



Hello All Volunteers, 4-H Youth, and Extension,

It is hard to believe that a year has come and gone! With the dropping temperatures and winter weather, please be mindful when working outdoors with youth. It is important to dress appropriately and be aware of changing conditions.

It was great to see so many people at the recognition banquet. The Corning Yankees did a fantastic job with dinner and were able to move us all through in a timely manner. Thank you so much! Sue Kunkel was once again our auctioneer at the dessert auction. The auction is a fun and entertaining way to support the 4-H Leaders Association. The desserts were truly delicious. I am always amazed at the creativity put into the deserts!

At the Annual Association meeting in November we listened to a presentation by the UW extension, which was very informative. Several 4-H delegates provided us with presentations of their trips from this past year. It is truly wonderful to see these youth present what they experienced and provide the rest of us with a glimpse of their trip. The presentations not only allow them to creatively display their journey, but it also allows them to practice communication skills which will help them throughout their lives.

As the New Year begins, please consider volunteering. There are so many areas of 4-H that need active membership. In today's society it is easy to fill our time, make it meaningful. The core values of 4-H can be better achieved when people are engaged. We get out what we put in, and that goes for anything in our lives. Let me share with you some statistics:

4-H'ers are 4X more likely to give back to their communities

4-H'ers are 2X more likely to make healthier choices

4-H'ers are 2X more likely to participate in STEM activities

Wishing you a warm and enjoyable Holiday Season!

Chad Lashua

4-H Leaders' Association President



Purpose Statement

"We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities."



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Are you looking for activities for Cloverbuds?

Year-Three Cloverbud Lesson Plans Available— A Free Resource!

Year-three Cloverbud lesson plans are available. The plans include a variety of lessons like livestock, understanding body language, mindfulness and much more. You can find the lesson plans on the [website](#). Click the Unlock Activities button. That will take you to a short survey. After you complete the survey, you'll be able to view the materials. We hope you find these materials fun and engaging for our youth.

You don't have to search high and low for lesson ideas for youth in kindergarten to 2nd grade. Everything you need is right at your fingertips!

- Three years of lessons with nine lessons per year
 - Three-year rotation so Cloverbuds won't have to repeat any activities
- Easy to plan and lead lessons.

If you have questions, email Monica Lobenstein at monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu.

O'Tannebaum Tour

Thank you to the O'Tannebaum Tour Committee for another wonderful experience.

Many of our 4-H clubs participated by decorating trees, wreaths, and cookies. Others donated baskets or time at the event. Thank you for participating in each and every way.

Please share your photos with us. Email them to rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu.



"Family Game Time" sponsored by the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association.



Older Youth Multi-County Activity



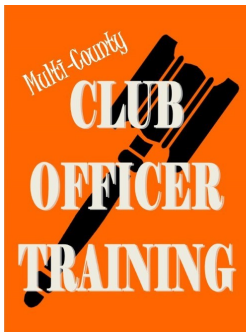
Lincoln County 4-H will host the next multi-county older youth event. 4-Hers 6th grade and older are invited to join us at the MARC.

Activities: Ice Skating, Board/Card Games, & More. The concession stand will be open to purchase snacks.

Date: Sun. Feb. 16th

Time: 2-4p.m.

Cost: \$3 per person, \$1 for skate rental



FEBRUARY 15, 2020

10a.m.—Noon
Lincoln County Service Center
(Upper Level)
800 N. Sales Street
Merrill, WI

RSVP BY 2/12 using the link below.

<http://bit.ly/4HOfficerTraining>



The 2019 Lincoln County 4-H Banquet was a huge success. The evening was filled with recognition of youth and adults.

Thank you to the Corning Yankees for planning a great event. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.





Walmart & The Salters Give Back To Lincoln County 4-H



Thank you Michelle & Chris Salter are Walmart employees who participate in Walmart's Volunteer Program. Walmart donates \$250 for every 25 hours of volunteer service to a non-profit of the employee's choosing. Recently, Walmart donated another \$500 to Lincoln County 4-H. Thank you Michelle & Chris!



Michelle also nominated Walmart to receive the "Friend of 4-H" award for its support of Lincoln County 4-H. Over the years, through the Walmart's Volunteer Program, Walmart has contributed over \$5,000!





Volunteers In Preparation **VIP TRAINING**

Are you a new leader?

To be recognized as a 4-H volunteer in the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program, all adults ages 18 years and older must complete the Volunteers In Preparation (VIP) training. The purpose of this training is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. VIP training is step 4 of 4 to become a certified leader in 4-H.

Steps to become a certified 4-H leader:

1. Enroll on 4-Honline to become a leader
2. Complete background check
3. Complete the Mandated Reporter training found on 4-H online.
4. Complete Volunteers In Preparation training

*Once you have completed ALL of these steps then you are considered a certified 4-H leader.

Returning leaders, consider attending for a refresher.

Updated Training Dates

December 18, 2019

6-8 pm

Lincoln County UW-Extension Office
801 N Sales St, Merrill WI

January 25, 2020

9-10:45 am

Peace Lutheran School
700 Lincoln Street, Antigo, WI

These will be the last training dates for this current 4-H year!

Attend the date (in either county) that would be convient for you.

Training Highlights:

- *Learn what UW-Madison Division of Extension is: we will talk about the different programs Extension offers. As we look at the different programs, we will also learn about what steps we take to create safe learning environments for youth and adults.*
- *Understand how volunteers contribute to Extension programs: The Division of Extension could not exist without volunteers like you - you help make programming happen. We will talk about the expectations and roles you might be interested*
- *Understand your role in reporting child abuse and neglect: Keeping participants safe is a top priority. We will spend time today learning about the expectations we have of volunteers to report suspected child abuse and neglect, and how we, as staff, are here to help you in that process.*
- *Gain skills and insights on how to work with youth: We'll talk about some of the educational frameworks for working with youth and how those apply in everyday situations.*

REGISTER: Contact your local 4-H UWEX office.

**Langlade County 4-H 715-627-6236.
Lincoln County 4-H 715-539-1072.**

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**VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR A
LIFETIME.**



ANNUAL LEADERS TRAINING

Hey 4-H Leaders,
Let's gather together and
help shape 4-H 2020.

Jan. 6th in Antigo or
Jan 7th in Merrill
(At the 4-H/UWEX offices)
6:00—8p.m.

HOT TOPICS:

- Creating Welcoming Environments
- Risk Management Hot Topics
- Visioning
- And More



The *Annual Leaders Training* is a requirement for the 2020 Charter. **ALL** chartered clubs and projects/groups must have at least one adult and one youth in attendance (more are welcome). If the Organizational Leader or President is not able to attend they may send another leader in his or her place.

The same training is running in both Antigo or Merrill. Leaders may attend the workshop that best fits their own schedule. To register please use the link

<http://bit.ly/20LeadersTraining>.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT HOLLY AT
HOLLY.LUERSSEN@WISC.EDU.**



December

- 16 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 17 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader’s Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 18 ----- VIP Training —LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 24 ----- Christmas Eve—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed
- 25 ----- Christmas Day—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed
- 31 ----- New Year’s Eve—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed

January

- 1 ----- New Year’s Day—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed
- 6 ----- Annual Leaders Training—Antigo, 6:00 pm
- 7 ----- Annual Leaders Training—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 10 ----- **Deadline:** Registration for Fire & Ice Winter Camp
- 13 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 20 ----- **Deadline:** Workshop Proposals for Project Discover Day
- **Deadline:** Entries for the Communications Contest
- **Deadline:** Entries for the Centennial Slogan and Logo Contest
- 25 ----- VIP Training— Langlade County, 9:00 am - 10:45 am
- 28 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader’s Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 1/31-2/2---- Fire & Ice Winter Camp— WI Lions Camp

February

- 4 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 8 ----- 4-H Communication Contest (County wide)—LCSC, 9 am
- 10 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 12 ----- **Deadline:** Register for Club Officer Training
- 15 ----- Club Officer Training—LCSC, 10:00 am
- 16 ----- Older Youth Activity—The MARC 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- 17 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 25 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader’s Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 29 ----- Centennial Barn Dance — Merrill Town Hall, 6:00—9:00 pm

March

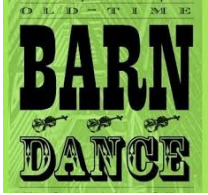
- 3 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 8 ----- DST Starts—Turn clocks ahead one hour!
- 9 ----- 4-H Clothing Project-LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 16 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 24 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 28 ----- Project Discovery Day Merrill

NOTE: LCSC = Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St, Merrill

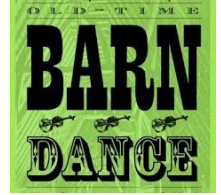


Centennial Celebration Barn Dance!

The Centennial Celebration Committee is holding a Barn Dance! Come and celebrate the wondrousness that is Lincoln County 4-H! Mark your calendar and join in the fun. Dancing! Food! Fun!



February 29, 2020
Merrill Town Hall
6:00—9:00 pm
Mark the Date!



A big THANK YOU! to Johnson's Gifts and all those who stopped by our fundraising event at the Holiday Parade! Thank you for helping the Centennial get off to a great start!

For all the up-to-date information on the Centennial Celebration, visit our webpage: <http://bit.ly/LC4HCentennial>.

We are looking for individuals and clubs to help with the celebrations! If you want to be a part, contact Becky at 715-539-1074 or rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu!

Calling All Creatives!

Lincoln County 4-H is looking for a creative and memorable slogan and logo that we can use all next year to help celebrate our Centennial!

Slogan: We are looking for something short, just a couple of words! It's our 100th year and we want to make it memorable!

Logo: We want a logo that we can put on flyers, posters, t-shirts, bags, — anything and everything. If you are using the 4-H clover, you can NOT change it or put anything over it! Otherwise, WOW us!

Please email all submissions to rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu by January 20. Winners will be chosen by the Leaders Association and receive a small prize, the slogan and logo will belong to Lincoln County 4-H.

**Lincoln County
4-H Centennial
Logo and Slogan
Contest**



Interested in becoming a 4-H Archery Leader?



We do have youth interested in the 4-H Archery project but we do need 4-5 adult volunteers to be trained in the WI 4-H Archery Certification Program before we can begin.

Currently we are looking at hosting a local Saturday archery certification workshop in Antigo in late January or February. If you are interested in attending a training locally, please let Holly know ASAP. Contact her via email at holly.luerssen@wisc.edu.

Take a look at the WI 4-H Shooting Sports web page to learn more.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingports/certification->

Art Lab Returns to Wisconsin 4-H!

Wisconsin 4-H Art Lab is an opportunity for youth grades 9-12 to engage in the arts in downtown Madison. Partnering with UW-Madison and off-campus programs, this weekend will provide youth hands-on learning experience from university partners in a pre-selected art concentration.

Program participants will garner critical and creative thinking, self-expression, and further field knowledge, a focus on applications of art in the everyday world such as entrepreneurship, social justice, and community involvement. Concentrations will be coincided with entrepreneurial development activities such as group discussions, arts entrepreneur talk, and space and resources to plan future action. This is an open enrollment program; all Wisconsin youth are invited to participate in this program.



For more info: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/art-lab-2/>



4-H International Exchange Program

This year the Austin Harris family hosted a youth through the 4-H International Exchange program. This is what they had to say about the experience:

Hosting Seijuro Hayashi this past summer was exciting, fun and educational.

All of us enjoyed showing Seijuro how we care for the rabbits we raise and to ensure the health and well being of the new bunnies and chicks that hatched while he was here. He continues to email us requesting pictures of the dogs, rabbits and chickens to watch them grow.

Even though the language barrier was drastic, Seijuro and our family were able to teach and learn from each other of how he does things in Japan as opposed to how we do it here.

We were able to teach him how Rhys had to care for and train his rabbit that he showed at the Lincoln County Fair and Seijuro was able to see the payoff of that work during the judging in the rabbit barn.

We continue to email Seijuro, which prior to this experience would not have given us the opportunity for a foreign penpal for Rhys.



Adopt a River!

Water Action Volunteers (WAV) is a statewide program for Wisconsin citizens who want to learn about and improve the quality of Wisconsin's streams and small rivers. Entry level volunteers monitor streams and small rivers in our area between May and October. Training and equipment will be provided. Check out the webpage: <http://watermonitoring.uwex.edu//wav/index.html>

This is a perfect outdoor STEM base project for a club or family!
If interested, contact the Extension at 715-539-1072.



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2020 Winter Camp North Central Wisconsin 4-H **FIRE & ICE**

Friday, January 31 - Sunday, February 2, 2020

\$75

Wisconsin Lions Camp,
3834 County Road A, Rosholt
Youth 7th—13th Grade

Have fun in the **ICE** and snow while setting your **HEARTS** and **MINDS** on **FIRE** for what your **HANDS** and **HEALTH** can accomplish at **HOME**.

Sign up within your 4-H Online Account!

Registration Deadline: Jan 7 ,2020

Recreation Opportunities:

- ◊ Tubing
- ◊ Snow-shoeing
- ◊ Outdoor campfire
- ◊ Movie watching
- ◊ Free time
- ◊ Card & Board games

Our 2020 Educational Focus will be centered on youth opportunities we can **KINDLE** in your community.

- We will increase our skills in:**
- ◆ **Leadership**
 - ◆ **Communication**
 - ◆ **Teamwork**
 - ◆ **Assessment**

Be an expert of your area!

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Be a part of something awesome!



Clothing Project Meetings

Do you have an interest in sewing? Maxine is offering opportunities for all clothing project members in Lincoln County to develop their skills as they work on various clothing projects.

When: The second Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m.

Where: The Lincoln County Service Center in Lower Level Conference Room 156 at 801 N. Sales Street in Merrill

Maxine is offering the opportunity for Clothing Project members to work on various clothing projects. Youth may bring their own projects to work on or work on a group project. If you have any questions contact Maxine at maferrmann@yahoo.com or (715)212-2838.



ROBOTICS

The **Lincoln County 4-H**

Robotics Project is ready for you to join! Youth of all ages are able to join. Bring your non 4-H friends too.

Currently, they are preparing to compete in their first Lego League Robotics competition in December.

For more information contact Chad Lashua at lashuac@gmail.com





PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD WORKSHOPS

Adult and youth leaders are needed to teach sessions at our upcoming 4-H Project Discovery Day on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** at the *Lincoln County Service Center*. This is a time for you to share your interests and talents with others. Please note—Animal sessions can also be offered but you will not be able to bring live animals.

The schedule for both days is as follows:

	Schedule:	8:30 - 8:45 a.m	Registration
		8:45 - 9:45 a.m	Session 1
		(A snack will be provided)	
		10:00 - 11:00 a.m	Session 2
		11:15 - 12:00 p.m	4-H A Cultural Experience
		12:00 p.m.	Homeward Bound
	12:00-1:00 p.m.	<i>4-H Cultural Luncheon</i>	
		(for youth in 6-12 & families grade interested in learning more about the Global 4-H program.)	

Are you are able to offer a session or two on March 28th? Please fill out online form by Monday, January 20, 2020.

Online Leader Workshop Registration: <http://bit.ly/LC4HPDDWorkshop>

Please feel free to share this with other community members who may be willing to provide a workshop session. Questions? Please feel free to contact Becky or Holly at 539-1072 for more information.

This is a perfect opportunity for OLDER YOUTH to share their projects with younger members!

Topic Ideas:

Cookie Decorating, Photography, Painting, STEM, Holiday Decorations, T-Shirt Painting/tie dying, Healthy Snacks, Goey Science Topics, Legos, Leather Craft, Models, Public Speaking, Drama, Insects....

Anything you have a passion for and would like to share with youth!



Communication Contest

FEBRUARY 8, 2020 — 9 AM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2020

LINCOLN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER

801 N. SALES STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452

Showcase your communication skills and share your knowledge in four styles of communication: Speaking, Puppetry, Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks. **Have fun with this contest!** It will bring 4-H ers and other youth together from across the county for a chance to share their ability in

**vocal expression, articulation, dialogue, diction, LIN-
GO, spiel and prattle. IT'S EASY!**

- Do you have an interesting topic you'd love to talk about?
- Would you like a chance to share your speaking ability?
- Are you looking for ways to improve your public presentations?

If yes is the answer, then you will want to enter the communication contest!

Two ways to register!

Online at:

<http://bit.ly/LC4HComConRegistration>

Or download the registration form at:

<http://bit.ly/LC4HComConGuidelines>

Registrations are due by Monday January 20, 2020!



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