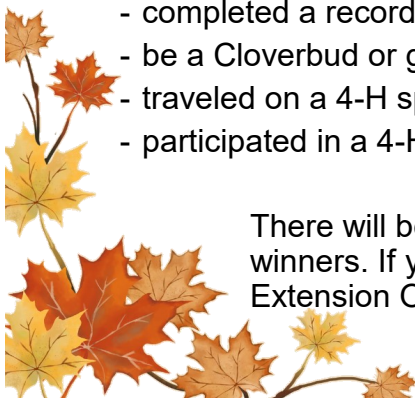


## **4-H Awards Night November 8, 7:00 pm Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster**

Grant County 4-H Awards Night is scheduled for Friday, November 8 at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center. Individuals that will be honored are those that have completed a record book and the following:

- completed a record book (and score 65 points or more)
- be a Cloverbud or graduating 4-H member
- traveled on a 4-H sponsored trip
- participated in a 4-H activity, clothing revue, foods revue, judging team, demonstration, etc.

There will be ice cream to end the evening and help celebrate all of the award winners. If you have questions regarding Awards Night, please contact Jenny at the Extension Office by emailing [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or by calling 608-723-2125.



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