



# The Voice of 4-H

*The Vernon County 4-H Family Newsletter*



YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART WINNERS FROM OUR ANNUAL ARTS FEST IN MARCH. ARTS FEST CONSISTS OF AN ARTS & CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, SPEAKING/PERFORMANCE, MUSICAL/VOCAL/INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE, AND CLOTHING REVUE COMPETITION

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## Partnership + Volunteers = Programming

Emery Bork - 4-H Coordinator

As you look at the events/topics being offered this summer, you may wonder, how do these get decided? Really, it's all about opportunity, connection, and knowledgeable volunteers. When I look ahead to start programming for a season, several factors are considered: county-wide project interest, educational gaps, and available content experts. What's a content expert? A person that has extensive knowledge in a project or focus area.

Finding content experts and working with them to provide opportunities for programming is the bread and butter within my position as 4-H Educator. I'm always looking for parents, community connections, local businesses/entrepreneurs, state specialists and beyond, that have a spark to share knowledge with our county youth.



That said, if you've noticed a gap in our programming, or would like to step up and offer to volunteer your time and expertise, please reach out!

Volunteering or helping provide programming within 4-H is very flexible and easy. We work with you and your schedule, and respect what time you have available to devote to 4-H or a specific program. Perhaps you have the time to lead an entire county-wide project, or maybe you would like to partner with 4-H for a one-time 2 hour workshop.

We cannot do the great programming without volunteers that are willing to share. I also want to take time to sincerely thank all of our volunteers, both adults and youth! You make our program what it is today: vibrant and growing!

Here is a list of some of the programming that we have offered since the start of our 2021-22 4-H year (Oct. 1.). None of these would have happened without willing individuals stepping up and teaching.

- Painted Rock Hunt
- Fall Forum
- New 4-H Family Orientation
- Blue Origins Online Presentation
- Arts and Crafts Project Day
- Light the Drive
- Awards Banquet
- Photography Project Day
- Cookie and Cake Decorating Day/Service Project
- Arts Fest
- Shooting Sports Meet and Greet
- Fur, Fin, and Feather
- ...and MUCH MORE!!

Thank you volunteers! If you have an idea, or would like to share your content expertise, please reach out! You never know when you will spark an interest to learn in a youth and make an impact on their life!

## Photo Happenings



**RIVERSIDE BADGERS WORKED TOGETHER TO DONATE FOOD IN THE LAST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE**



**ADULT LEADERS MET FOR THEIR MONTHLY FEDERATION MEETING WHERE COUNTY WIDE DECISIONS ARE MADE**



**THIS QUARTER, THE 4-H OFFICE IS BOASTING THE FANTASTIC PHOTOGRAPHY WORK OF KAYLA DOBITZ AS THE FEATURED 4-H QUARTERLY ARTIST/PHOTOGRAPHER PROGRAM**



# Updates: What you need to know

## Beef, Sheep, Swine Tags &

**YQCA:** All youth that are planning on exhibiting beef, sheep, and swine must come and get fair tags to put in ears on Saturday, May 7th. Go to the fairgrounds, and sale committee members will be there from 8:00-Noon only. If you cannot make it at this time, please arrange for someone else to grab your tags that day. You can also pick up pig tags at the Swine Chat later on that afternoon-- announcement for that is in the Project Update section.

YQCA classes are required EACH year. Youth may take the classes online for a \$13 fee. **Families will need to take YQCA online, as Vernon County no longer has an agriculture educator to offer in-person classes.** YQCA must be taken by youth who are exhibiting the following species: goats, beef, chickens, swine, rabbits, sheep, and dairy. To register and complete online YQCA, go to the following website: [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)

Beef:



Please place Visual Tag in Steers Right Ear as shown in picture and RFID disc tag in Left ear also shown. Pictures of **complete head of steer** is required **with tags in the ear** along **with Full body picture of the steer**. Please make sure we can clearly see the steer so we can identify it come September fair. Pictures can be forwarded via email or hard copies can be sent Via Mail.  
Email: [vernoncountybeef@gmail.com](mailto:vernoncountybeef@gmail.com)  
Mail: Tyler Fortun -E6938 Us Hwy 14/61-Westby WI 54667  
Please indicate whose steer the picture is for when sent in as well.

Sheep:



Please send two pictures ,one of head and side view. We are not worried about seeing the numbers on the tags, but ask to write scrapie tag and RFID tag number in email for each sheep when emailing the pictures.

The email address for the sheep is [vernoncountysheep@gmail.com](mailto:vernoncountysheep@gmail.com)

Swine:



Take one head picture of *each hog* with the tag showing as being in place in the *left* ear. Take one side shot picture of *each hog*. That would then be **two** pictures per hog to be submitted.

*Photo's are to be submitted via email to [vernonswine@gmail.com](mailto:vernonswine@gmail.com)*

Clearly note exhibitor name and the ear tag number (s) in the body of the email.

**Information Example:**  
Exhibitor Ron Smith  
Hog #1 VE 101

Again, if you have any questions or concerns with this new procedure please contact  
Lloyd Hardy, Meat Animal Sale Committee President at 608-606-1301.

**Eligibility to Exhibit At Fair:** This is your **annual reminder** about the rules surrounding being able to exhibit your projects at fair. While fair is an important, mostly referred to as "the cherry on top" event, it isn't the foundation of 4-H. Club and project leaders, and the county educator work to provide learning opportunities and skills building all year round to help shape and form our youth into successful adults. Fair provides an opportunity for the youth to show what they have been working hard on, all year. This being said, 4-H has an attendance rule concerning eligibility to exhibit. If you would like to request a full copy of the policy, please email: [emery.bork@wisc.edu](mailto:emery.bork@wisc.edu). Main highlights include:

1. **Returning youth must attend 50% of the meetings held from October to June. New families must attend 50% of meetings held from when they joined until June. If joining in June or thereafter, they cannot exhibit at fair that year.**
2. **Youth have opportunities to make up two missed meetings by attending other 4-H programming either in-person or virtually.**
3. **If returning families have not registered on 4HOnline by June 1st and paid dues to their club, they are not able to exhibit at fair.**



# County-wide Project Updates & Opportunities

## Swine Project:



**SWINE FEEDING AND NUTRITION CHAT**

May 7, 1:00-2:00 PM

Learn about feeding your pigs for fair, and how to get them show weight ready from Steve Wagemester, who is an animal feed specialist/nutritionist! Register online at: <https://forms.gle/aX9GRz3qjicLgwou8>

Chat will be face-to-face at the Erlandson Building: 318 Fairlane Drive, Viroqua, WI



## Dairy Youth Project

Dairy judging along with Area Animal Science Days(AASD) is back this year! Workouts will start Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. Save the date for the for AASD Friday June 17th in Chippewa Falls. All youth ages 8-19 are invited to be part of the Vernon County Dairy Judging Team. The only requirement is you must be in 4-H, as this is a 4-H sanctioned contest. If you have any questions please call or text coach Ashley Olson at 608-385-2607 or email at [olsonaa22@aol.com](mailto:olsonaa22@aol.com).

Workouts are as follows:

May 18th 7:30 p.m.-Lirr Farms- the Nigh Family (Holsteins). E4450 State Highway 82 Viroqua, WI 54665

May 25th 7:30 p.m.- Pine Prairie Jerseys and Holsteins-the Klinkner Family. S7304A State Highway 82 Viroqua, WI 54665

June 1st 7:30 p.m.-Peterson Jerseys-Alana Peterson. S3667 Peterson Lane Viroqua, WI 54665

June 8th 7:30 p.m.- Lang-Haven Guernseys- the Langrehr Family. W3411 Fennigkoh Road West Salem, WI 54669

## Dairy Youth Project, Ctd.

June 15th 7:30 p.m.- Gran-J Holsteins- Grant and Jenny Rudrud. E7814 Traastad Road Viroqua, WI 54665

Area Animal Science Days is Friday, June 17th in Chippewa Falls, WI. This will be an all day event. We will leave from the Vernon County Extension Office early morning (time TBD) and return early evening. This is a great day to have fun, learn and compete with our dairy youth!

I look forward to another awesome year for the Vernon County Dairy Judging Team! -Ashley

## Dog Project:

Registration night is scheduled for May 9th, from 5:30-6:15 PM at the Hansen Arena at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. Please head to our website to download the form and review rules. If you do not have internet access, call our office to request a paper copy. Dog project training will be held on Mondays, starting June 6th at the Vernon County Fairgrounds and will continue through the end of August, weather permitting. There will be no class on July 4th. Advanced agility will begin at 5:00 PM and beginner agility and dog obedience will begin at 6 PM.







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# 4-H SUMMER PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES: OPEN TO ALL

**Bugs in the Garden:** Hosted in partnership with the McIntosh Memorial Library. Join us Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 in the Growing Together Garden (across the street from the library) to learn about gardening, bugs, STEM and more! Cost is free. Open to grades: 1-5  
Program runs from July 7th -August 11th  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/F7JHCYJNpDLpBSYg6>



**4-H Camp at Upham Woods:** Join us for an overnight camping adventure at UW-Madison's Upham Woods in WI Dells. August 14-16. Camp includes hiking, canoeing, caving, native wildlife and so much more! Cost for non-4-H member is: \$150/\$75 for member. Open to grades: 3-8  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/JZTASMjY5B4LH6Me9>



**Disability Awareness Day:** A half-day program for all youth, grades 3-8, July 31st, Viroqua. Taught by youth, the program participants will experience hands-on what it is like to live with a disability, to increase respect and understanding, and have time to reflect on what they have experienced and to make change. The program will include American Sign Language, trying out adaptive sports by playing wheelchair basketball, and experiencing day to day tasks through the lens of living with a disability. Cost is free.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/UvkWVAY5cCu6ehQ9A>



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# Upcoming Statewide Events



Wisconsin 4-H International

## Global Exploration Series

This spring, join Wisconsin 4-H International and UW Madison for a **free virtual trip** around the world! Tour **five countries** to learn about their culture, language, and participate in hands on activities.

India March 15	China March 31	Kazakhstan April 12	TBA April 28	TBA May 10
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All Sessions @ 7pm Central

Each 45-60 minute session will feature:

**Language 101**  
Intro to language learning, basic phrases, songs

**Country Trivia**  
Learn about each country's history and culture in an interactive way

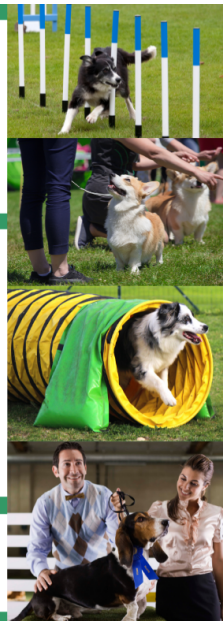
**Global Connection**  
Learn from program partners and youth across the world!

## WI 4-H STATE DOG SHOWS

(AGILITY, SHOWMANSHIP, OBDIENCE, AND QUIZ BOWL)

*Save the Date*  
**SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, & OCT 2, 2022**

**HOSTED BY DANE CO. 4-H DOG PROJECT AT THE JEFFERSON CO. FAIRGROUNDS**



## 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy

**Registration Opens July 1**

Activities Include:

- High / Low Ropes Course
- NASA Simulators
- Russian Language Lessons
- Scuba Diving
- Fighter Jet Simulators
- Advanced Rocketry
- Meeting NASA Engineers
- Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training
- STEM Challenges
- Simulated Space Mission
- International Space

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.



**Grades:** 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

**Dates:** January 21—27, 2023

**Location:** US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

**Cost:** \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

**Lodging:** Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

**Meals:** All meals will be included in the price.

**Transportation:** Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

**Registration:** July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

**More information:** Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or [joshua.goede@wisc.edu](mailto:joshua.goede@wisc.edu)



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## Vernon County Fair is Looking for Superintendents

Several departments are seeking superintendents at the fair. Supts help check in and monitor entries at the fair. It is a paid position, and supts receive free fair passes. The following 2 positions are open: Dept. 18: Cultural Arts (Classes C-J) & Dept 26,27,28, 29.

If you are interested in helping, please contact fair board member, Bill Marohl at 608-634-4064.



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# Youth Leadership Project: Challenge 3: #trashtag

This challenge will run for the duration of the month of May (May 1-June 3). The #trashtag challenge was an older online trend a few years ago. The focus of this challenge is to find an area within our county that needs help and fix/clean it. This is a very general challenge and can range from clean up to building, etc. Clubs may complete as many #trashtag challenges as they wish. Each #trashtag is worth 13 points in the final tally. Examples include: clean up and repair of broken playground equipment, painting and repairing benches at a park, trash dump clean up, building a new shelter area at the dog park, repairing a broken deck ramp for an elderly/disabled person, overgrown public garden cleanup/replanting. If you have ideas and are not sure, feel free to run them through the Extension Office for advice. Some projects may require funding. The Leader/Parent Federation has a fund that will extend \$150 grants to clubs looking to do service projects. Clubs can also search out additional funding from Lions Clubs' and other local organizations to match the \$150. If your club needs funds, those will need to be approved at a Federation meeting. Reach out to the Extension Office to be put on the agenda for those meetings to ask for funding. Before and after photos will need to be submitted to the Extension Office by June 3rd, along with details of the project. We will be featuring these photos in the local paper and online. We are not allowing roadside cleanup to qualify as this challenge. Roadside cleanup has become increasingly dangerous and we do not recommend that any clubs do this at all, in any circumstance.

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Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so 10 days before the program activity so that proper arrangements can be made.

