



4-H Express

January/February 2022

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As the 2021-22 4-H year is underway, we thought it would be good to provide an overview of the various 4-H adult volunteer roles. It is important that adults who enroll in each of these roles carries out this role to make 4-H happen for the youth.

Organizational Leaders provide overall leadership for a 4-H club. As the title indicates, this person is an organizer, not someone who does everything for the club. A club can have more than one organizational leader. Organizational volunteer leaders: coordinate member and leader enrollments; guide planning of the yearly club program; oversee election of club officers; assist club officers in planning effective club meetings by helping them with their agenda and parliamentary procedures; recruit and support other volunteer leaders, youth volunteers and resource people; serve as a communication link between the club and the county Extension office; work with the community to build understanding and support for 4-H; coordinate club reports, record books and county fair participation; and keep club members and parents informed of county programs/events and 4-H Youth Development policies and procedures.

Project Leaders work with a small group of 4-H members usually outside of the regular monthly club meeting to help them reach their learning goals in a specific 4-H project. Members set their own project goals and need the support and encouragement from project leaders. Project volunteer leaders should establish a regular schedule of project experiences where members can gather to work on their projects. The activities that occur at project meetings should vary. Talks and demonstrations might be presented at one meeting, a trip to secure resources for project work might be another, and two or three meetings might be spent actually working on specific parts of a project. It's important to allow time at project meetings to answer questions, have members report on progress made, and help them think about what comes next. Curriculum is available for most 4-H projects specifically designed for the project leader. Project leaders need to be flexible and take into consideration the age and ability of each youth as well as the amount of parental support and resources available. Young people, parents/guardians and project leaders all need to work together to see that 4-H project work

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Save
The Date

Camp Date:

JUNE 13-15, 2021

2022 Overnight Camp will be held at
Northern Lakes Impact Center in Rhinelander, WI
A NEW LOCATION!

Lots of new opportunities including rock climbing, archery range, large swimming area, Funyaks, Corcls (Yes. That's a thing, look it up.), a nature center with animals, mini golf, and so much more.

**Registration for youth campers in 3rd-7th grade
will be available in March of 2022.**

**We are currently recruiting for camp staff:
Counselors, Jr Directors, and Adult Volunteers.**



4-H Summer Camp had a long history at beautiful Camp Susan in Deerbrook. This year we are moving our summer camp program a little farther north to Northern Lakes Impact Camp just south of Rhinelander. Moving to a new location will provide the campers with many more opportunities to engage in the outdoors from a rock climbing wall, adventure course, enough canoes to take a group of 20 youth out at a time, cabins with bathrooms in each building, and so much more. A bus will help provide transportation for campers to and from camp.

Administratively, this camp holds all the certifications necessary for camp, medics, life guards, adventure programs, and other required paperwork. This will relieve a huge paperwork and staff certification burden from 4-H Educators which will enable them to provide more time to training staff and to create other programs for camp.

We look forward to youth joining us on this new summer camp journey. If you have any questions, please reach out to Holly Luerssen, 4-H Educator.

Be a Leader!

January/February 2022



NOW RECRUITING

JOIN
US!



SUMMER CAMP STAFF

JUNE 13-15, 2022

Counselors, Jr Directors, & Adult Staff

Youth in 8-13th grade & adult volunteers are encouraged to apply to be part of our 2022 Summer Camp team.

*For 2022 Camp Staff Information Go To:
<https://bit.ly/4HCampStaffInfo22>*



SIGN UP AND JOIN US! REGISTER ONLINE
<https://bit.ly/4-HSCampStaffApp22>





SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

A 4-H Volunteer Training
Winter 2022

Through interactive online & in-person training participants will learn, practice situations, and engage in discussions:

- Volunteers' important role in supporting youth mental health
- The signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge
- Simple skills and strategies to build trusting relationships
- Roles, responsibilities, and resources for volunteers

January 18, 2022
6:30-8:00pm

Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill, WI

To Register:

<https://bit.ly/4HYMHTraining22>

YMH training is offered for all adults working with youth. It is open to all 4-H adult volunteers, especially those considering overnight responsibilities with youth in 2022.

Questions? Contact Holly Luerssen, 4-H Educator at holly.luerssen@wisc.edu.





LET'S GROW OUR 4-H LEADERSHIP TOOL BOX

ADULTS & YOUTH IN 6TH GRADE AND OLDER ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A ONE DAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL ENGAGE IN HANDS ON LEARNING, CONNECT WITH OTHER LEADERS, AND HAVE A VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO TAKE BACK TO THEIR CLUBS OR PROJECTS.

YOUTH & ADULT
PARTNERSHIPS
MEETINGS MADE
BETTER
GUEST
PRESENTORS

MARCH
12 OR 19



2022 LEADERSHIP RETREAT

for Langlade & Lincoln Counties



FEE: FREE! Lunch Included!
March 12th - Antigo
March 19th - Merrill
Come to the space or date
that works for you!

Register by March 1st: <https://bit.ly/4HLeadershipDay22>



Limited Space — Register TODAY



JANUARY 28 - 29
LIONS CAMP • ROSHOLT, WI
YOUTH IN GRADES 7 - 13

4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP WINTER CAMP

1.28.22 Registration 6:30 - 7 p.m.
1.29.22 Program concludes 7 p.m.



24 HOURS OF FUN?

Don't flake out!

Games - Prizes - Challenges - Snacks - Outdoor Recreation -
Campfire - Movies - Learning - Leading - Living LOUD
MORE COUNTIES = MORE FUN

Registration open:
tinyurl.com/4-HWinterCamp22
through Friday, January 7th or
whenever spots are filled.
Don't delay!



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Youth – We Need You!

The Leaders Association 4-H Board has room for up to 3 older youth to join their team for the 2022 year.

The Next Lincoln County 4-H Board Meeting
will be held at 6pm on
January 25th at the Lincoln County Service Center.
We hope to see you there!

Why? It's your program. You have a voice to share on programs and activities of the Lincoln County 4-H program. It's a youth program, after all. (You will gain valuable skills as a Youth Representative and it looks great on job & college resumes.)

When? The 4-H Board typically meets the fourth Tuesday of every month beginning at 6pm. Then as available for program support and leadership.

Who? Youth in 7th grade and older may participate as a 4-H Board Member.

Interested or have questions?

Reach out to Holly
holly.luerssen@wisc.edu

or Becky, at the office
715-539-1072



This past fall, the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Board of Directors challenged our 4-H clubs to grow their membership by at least five members. All the clubs that reached that mark would be rewarded with an **Club Ice Cream Party**. The club that enrolled the **MOST** new members would earn a **Club Pizza Party!**

5 or More New Members:

- Merrill Busy Bees
- Hi-Lo's

**Pine River Pioneer/
Sunrise**



Most New Members:

Each year the O'Tannenbaum Tour is held on the weekend of the Merrill Holiday Parade. This event provides a great opportunity for Lincoln County 4-H and it's clubs to Fundraise for all the wonderful activities we provide throughout the year..

Please keep this annual event in mind next year. They are always looking for organizations to decorate a treat, create a wreath or donate a basket to this worthwhile fundraiser.



The tree donated by the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association.



Maggie L., of the 4-H Explorers, held a wreath making class for her club!



DON'T BE AFRAID TO SHINE!

Are you planning a club project meeting?

Invite members of other clubs to participate!

Did your club do something worth celebrating?

Share it with the county to inspire them to do the same!

To be inspiring, you need to be seen!

Contact Becky to have your event put in the Lincoln County 4-H Express or to have her share it out on Facebook!



January

- 13 ----- WYLP Virtual Program—Zoom, 7:00 pm
- 17 ----- DEADLINE: VIP Training on Jan. 24
- 18 ----- Supporting Youth Mental Health—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 19 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 20 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 24 ----- VIP Training—Zoom, 6 pm
- 28-29 ----- Teen Leadership Winter Camp—Rosholt, WI
- 31 ----- Learn Together, Lead Together—Zoom, 6:30 pm

February

- 2 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 10 ----- WYLP Virtual Program—Zoom, 7:00 pm
- 14 ----- 4-H Sewing Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 16 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 17 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm

March

- 1 ----- DEADLINE: Leadership Retreat Registration Due
- 2 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 10 ----- WYLP Virtual Program—Zoom, 7:00 pm
- 12 ----- 2022 Leadership Retreat—Antigo
- 14 ----- 4-H Sewing Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 16 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 17 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 19 ----- 2022 Leadership Retreat—Merrill

April

- 6 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 11 ----- 4-H Sewing Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 14 ----- WYLP Virtual Program—Zoom, 7:00 pm
- 20 ----- 4-H Robotics SPIN Club—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 21 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm

May

- 1 ----- DEADLINE: 4-H Continuing Education Scholarship Application

Save the Dates:

- June 13-15----- Lincoln County 4-H Summer Camp

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



Lincoln County 4-H has many wonderful older youth and adult volunteers. We need your help with one of the upcoming Winter or Spring 4-H activities. In order for activities to happen, we need volunteers like you to help. Please consider helping with one of the following activities.



4-H Older Youth Members or Leaders

Help is needed to make the following activities happen!

- Communications Contest
- Lip Sync & Music Festival
 - Project Discover Day
 - Winter Family Activity

Contact Holly or Becky at 715-539-1072
if you are interested

**Be the Leader you want
4-H to have...**



**LEARN
TOGETHER,
LEAD
TOGETHER:
YOUTH- ADULT
PARTNERSHIPS**

YOUTH AND ADULTS: JOIN US!

LEARN ABOUT YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS, AND HOW WE CAN LEARN AND LEAD TOGETHER!



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This is a perfect opportunity to learn about the foundational principle of 4-H:

Youth Adult Partnerships.

JANUARY 31, 2022

6:30-8:00PM

FOCUS: VOICES, ROLES AND PARTICIPATION

REGISTER HERE:

<https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>



Horse Project Meetings

Interested in the horse project?

The Lincoln County 4-H House Project meets every month! Join us on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm at the Lincoln County Service Center, in room 156.

Any questions please email Krissi at

Kjschultz2018@gmail.com





The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is excited to offer Live Virtual Zoom educational programs for the spring of 2022.

January 13

Grand Challenge: Animal Health & Welfare

February 10

Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture

March 10

Grand Challenge: Food Safety Pork Carcass Evaluation, Fabrication and Cooking with Pork

April 14

Grand Challenge: Land and Water

May 12

Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

For registration and details about each presentation visit <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>

Each session begins at 7:00p.m.

Presentation followed by a question -and-answer time.





VIP TRAINING ZOOMS

Register TODAY!

Monday, January 24
6-8 pm

REGISTER AT

[tinyurl.com/
VIPTrainingJan2022](https://tinyurl.com/VIPTrainingJan2022)

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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 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 4-H Leader.

Steps to become a certified 4-H Leader

1. Enroll in 4hOnline to become a leader.
2. Complete Background Check
3. Complete Mandated Reporter Training found in 4hOnline.
4. Complete VIP Training

Once you have completed all of these steps then you are considered a certified 4-H Leader.

VIP TRAINING FOLDER

A VIP Training folder will be mailed to you. If you would like to receive it before the training, please register by the registration suggestion dates below. You may still register for a training session up to the date of the session and your folder will be sent later.

Jan 24 training
Register by Jan 17



Presented by:
**Langlade, Lincoln,
Oneida, Price, Taylor,
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Volunteers are the Heart of 4-H!



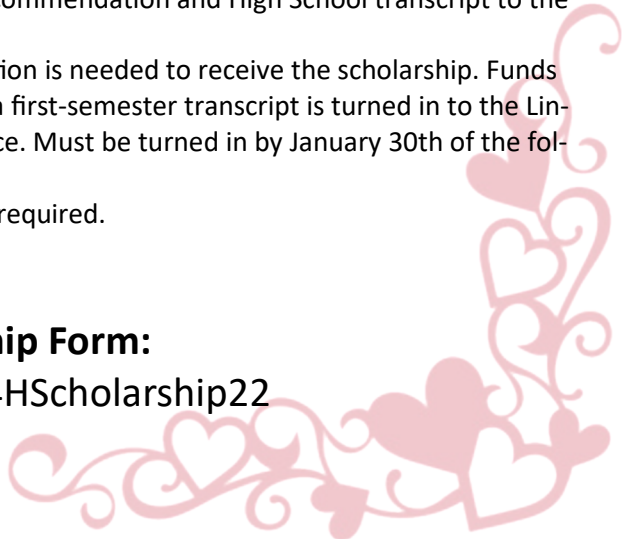
Lincoln County 4-H youth members in their Senior year of high school or Freshmen year of college may apply for a local scholarship. Scholarship funding will be from the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association and the O'Tannenbaum Tour. Scholarship amounts may change from year to year.

Directions:

- Application must be submitted by May 1st and must be submitted via google form.
- Upload 2 Letters of Recommendation and High School transcript to the google form.
- Proof of further education is needed to receive the scholarship. Funds will be released when a first-semester transcript is turned in to the Lincoln Co. Extension Office. Must be turned in by January 30th of the following year.
- A college GPA of 2.0 is required.

Link to Scholarship Form:

<https://bit.ly/LC4HScholarship22>

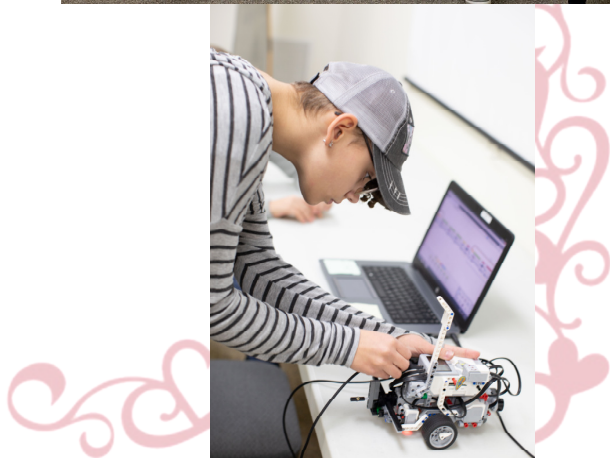




The Lincoln County 4H Robotics team also known in the competition community as the Blue Dragons, finished 3rd in the robot portion of a regional meet held near Ladysmith on December 11th. The team is made up of youth from across Lincoln County, including Merrill, Tomahawk, and home schooled youth, ages 8-13. This team consists of a diverse group with each one bringing their own talent and ideas to share. the group meets every first Wednesday of each month and as the competition drew closer, they decided to meet more often. The last week was daily.

The Robotics Club has even more youth who are either too young or aged out of the competition requirements, but still meet to build and learn about robotics. They take on challenges and use their own creativity to solve problems. The younger members have an opportunity to join the competition team once they turn 8 years old. The older youth help with activities and provide guidance when needed. It is refreshing to see how a teenager would solve a problem, compared to an adult.







Holly Luerssen, Lincoln and Langlade Counties 4-H Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension, received the Excellence in Camping Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HYDP) during the annual NAE4HYDP conference on November 16th in Memphis, Tennessee. Luerssen, with colleagues Megan Suehring (Shawano County 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator), Laura Huber (Wood County 4-H Educator), Kaitlyn Benarde (Marathon County 4-H Educator), Michael Rusin (Clark County 4-H Educator) and Anne Williams (Oneida County 4-H Educator) were honored for their development of and leadership on the “Lumberjacks: Building Your Future” Camp in a Bag Program in the summer of 2020.

Congratulations Holly





The 4-H Explorers participated in Tomahawk's Hometown Christmas.

There were live mannequin displays and they handed out coffee and hot chocolate and popcorn.





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occurs, “learning by doing” takes place, and everyone has fun while developing life skills.

Activity Leaders help members carry out specific activities the club has included in its program for the year. These may be field trips, community service projects, fund raisers, or social events. To begin the planning process, an activity leader should help members form a committee and agree on the goals of the activity. Is the activity being conducted for fun, to learn a new skill, to develop cooperation among 4-H families, to raise funds for club activities, or to assist a charitable cause? When the committee is clear on the goals of the activity, it’s easier to plan the activity and determine if the event was successful.

Note: It is not the activity leader’s responsibility to plan the activity, but rather to guide the members as they plan and conduct these experiences. Tasks that youth may need help with include planning, gathering information, obtaining resources, assigning responsibilities, promoting the activity, overseeing people and tasks, managing risk, and evaluating.

No matter which volunteer role adults choose to serve in, their service benefits their own family, other local youth, their own skill development and their connections in the community. The dedication and commitment of each of our enrolled adult volunteer leaders is important to the success of the 4-H program in Lincoln County. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have questions or need additional resources to help you in your role.

Happy New Year!

Holly Luerssen, 4-H Educator
Langlade & Lincoln Counties.

(Source: 4-H Volunteer Roles)