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Pierce County 4-H Leaders Council

The Pierce County 4-H Leaders Council Committee is an Important Group for the Pierce County 4-H Program. This Committee Oversees the 4-H Program and Makes Important Decisions About How and Where the Financial Resources of the 4-H Program Are Spent. They Also Provide Direction for the Educational Programs. We still need Adult and Youth Members as Representatives. Youth Have an Equal Voice at The Table. The Committee Meets Four Times a Year. Next meeting will be in December 1, 2022 6:30 pm, Pierce County Board Room, Pierce County Courthouse Annex.

TONIGHT!

What's Up With Your Club?

Would you like your Club featured in the next Informant? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your club's story please email April at: april.daniels@wisc.edu

Notes From The Office

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

Hello! Many of you know me and some of you may not know me. My name is April Daniels, and I am the new Pierce County 4-H Program Educator. For the past 20 years my kids have been a part of Pierce County 4-H. This past year was my daughter's last year of 4-H and it is fitting that I accepted the position just as she finished her 4-H career. I have not only been a 4-H Mom, I have served as a Club leader, served on various County project committees and Leaders Council. I grew up on a large dairy farm in Northern Dunn county being a part of the Sheridan Pals 4-H Club and then the Kids from Ridgeland 4-H Club in Dunn County. I continued my education at UW-River Falls where I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health & Human Performance (Physical Education) with minors in Coaching & Dance. I played soccer in college and was a part of Dance Theatre. The one thing I love about 4-H is that it has so much to offer youth and our community. Growing up on a farm made me appreciate agriculture and want my family to experience what I grew up with, which led our family to 4-H. I am excited to be a part of Pierce County 4-H because I know that our youth are our future and it is important that we raise the next generation of leaders. I look forward to working with Pierce County 4-H Volunteers, Leaders, Youth & Community Partners. Please email or call me if you have any questions about 4-H.

715-273-6781 or April.Daniels@wisc.edu

April Daniels

Good Luck to all in this new 4-H Year and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

WHAT'S UP WITH BETH?

What a year it has been! As we approach the end of 2022, I am taking the time to appreciate and reflect on all of the relationships and interactions I've had the opportunity to grow through in Pierce County. I have learned invaluable amounts from members, volunteers, and coworkers. Moving into the new year, I hope to continue to grow these relationships and soak up every bit of 4-H fun!

I look forward to all changes within Pierce County Extension Office staff and can't wait to work with April on all sorts of projects!

Happy Holidays!

Beth McIlquham

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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -Leaders Council	2 -Volleyball Registration Due	3 -Leadership Training Day
4 -Beef Weigh-In	5 -Office Closed	6 -Office Closed	7 -Office Closed	8	9 -Light up the Fairgrounds	10 -Leadership Training Day -Light up the Fairgrounds
11 -Beef Weigh-In Snow Date -Volleyball Tournament	12	13 -Robotics Advanced Class	14	15	16 -Trip Scholarships Applications Due -Light up the Fairgrounds	17 -Light up the Fairgrounds
18	19	20 -Robotics Advanced Class	21 -VIP Training	22 -Robotics Advanced Class	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 CASH YOUR FAIR CHECK!

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January
7:YQCA & Rules Meeting
17: Cloverbud Project Box
20: Camp Counselor Application Due!
21: Pork Cooking Workshop
22: VIP Training
23: Livestock Committee Meeting
24: Exploring 4-H! Zoom
25: Rabbit & Small Animal Committee Meeting
28: Discovery Day
31: Cloverbud Project Box

February
4: VIP Training
5: YQCA & Rules Meeting
7: Exploring 4-H! Zoom
12: Camp Counselor Training
14: Cloverbud Project Box Zoom
21: Exploring 4-H! Zoom
25: Sheep Selection Workshop
28: Cloverbud Project Box Zoom

March
1: Enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Fair
5: Camp Counselor Training
13: VIP Training
15: Deadline to add/delete projects in 4H online

April
15: Sheep/Swine & Goat Weigh In
15: Talent Expo
30: Camp Counselor Training

May
1: James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award Application Due

June
13: Camp Counselor Training
14-16: Po-Croix-Bar-Pierce CAMP

As winter approaches, so does winter weather. If an event is to be cancelled due to inclement weather there will be an email sent to all, and it will be posted on our "Pierce County 4-H - Wisconsin" Facebook or Instagram.

Fundraise for Pierce County 4-H by shopping on Amazon by using AmazonSmile!

Remember, if you want AmazonSmile to donate to Pierce County 4-H you can do it by searching "Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, Ellsworth, WI" you need to start each shopping session with the AmazonSmile turned ON in the Amazon Shopping app or on the website, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

MAILED OR EMAILED?

Do you want your Informant mailed via United States Post Office?

Please email april.daniels@wisc.edu to let us know that you would like a hard copy. Otherwise you will get the Informant via email to the email address that you have listed for your family on 4-H Online.

The Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County

They are looking for a group to "adopt" the Pierce County Food Pantry garden in 2022 and beyond. In 2021 a garden and fruit trees were planted at the Pierce County Food Pantry to supply food pantry clients with fresh produce. The garden is doing great and the clients are loving the produce. A group is needed to take over the general upkeep of the garden - watering, weeding, harvesting, and fall clean-up. If your group is looking for a service project this could be for you! Contact Katie Bartko at 715-561-1934 or katie.bartko@wisc.edu to learn more.

Pierce County 4-H is now on Facebook & Instagram!!

This will be another way to communicate up to date information and events and learn more about Pierce County 4-H!

Be sure to follow the Facebook page here:

Pierce County 4-H - Wisconsin

https://www.facebook.com/piercecounty4HWI

Be sure to follow the Instagram page here:

piercecountywi4h

https://www.instagram.com/piercecountywi4h/

2022-2023 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for our new 4-H year opens **September 6, 2022!**

- All youth grades K—13th are welcome to enroll in Pierce County 4-H.
- Enrollment will be open from Sept. 6—Nov. 1 for all current 4-H members.
- All members must enroll in at least one 4-H project.
- K—2nd graders are only eligible to enroll in the Cloverbud project
- 3rd grades may only take one animal project
- New members can enroll anytime.
- March 1 is the enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Pierce County Fair under the 4-H name
- March 15 is the deadline to add/delete projects

To enroll go to www.4HOnline.com and log in to your account. Make sure you hit the submit button when you are finished.

Pierce County 4-H

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

River Falls High School

New this year: Alumni Tournament
Spread the word!

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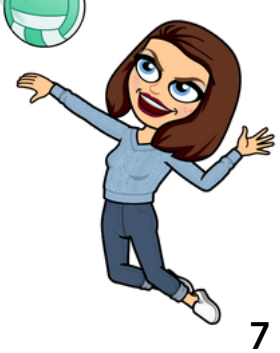
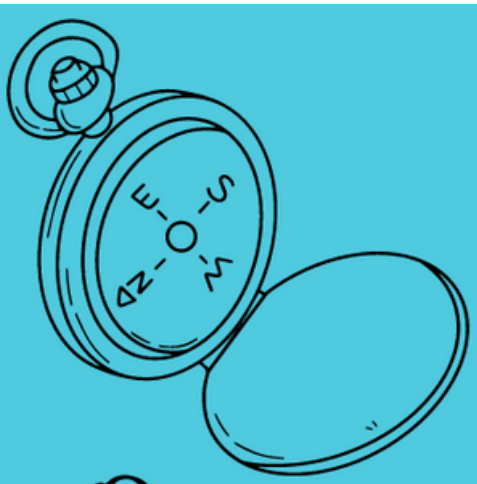
NEW THIS YEAR!!

ALUMNI TOURNAMENT BE SURE TO TELL YOUR ALUMNI, SO THEY COME BACK FOR A FUN TIME! PLEASE EMAIL KATHY BRUBAKER IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALUMNI TOURNAMENT.
RACIN59@MSN.COM





Pierce County 4-H Discovery Day

January 28

8:30 AM to 12 PM

Seyforth Building

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Leader Re-Enrollment

All re-enrolling 4-H volunteer leaders will need to comply with the following training requirements:

- Annually sign the 4-H Volunteer Expectations Form (part of re-enrollment through 4-HOnline)
- Federal background check (every 4 years) - you can complete this online or via paper
- Mandated Reporter Training (all volunteers must complete this at least once)
- Title IX Reporting Training (all volunteers must complete this at least once)
- Supporting Youth Mental Health Training (all volunteers who are planning on being a 4-H chaperone
- Shooting Sports Training (requirement for any volunteer wishing to assist with the shooting sports program)

This is a new event that will be replacing some aspects of the Performing Arts and the Creative Arts and Communication Festivals. Stay tuned for more information!

Pierce COUNTY

VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY & TAKE AND LEARN

Featuring

Cloverbud Project Box Series

K-2nd Grade

TUESDAYS via Zoom

6:00-7:00 PM

- **January 17**- Head- Straw Rockets
- **January 31**- Heart- "The Day You Begin" Book
- **February 14** -Hands - Lava Mug Cake
- **February 28**-Health- 4-H yoga, Calm Jars, Nature Mindfulness

Let's Celebrate! Exploring 4-H

3-6th Grade

TUESDAYS via Zoom

6:00-7:00PM

- **January 24**- So Much to Celebrate- Paper Art
- **February 7**-Science Behind the Perfect Party- Baking and Dyeing Techniques
- **February 21** Staying Connected–Taking care of ourselves and others
- **Ongoing**-Find the Fun! The entire series with a special Goosechase

Save the Date

Watch for Registration Information coming in December!

4h.extension.wisc.edu/VLC

Cloverbud Project Box series: Come explore 4-H with us. The Head, Heart, Hands, Health project box is designed for Cloverbud aged youth. Youth and Families can attend four sessions with 4-H Educators teaching the sessions! Youth will receive a project box with supplies, but families will still need to provide some of their own supplies. Virtual sessions will be Tuesdays at 6PM, January 17, January 31, February 14 and February 28.

Exploring Kit: Come explore 4-H with us. The "Let's Celebrate!" project box and Zoom series will include paper art, food science, wellness, and games over 3 sessions. As a bonus, you can participate in a fun and interactive experience using the popular Goosechase app. Recordings of the sessions will be available for 30 days afterwards. Virtual Sessions will be Tuesdays at 6PM, January 24, February 7, February 21 and an ongoing Goosechase.

ATTENTION NEW 4-H VOLUNTEERS

VIP Trainings - Required for New 4-H Volunteers

If you have adults who are interested in becoming certified 4-H volunteers they are required to take the Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP). Completion of a VIP Training is one of the requirements to becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. All VIP Trainings will be held both in person and virtually this fall. These trainings take 1—1 1/2 hours to complete. For more information contact Sky sky.holt@wisc.edu

December 21 - 6:30 pm
January 22 - 4 pm
February 4 - 10 am
March 13 - 6:30 pm

Register here a week before the training
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11DAMeQOzJuzJolXtzhEkxTsxJsqU221-D1NZlg77EFI/edit?ts=634d572f

Steps to Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

1.) Enroll in 4-HOnline
2.) Complete a National Background Check
3.) Attend VIP Training
4.) Completed online Mandated Reporter Training
5.) Complete online Title IX Training

4-H AWARD TRIP APPLICATIONS

New friends, lifelong memories, and valuable experiences are ahead of you!

Each year, Pierce County 4-H Leaders Council (Adult Advisors) provides funds for 4-Hers, grades 7-13, to go on statewide and national 4-H trips. In order to qualify for these funds, you must complete an application packet provided by the Pierce County 4-H Awards Committee. If the committee accepts your application packet, you will be required to interview with the 4-H Awards Committee and submit a completed Record Book. If all goes well, you are on your way to new friends and unforgettable experiences!

Find more info about the trip application process and opportunities that await you here: https://pierce.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships/

Please complete the application packet and submit it to the Pierce County Extension Office by December 16.

2023 WISCONSIN 4-H STATE & NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

PROGRAM	DATES	2023 COST	REGISTRATION	AGE	APPLICATION/DEADLINES	ADULT ADVISORS
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)- Washington, D.C.	2 weeks offered, dates TBD 2023 (Sat following Sat.)	~$1,600 (incl. travel). Support from WI 4-H Foundation lowers costs for all delegates.	Registration through 4HOnline. Week assignment is first come, first serve. May attend one time.	10th-12th grade at time of registration in fall-winter. Minimum age of 15 during program.	**Nov. 15-Dec 15** – 4HOnline registration open to youth. **Feb. 15**- Invoices are emailed to County Staff. **Apr. 1**- Payment due to State 4-H Office.	1 Adult Advisor/10 youth needed. National Program Group Leader Application. **Feb. 15** – Application Deadline.
National 4-H Conference- Washington, D.C.	April 14-19, 2023 (Sat a.m. – Thurs.)	~$1,300 (incl. travel) Support from WI 4-H Foundation lowers costs for all delegates.	State 4-H committee selects 8-10 delegates from applications. May attend one time.	10th-12th grade during the program. Minimum age of 15 and maximum 18 on Jan. 1 of program year.	**Sept. 15** -Applications are distributed to counties via mail and website for distribution. **Jan. 15** - Applications are due to State 4-H Office. **Jan.** 25- Selections announced to youth & county staff. **Jan.** 30- Last day to cancel without financial penalty. **Feb. 15**- Invoices are emailed to County Staff. **Mar. 15**- Payment due to State 4-H Office.	2 Adult Advisors needed (usually a County 4-H Educator). Selected by State 4-H Office for two-year term.
National 4-H Congress- Atlanta, GA	Nov. 24-28, 2023 (Fri. after Thanksgiving - Tues.)	~$1,350 (incl. travel) Support from WI 4-H Foundation lowers costs for all delegates.	Registration open May 1-June 1. (no quota). May attend one time.	10th-12th grade at time of participation. Maximum age 18 on Jan. 1 of program year	**Dec. 1**- Registration instructions available on 4-H website **May 1-June 1** – 4HOnline registration open to youth. **Aug. 1**- All team applications and expectation forms due **Aug. 1**- Last date to cancel without financial penalty. **Oct. 1**- Invoices are emailed to County 4-H Staff. **Nov 10**- Payment due to State 4-H Office.	1 Adult Advisor/10 youth needed. National Program Group Leader application. **Sep.**- Application information posted on state 4-H website. **Feb. 15** - Application deadline.
Space Camp- Huntsville, AL	April 20-24, 2023 (tentative date, Thurs. – Monday)	~$900 (incl. travel). Support from WI 4-H Foundation lowers costs for all delegates.	Registration open Nov. 1-Dec. 1 May attend one time (besides counselors).	6th-8th grade, maximum age 15, at time of program.	**Sept. 15**-Registration information is distributed to counties via mail & website to distribute to youth. **Nov. 1-Dec 1**- 4HOnline registration open to youth. (Revised dates from last year) **Jan.** 20- Last day to cancel without financial penalty. **Feb. 1**- Invoices are emailed to County Staff. **Mar. 15**- Payment due to State 4-H Office. **March** -Space Camp Counselor and Adult Advisor Training Weekend	1 Adult Advisor/10 youth needed. National Program Group Leader application. **Oct.**- Application information posted on state 4-H website. **Feb. 15** - Application deadline.
Pathways Conference- **Madison, WI**	June 19-22, 2023 (Mon.-Thurs.)	~$400 (Plus some seminar fees.) Some scholarships available.	Registration open Apr. 2-15 (no quota) May attend more than once	7th-10th grade at registration in fall-winter.	Feb. 1- Registration info & handbook posted online. **Apr. 2-15**- 4HOnline registration opens to youth - seminars are assigned ***first come, first served*** for both youth and adults. (Must complete UHS health form in campdoc.com.) **Apr. 18 - May 1**- 4HOnline registration opens for Pre-Selected Adult Advisors. Adult Advisors must apply through 4HOnline. Applications are due March 1 and Adult Advisors will be notified by April 1. **May 31**- Last day to cancel without financial penalty. **Jun. 1**- Payment due. Invoice will be emailed to County Staff.	1 Adult Advisor/10 youth needed. Application through 4HOnline. Selection of Adult Advisors will be made by staff members from the WI 4-H & Youth Conference Planning Committee.

PROGRAM	DATES	2019 COST	REGISTRATION	AGE	APPLICATION/DEADLINES	ADULT ADVISORS
American Spirit East	June/July, 2023 (Fri. to following Sun.)	~$1400 (incl. travel and meals); payment made to counties holding charters (see invoice).	Registration through 4HOnline. Week assignment is first come, first serve. May attend one time.	8th-10th grade at time of registration.	**Nov. 1-Dec 1**- 4HOnline registration open to youth. Jan. 16- Last day to cancel without financial penalty. **January 1** - Invoices are emailed to County Staff. January 15 - Payment due to State 4-H Office.	1 Adult Advisor/10 youth needed. National Program Group Leader application. Oct.- Application posted on state 4-H website. **Feb. 15** - Application deadline.

The Pathways Conference is a new multi-day educational experience being planned for the week of June 19th on the UW-Madison campus, and intentionally incorporating elements of 4-H & Youth Conference.

The Pathways Conference will be focused on participants exploring their sparks and connecting with people, places, and programs that can support them through higher education and career development. It is designed for youth completing 7th through 10th grade and participating in Extension youth programs and partnerships, including 4-H Clubs and Post-Secondary Pathways programs such as Juntos, Nia, and Growing Connections.

Participants who know 4-H and Youth Conference will find familiar elements:

- Older youth and adults in planning and leadership roles through WLC and a Drama Company performance, and also intentionally incorporating a wide range of perspectives
- Opportunities to meet and learn together with dynamic young people from across Wisconsin
- Fun, memorable experiences in an incredible campus environment

Our on-campus leadership and learning experiences have a long legacy, through a century of evolution including 4-H Club Congress and 4-H & Youth Conference, and we are looking forward to welcoming the next generation of youth to the Pathways Conference in June after missing out the past few years.

4-H Award Trip Preference Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Club: _____ Grade entering this fall: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Consider the award trips you apply for carefully. When it is time to register for the trip, you will be informed and may be held financially liable for part of the cost if you cancel after payments are due.

Please check the appropriate boxes – PUT AT LEAST ONE CHECK FOR EVERY TRIP.

Trips (all grade levels are as of time of of registration for the trip):	I have received this award in the past	I would like to apply this year.	I don't want to apply this year.
Space Camp (Please check Counselor OR Delegate below) Huntsville. AL ___Counselor applicant Grades 9-10 ___Youth Delegate Grades 6-8			
Pathways Conference Madison, WI Grades 7-10			
American Spirit Grades 8-10			
Citizenship - Washington Focus Washington DC Grades 10-12			
National 4-H Conference Washington DC Grades 10-12			
National 4-H Congress Atlanta, GA Grades 10-12			

Comments:

_____

_____

PIERCE COUNTY 4-H
ADULT RECOMMENDATION

The following applicant _____ is applying to represent the Pierce County 4-H program on an out-of-county trip and/or to be selected as a 4-H Award recipient. You have been identified as a person who could speak to their qualifications for these trips and awards. It is the responsibility of the youth leader to see that you receive this recommendation at least 1 week prior to the due date along with a pre-addressed envelope. Recommendations are confidential and will not be returned to the 4-H youth leader. A recommendation from a family member will not be accepted.

Please complete the following recommendation and return as directed below.

1) *Today's Date Completed:* _____ *Name:* _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

Do you feel this member would be a good representative of Pierce County 4-H if selected as a delegate on a 4-H trip? ____ Yes _____ No

How long have you known this 4-H member?

_____

In what capacity do you know this member?

_____

2)

Evaluate the Member	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	N/A
Involvement in 4-H at Club level					
Involvement in 4-H at County level					
Involvement in School & Community					
Works to the best of their ability					
Dependability					
Communication					
Leadership Skills					
Ethics					
Solving Problems					
Independence and Maturity Level					

3) Comments (please use additional sheet, if needed):

Signature of Adult Recommending 4-H Youth Leader: _____

Recommendations should be sent directly to:
Extension Pierce County Office
4-H Trip and Award Recommendation
432 West Main St. BOX 69
Ellsworth, WI 54011
DEADLINE DATE: December 16, 2022

LEAD LIKE A SUPERHERO: ANNUAL LEADER'S AND YOUTH OFFICER TRAINING

Annually, we ask that 4-H leaders from across the county come together for a day of learning and sharing. This year we are also offering a Youth Officer Training at the same place, same time as the Annual Leaders meeting. This meeting will count towards completion of the Annual Volunteer Leader Training required on your 2022-2023 club charters. All adult and youth leaders are welcome to attend. Come and find out new 4-H information for the coming year, as well as resources available to you. Lunch will be provided for participants. We will even be completing a SUPER project that you can take back to share with clubs, as well as a chance to win great prizes!

Please choose one date to attend. Either location will count for your county's leader training.
December 3, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - River Falls Public Library
December 10, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - Polk County Government Center, 100 Polk County Plz, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Please register by Nov. 27th, 4:00pm, use this link to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcEOswuHFOZMEO9qFXw-AUlZi0GJVykZrHBDkOqRxRbGxRkA/viewform?usp=pp_url

EV3 ADVANCED BUILD

This class is intended for those who have built with the Lego Mindstorms before. We will be building an animal and programming it to walk and other things.

This is a 3 day class.

Day one: Building.

Day two finish building and start programming.

Day three wrap up programming and tear down.

Dates - Dec 13, 20, and 22

Fee: $5.00 each class

Time 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send in fee & registration form, due Dec 9

Mail to:

Extension Pierce County

432 W. Main Street, PO Box 69

Ellsworth, WI 54011

ROBOTICS REGISTRATION FORM

Name:----------

Email Address:----------

EV3 Advanced Build: Dec 13 ☐ Dec 20 ☐ Dec 22 ☐

Fee Enclosed:----------

Rabbit & Poultry Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 25 6:30pm

Where: Seyforth Building, Pierce County Fairgrounds

Why: To plan the next year and elect officer

Who: Parents and Project Members

THE SOARING EAGLES 4-H CLUB

At our November meeting we learned about reptiles and snakes.

4-H Awards

Pierce County Awards Day was held on November 6 at the Elmwood Auditorium. Many thanks to all of you who have pitched in, from the Spring Valley & Elmwood Area 4-H Clubs, to help make the 2021-2022 Awards Program a success!

Elm Valley Patriots, Heartland Hustlers,
Martell Rushers, Merri-Heirs,
Olivet Otters & Valley Eagles

AWARD WINNERS

Key Award The highest county level 4-H award that any member can receive.

Claire Anderson-Valley Eagles

Farm Bureau Award This award recognizes one boy & one girl who has applied their leadership skills in agriculture and actively participated in their club & community

Meggan Daniels-Town & Country
Cody Holcomb-Elm Valley Patriots

Family, Home & Health Award This award recognizes an outstanding member who has done exemplary work & shown leadership in the Family, Home & Health projects.

Winner-Nora Boles-St. Croix Stars
Honorable Mention-Niki Miller-Falcon Falls

Arts & Communication Award This award recognizes an outstanding member who have demonstrated abilities and have shown leadership in the cultural arts projects.

Winner-Emily Odegard-River Ramblers
Honorable Mention-Meggan Daniels-Town & Country

Natural Science Award This award recognizes an outstanding member who have demonstrated abilities and have shown leadership in the Natural Science projects.

Winner-Jacob Sammon-Town & Country
Winner-Brady Cebulla-Valley Eagles
Honorable Mention-Sam Hines-Helpful Workers

Outstanding Livestock Member Award This award recognizes an outstanding member who have demonstrated leadership in the livestock projects.

Beef-Cora Capatske-Country Partners
Swine-Val Achenbach-Heartland Hustlers
Goat-Octavia Hueschele-Falcon Falls
Sheep-Kaylee Bazille-Spring Valley FFA

Jim Geraets Memorial Scholarship Award This award is given to a member who is in their first or second year of showing livestock.

Jake Shafer, Madelyn Kopp, Kayleigh Volkman, & Mattie Wilk

Friends of 4-H Award This award is given to individuals and businesses who support our 4-H program.

Jim & Justin Harsdorf
Mei Mei Cookies & Creamery
Katie Christenson

H.G. Seyforth Outstanding Leader Award This award is given to individuals who have served as volunteer leaders in their clubs, counties, state & nationally.

Sara Anderson
Jessica Gale
Paul Daniels

Bank Award This award is given to outstanding graduating 4-H members who have displayed leadership skills on the club, county, and state level.

Brooke Meyer-Town & Country
Peyton Freund-Maiden Rock Rockets
Noah Hines-Helpful Workers
Hope Turvaville-Busy Fingers
Addison Peters-Busy Fingers

Secretary Award This award is given to the outstanding Secretary who has done an exemplary job of keeping club records

Lilliana Mariana-Martell Rushers

Scrapbook Awards This award is given clubs who have submitted their scrapbooks and show their projects they have worked on through the year

Falcon Falls
Maiden Rock Rockets
Country Partners

National 4-H Week Display Awards This award is given clubs who promoted 4-H during National 4-H Week.

1st-Busy Fingers
2nd-Martell Rushers
3rd-Maiden Rock Rockets
4th-Town & Country
5th-Falcon Falls

AWARDS DAY REVIEW

Please let us know how you felt the Awards Day went. Tell us what went well and what can be improved on We will share this with our Awards Day Committee.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVf7DQX1XkBG-RdwBRVIlTXb5dv687wS1HtP27MpE1oxbZCQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nikki Miller	Falcon Falls
Sadie Bergeson	Merri-Heirs
Sam Bergeson	Merri-Heirs
Nora Boles	St. Croix Stars
Jonathon Woltman	Town & Country

4-H Awards Ceremony
November 6, 2022

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LEADERSHIP/OFFICER

Jocelyn Boyle	Busy Fingers
Andrea Esterby	Busy Fingers
Joy Turvaville	Busy Fingers
Lily Claflin	Elm Valley Patriots
Varah Sorenson	Falcon Falls
Lucas Gale	Helping Hands
Cameron Krogstad	Maiden Rock Rockets
Katarina Meyer	Mann Valley
Jorja Hince	Martell Rushers
Reid Ackerman	Merri-Heirs
Evan George	Merri-Heirs
Carolyn Trannel	Merri-Heirs
Addison Neidermyer	Olivet Otters
Henry Rohl	St. Croix Stars
Brooke Meyer	Town & Country
Madeline Nelson	Town & Country
Hannes Rolf	Town & Country
Elizabeth Sammon	Town & Country
Claire Anderson	Valley Eagles
Danika Ramirez	Valley Eagles

OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

Addison Peters	Busy Fingers
Zack Peterson	Country Partners
Cole Christman	Elm Valley Patriots
Grace Gale	Helping Hands
Manny Gale	Helping Hands
Lucy Goebel	Helping Hands
Evie Myklebust	Mann Valley
Iris Selb	Mann Valley
Morgan Hince	Martell Rushers
Madelyn Kopp	Merri Heirs
Lauren Bigaouette	Olivet Otters
Lucas Boyer	Olivet Otters
Sydney Boyer	Olivet Otters
Emma Lindner	Olivet Otters
Grant Moore	Olivet Otters
Brayden Turner	Olivet Otters
Harper Turner	Olivet Otters
Riley Volz	Olivet Otters
Alexandra Tibayan	St. Croix Stars
Zoe Pablo	River Ramblers
Malia Flanigan	Town & Country
Collin Jennings	Town & Country
Aubrey Volger	Town & Country
Snow Wayne	Town & Country

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

Dawson Peters	Busy Fingers
Cora Capatske	Country Partners
Ava Kolodzienski	Country Partners
Samantha Miller	Falcon Falls
Amelia Dopp	Helpful Workers
Makenzie Klassen	Helping Hands
Kaylee Krogstad	Maiden Rock Rockets
MacKenzie Hince	Martell Rushers
Adeline Meyers	Martell Rushers
Anya Rassmussen	Town & Country
Brady Bednarek	Valley Eagles
Trista Falde	Valley Eagles
Grace Hennemann	Valley Eagles

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations!

2021-2022 Club Project Award Winners

Aerospace:
Aiden Goebel — Helping Hands
Jasper Knutson — Martell Rushers
Greg Meyers — Martell Rushers

Arts- Performing:
Maddie Struemke — Mann Valley

Arts-Visual:
Alexis Vold — Falcon Falls
Megan Odegard — River Ramblers
Paige Pablo — River Ramblers
Annika Hall — The Soaring Eagles
Lillian Naughton — Town & Country

Beef:
Cadie Asher — Olivet Otters
Madyson Rasmussen — Olivet Otters
Milo Shafer — Olivet Otters

Bicycle:
Oliver Novek — Maiden Rock Rockets
Quinn Justen — St. Croix Stars

Cake Decorating:
Amelia Dopp — Helpful Workers
Jillian Hayes — Martell Rushers

Cat:
Ava Bocksell — Merri-Heirs
Kenny Cosgrove — Royal Rushers

Communications:
Kinsey Peterson — St. Croix Stars

Dairy:
Eli Freund — Maiden Rock Rockets
Kalie Lansing — Elm Valley Patriots
Ava Kolodzienski — Country Partners
Hadley Coulson — Heartland Hustlers
Bryce Mark — Merri-Heirs
Meggan Daniels — Town & Country

Dog:
Brynn Moore — Olivet Otters
Clayton Olson-Pechacek — Country Partners

Electricity:
Luke Lundstrom — Country Partners

Exploring:
Caden Claflin — Elm Valley Patriots
Kayda Roesler — Country Partners
Silas Boden — St. Croix Stars

Food and Nutrition:
Max Mandelkow — Busy Fingers
Carolina Young — Martell Rushers
Clayton Goelzer — Olivet Otters
Cianna Hall — The Soaring Eagles
Isaac Koenning — Valley Eagles

Gardening and Horticulture:
Carly Meyer — Town & Country

Goat:
Logan Huppert — Country Partners
Danell Horvath — Country Partners
Reid Achermann — Merri-Heirs

Home Environment:
Ambrea Kjos — Town & Country

Horse:
Mackenzie Klassen — Helping Hands
Quinn Emery — Busy Fingers
Trinity Wilkens — Denim 'N Dust

Knitting & Crochetting:
Evie Peterson — Heartland Hustlers

Leadership:
Julia Boyle — Busy Fingers
Ben Boyle — Busy Fingers

Llama:
Manny Gale — Helping Hands
Astrid Downey — Falcon Falls
Lucy Goebel — Helping Hands
Naomi Schneider — Olivet Otters
Kassidy Hansen — St. Croix Stars

Mechanical Sciences:
Nate Cady — Country Partners

Music:
Daniel Hasapopoulus — Town & Country

Natural Science:
Trevor Doherty — The Soaring Eagles

Personal Development:
Nevaeh Peters — Busy Fingers

Photography:
Evelyn Scheckel — Mann Valley
Max Pnewski — Town & Country

Plant and Soil Science:
Dehlia Woltman — Town & Country
Collin Jennings — Town & Country

Poultry:
Laynee Johnson — Denim 'N Dust
Xander Halvorson — Martell Rushers
Samuel Bergeson — Merri-Heirs
McKenna Edgar — Olivet Otters
Gabrien Maloney — River Ramblers

Rabbit:
Augustus Elbe — Merri-Heirs
Cora Shafer — Olivet Otters
Elizabeth Sammon — Town & Country
Maggie Johnson — Town & Country

Sheep:
Ruth Hennemann — Valley Eagles

Shooting Sports:
Max Kusilek — Helpful Workers
Ephraim Goebel — Helping Hands
Matthew Johnson — River Ramblers
Tyrone Mader — River Ramblers
Amelia Brunner — Valley Eagles
Brady Cebulla — Valley Eagles

Swine:
Stella Kiefer — Olivet Otters
Charlie Maier — Valley Eagles
Cody Obermueller — Elm Valley Patriots
Lily Puhrmann — Country Partners

Vet Science:
Ashley Symicek — Falcon Falls

Woodworking:
Aiden Johnson — Country Partners
Austin Peterson — Heartland Hustlers

UW–MADISON EXTENSION
PIERCE COUNTY

Awards Ceremony
November 6, 2022

A Few Awards Day Recipients

Cabela's

Farm Bureau Award
Meggan Daniels
Town and Country 4-H Club
2021-2022

WISCONSIN
4-H KEY AWARD

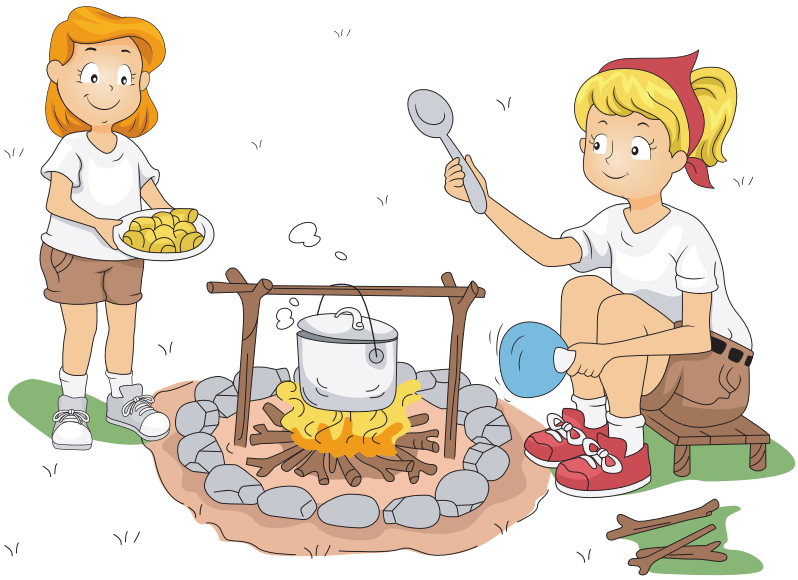
CAMP COUNSELOR

Application

Po-Croix-Bar-Pierce 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Now Available

Do you love 4-H camp and want to help younger members experience the fun of camp too? Become a camp counselor! Youth in grades 9-13 are encouraged to apply to become a camp counselor for this year's 4-H camp, June 14-16, 2023. We will be hosting several trainings to prepare you for your role, so no worries if you don't know how to be a counselor, or even if you've never attended camp before! Applications will be due January 20, 2023 to the Pierce County Extension office. Paper forms can be found in this month's Informant or you can go to https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3 to complete it online.

Training dates will be held in a combination of virtual and in-person.
Sunday, February 12 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom - Connections and Planning
Sunday, March 5 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom - Policies and Planning
Sunday, April 30 1:00-5:00 PM in-person, Polk County Fairgrounds 4-H Building
Tuesday, June 13 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in-person, Camp Kiwanis
Please reach out to your county 4-H program educator if you have any questions.
April Daniels -- april.daniels@wisc.edu



Camp Counselor Application Due: January 20

Must currently be in grades 8-12 to apply

8th graders will be considered for Counselors in Training if space allows

Send completed application to:

Or E-Mail (or google forms: https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3)

Name	**Current Age**	**Birth Date**	**Male**	**Female**
Address		**City**		**Zip**
County	**Club**	**Grade in School**	**Years in 4-H**	
Cell Phone	**T-shirt size** *(adult sizes)*			
Email				
Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?				
If so, when and where?				
Do you want to be considered for a junior director's position?			**Yes**	**No**
What skills would you bring to this junior director's position?				

List camps (4-H and non 4-H) which you have attended:		**camper or counselor**	
Camp	**Year**	**Camper**	**Counselor**

Training Dates: We have 4 scheduled training for camp counselors, do you have any conflicts for the following dates, please X any dates you have a conflict (leave blank if you can attend)	
	Training Session 1 (Zoom): Connection and Planning:Sunday, February 12 at 6:30-7:30pm
	Training Session 2 (Zoom): Policies and Planning: Sunday, March 5 at 6:30-7:30pm
	In-person training day: Final planning, skits, songs, follow-up to policies, camp rules, letters, etc. (1-5): Sunday, April 30 from 1-5 in St. Croix Falls 4-H Building
	Final Date: Tuesday, June 13 at Camp Kiwanis (10AM-2PM)

Camp Activities			
Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Please check all that apply.)			
	archery		games & recreation
	arts & crafts		music
	backpacking		nature
	campfire programs		nature activities (other than water)
	canoeing		relay games
	drama activities		science discovery activities
	fishing		singing
	flag ceremonies		swimming
	foods & nutrition		other (describe)

Describe your experiences with 5 of the camp activities you identified on the front page.

Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.

What do you want to learn from your experiences as a camp counselor?

Please list the names, phone number, and e-mail of 2 references (one 4-H adult, and one non 4-H adult). These individuals may be contacted about your leadership potential as a camp counselor.

(Applicant signature) (Date completed)

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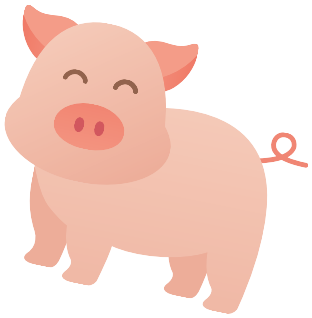
Livestock Information

YQCA & Rules Meeting Info

There are just two more opportunities to complete the required rules training!

- **At least ONE PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND the rules meeting**- if you have youth that will need to attend on multiple dates, you only need to attend with one youth.
- Four dates will be offered - you only need to attend once regardless of the number of species you plan to show at the 2023 Pierce County Fair.
- The remaining dates are:
  - January 7, 2023 (Saturday) - YQCA @ 9:30pm & RULES MTG @ 10am
  - February 5, 2023 (Sunday) - YQCA @ 2pm & RULES MTG @ 2:30pm
- **Pre Registration will be required**
  - Here is the link to sign up for the RULES MEETING: Rules Meeting Sign Up or if you need a link sent to you please email the livestock committee at piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com
  - Space is limited & the dates will be removed as they fill up.
  - The YQCA (in-person classes) are not listed online quite yet but we will let you know as soon as they are listed along with information on how to sign up.
- The YQCA is required for all exhibitors that plan to show cattle, goats, sheep or swine at the fair. This is required Wisconsin DTCAP
- Exhibitors in grade 13+ that are over the age of 19 are required to take the YQCA online.



Please mark your calendars!

Workshops:

We have a few workshops in the works but here are a few we have scheduled already:

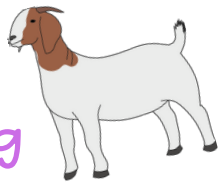
- **Pork Cooking Workshop** - Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Ellsworth High School
  - Time 9-11 with lunch to follow
  - More details to follow
- **Sheep Selection Workshop** - Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 10am-noon in Hammond
  - RSVP required as Lunch will be included
  - More details to follow
- Be sure to watch for emails & social media posts as well as on our website for additional workshop opportunities that might pop up between newsletters.

Weigh-In Info for the 2022-2023 4-H year.

All weigh-ins will be held in the scale house at the Pierce County Fairgrounds.

- Beef Weigh-in: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th 11am-2pm
  - Snow date: Sunday, December 11th Same time, same place
- Sheep, goat & swine weigh-in: SAT, APRIL 15th - Sheep/Goats @ 9am & Swine @ 10am

Pierce County Livestock Committee Meeting



Monday, January 3rd, 2023 at 7pm in the Ag Room of the Ellsworth High School.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook &/or Instagram or check out our website at: www.piercecountylivestock.weebly.com for more events that may pop up between newsletters. As always, feel free to email the livestock committee if you have questions. Our email is: piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com

Dairy Project Information

To be eligible to show Dairy at the Pierce County Fairy you must attend the YQCA and the Rules meeting.

YQCA & Rules Meeting Info

- At least ONE PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND the rules meeting - if you have youth that will need to attend on multiple dates, only need to attend with one.
- The dates are:
  - Jan 7, 2023 (Sat) - YQCA @ 9:30pm & RULES MTG @ 10am
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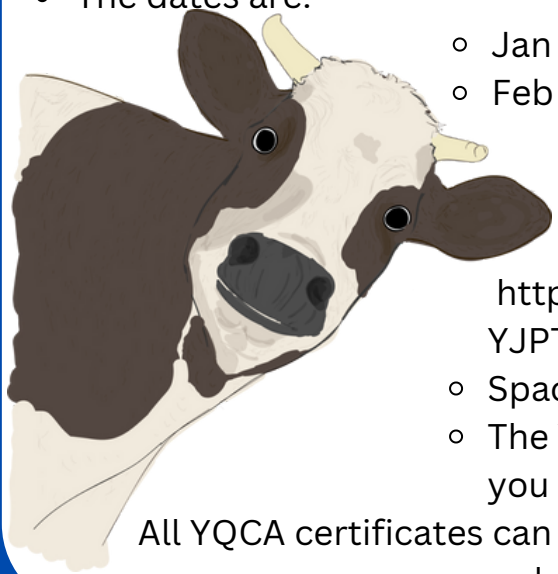


Pre Registration will be required

Link to sign up for the RULES MEETING: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoXa5v0QPwKYJPTc7DPBngyoa6O4RBPjDYynvyhZ4QFDRyYg/viewform

- Space is limited & the dates will be removed as they fill up.
- The YQCA (in-person classes) are not online, but we will let you know when they are listed with sign up information

All YQCA certificates can be sent to Dairy Superintendent, Grace Anderson andersong@springvalley.k12.wi.us

JAMES W. CROWLEY DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

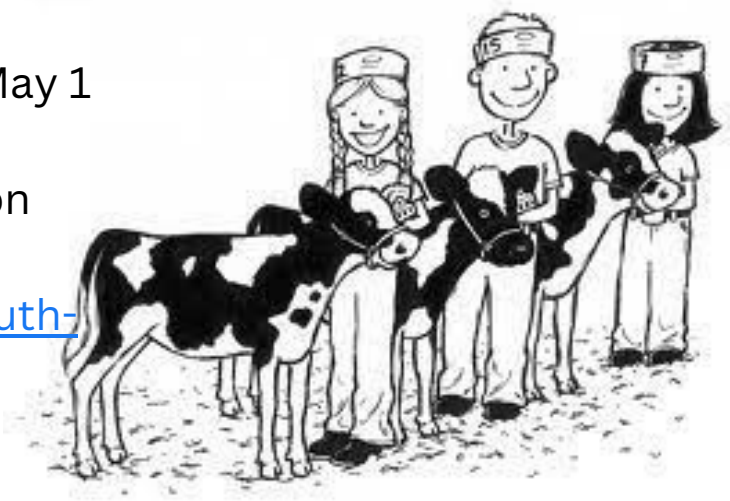
The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. As of 1989, the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund assumed sponsorship of this award. We are pleased to name the award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth project work. Participating counties will present an engraved medallion to one outstanding 4-H dairy project member for their accomplishments. Fifteen (15) state-level awards are to be presented annually to outstanding 4-H Dairy Project members. Award plaques will be given to the top fifteen and the top three youth will each receive $1000 cash awards. Youth that have received a plaque only are encouraged to apply again. Additionally, the top 4-H member that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2023, will be offered a $5000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences. Another donor funds this scholarship, but the winner is identified through the same process.

Eligibility

1. Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership.
2. Must be in 10th-13th grades as of January 1.
3. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

Application due to the Extension Office May 1

Go to the link below to find the application and find more information.
https://pierce.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships/



Does your 4-H Club or Committee need to use a building, space or area at the Fair grounds?

You must reserve the space, building or area by following this Google link and filling out the form. It will only take 3 minutes. We will let you know if your request is approved. It must be approved by the Fair & Extension.

Let us know if you have any questions. Call or email 715-273-6871 april.daniels@wisc.edu

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Notes from the Pierce County Fair – December 2022

Happy Holidays from the Pierce County Fair Staff!

Premium Checks

We are excited to announce the Premium Checks are on the way your mailboxes! Please look for them at the end of November and beginning of December. Once you receive your premium check, don't delay cashing them! We would like to see all checks cashed by January 1, 2023. Also, sometimes recipients don't feel like a small amount is worth cashing; however, this helps our fair and Pierce County balance our books accurately and receive state monetary awards.

Upcoming News

We look forward to sharing more information on changes and events starting in January. Stay tuned!

Questions? Contact the Pierce County Fair Office at: 715.273.6874 or liz.dietsche@co.pierce.wi.us

The Pierce County Friends of the Fair are looking for groups to help

Light up the Fairgrounds for the holidays!

This community event will be held :
December 9 & 10 and December 16 & 17
5pm-8pm each night

Currently, we are connecting with area businesses and civic groups to see if they would like to participate.

We are hoping these groups would be willing to decorate a section of lights on the fairgrounds or be a sponsor.

The participation possibilities are endless!

Creating/Sharing fun winter games

Hand out treats/goodie bags/promotional items

Caroling

Cookie Decorating

Face Painting

If this would be something of interest please let us know ASAP.

Email us at: piercecountyfriendsofthefair@gmail.com

With your help we can make this a HUGE success.

Thank you!

The Pierce County Friends of the Fair

CELEBRATE THE Arts

WI 4-H CELEBRATE THE ARTS CONTEST

Drawing, Painting, Pottery, Paper,
Fabric or Fiber, Photography, Wood,
Any Other Media & 4-H-Themed Art

2022-2023 Virtual Contest Opens October 2022

Sponsored by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Enter your work later this year in the 5th Annual
Celebrate the Arts Contest
and compete for $1,000 in prizes.
Open to all Wisconsin 4-H members!

Watch for entry form and additional information in October.

For updated information, visit the
Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website:
https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/

or follow on Facebook
@Wis4HFoundation

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December Newsletter

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