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MARATHON COUNTY 4-H



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Marathon County Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

Enrollment is Open!

Did you know that 4-H enrollment is now open? Youth currently in 5K through one year past high school are invited to join Marathon County 4-H. Invite a friend to join you too!

Plan to enroll by Nov 1st. Enrolling sooner than later helps you get all the important information for upcoming programs. Additionally, both enrolled youth and adults are covered under 4-H's insurance if an accident should occur.

Marathon County Enrollment

Day of the Dead with Monk Botanical Gardens

Join 4-H Educator Jasmine, in partnership with H2N and Monk Botanical Gardens, for an evening to celebrate "Day of the Dead" on November 1st. More details can be found at <https://blossomoflights.org/special-events/day-of-the-dead/>

BLOSSOM OF LIGHTS

Monk Gardens is honored to partner with 4H and H2N to celebrate the Hispanic tradition of "Day of the Dead" on Wednesday, November 1st during Blossom of Lights. This special event is one that people in Wausau and surrounding areas will NOT want to miss.

Wausau is full of cultural diversity (we have neighbors from Mexico, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Afghanistan, Congo, Syria, and Burundi). We are very excited to see that the community will be able to experience, learn, and participate in a celebration of a significant holiday that highlights part of our roots and is close to our hearts. With this event, we hope that people in our community connect and build relationships with other cultures that are settling in Central Wisconsin.

El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a holiday that has been passed down by generations in our families and that is part of our culture. We have been celebrating it since we were growing up (Jasmine - every year with her grandmother in Guanajuato, Mexico), in our community, and in our schools (Mariana - during her school years, she used to write "Calaveritas literarias", which are little poems that seek to talk a little about a family member, friend, or celebrity who passed away. These are written in rhyme and seek to highlight some specific characteristics of the protagonist).

This holiday gives us the opportunity to set up an ofrenda for people (and pets) in our lives that we still remember every day but are no longer physically present (for Jasmine is her great-grandmother, great-grandfather, grandfather, and cousin; and for Mariana is her brother, and grandparents). It is believed that the spirits of our loved ones that have passed away return to Earth on November 1st and 2nd. To welcome them we prepare an ofrenda (altar) that



is adorned with photos of our deceased loved ones, their favorite foods, and drinks. There are many other items that serve as symbolism like sugar skulls (representing the loved one's soul), salt, candles, cempasúchil flowers (marigolds), water, crosses, copal, papel picado (paper cut-out decoration), and pan de muerto (sweet bread). The flowers mark the path that the dead must follow during the visit they make these days and are placed in the offerings and around the graves. Families visit the graves of their loved ones and set up offerings as well.

Like any other celebration, the Day of the Dead is filled with music and dancing. Please stop by our booths at the Gardens on November 1st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to celebrate with us.



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Scholarships

Older Youth Travel & College Scholarships are now available for Marathon County 4-H. Are you considering joining one of Wisconsin 4-H's travel opportunities? If so, Marathon County 4-H provides travel scholarships. Are you a current college student? Then apply for a college scholarship. Applications are due Oct 25th to the 4-H Office. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/4HOlderYouthAwards>.

Upcoming Events!

Marathon County 4-H has some amazing upcoming opportunities! Join us!

Do you think your club would like to host Jasmine or Holly for a mini version of a program you see? For example, a quick cooking demo, an easy craft, or a fun game. Email [Jasmine](#) or [Holly](#) directly to schedule them for your next club meeting! Click the button below and don't miss out on all the amazing programs!

- **Tour WSAW**
- **Foodie**
- **Clover Kaboom**
- **Pinewood Derby**
- **AND MORE!!**

Marathon County 4-H Programs

Adult Volunteer - Need to Know

Charters are Due November 1!

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

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

Club Charter Application

Club Leaders

This one is for YOU! Let's learn more about 4-H enrollment, club participation, 4-H policy review, creating a welcoming environment, and HOW TO HAVE FUN! This gathering is highly recommended.

Enroll by November 12 at <https://bit.ly/4HClub23>



Volunteer Training Night

Are you a Marathon County 4-H Volunteer that needs to complete a training or two? Join us at the upcoming training day. Three training sessions will be offered just for you. Training will begin at 6pm. **Register and select training by October 15th** at <https://bit.ly/4HTRAINFALL23>.

Trainings Offered: Supporting You Supporting Youth, Building Safe Spaces, & VIP
If you have any questions about which training/s you may need, call the Marathon County Extension Office at 715-261-1230.

Supporting Youth Mental Health Training

Are you interested in supporting youth overnight programs like camp and travels? This in-person training will help fulfill the requirement for leaders in this position.

November 11, 2023, 10am-12pm, Marathon County Extension Office



Supporting Youth Mental Health Training

- A training for volunteers interested in supporting youth in over night programs like camps or travel.
- Held in person in Wausau
- **Option:** Bring your 5K-2nd Grade youth to a Clover Kaboom workshop held at the same time.

Date: Nov 11, 2023
Time: 10am - Noon

More Info & To Enroll:
<https://bit.ly/4-HSYMHNNOV23>

WI 4-H Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

Shooting Sports

Have you tried shooting sports? Open to youth in grades 3 and up, there are many disciplines to choose from. From archery, to air pistol and air rifle, as well as the summer shotgun program. The Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program is a great program for youth to gain skills outside of the norm. Self discipline, decision making, problem solving, and self confidence, just to name a few. If you are new or returning, this program may be just what you are looking for.

The open house and orientation is scheduled for December 3rd at the Central Wisconsin Sportsman's Club, in Marshfield. The open house starts at Noon, which allows new and returning members to check out the equipment and talk with instructors and get any questions answered that you may have.

And new this year, we will have a newcomer orientation, that is at 12:45. This is for youth who are new to the program, or those interested in going through the orientation more in-depth. Sign-up will start at 1pm. This year, we will be trialing a new format of orientation, which includes not making the orientation mandatory for returning members. The 12:45 orientation will be mandatory for all new members. We will ask all youth and adults to sign the rules, and acknowledge them as read. Those that attend the 1pm sign-up will have first choice for line times.

We will also have the bow rental program running, which allows youth the opportunity to rent the equipment for the season, and not only use it at practice but also practice at home and/or attend other shots/tournaments put on by other counties.

We are excited for the 2024 season and can't wait to start! If you have any questions, please email Liz Knutson at jlcaknutson@yahoo.com.

State 4-H Horse Leadership Conference

We are excited for the 2023 WI 4-H Horse Conference at UW River Falls. On Saturday, you will have an opportunity to go to the UW River Falls lab farm and experience sessions there with faculty from UW River Falls and other presenters and attend a number of rotating sessions on topics related to horses, developing your leadership skills, learning more about UW River Falls and so much more. On Saturday evening, after the conference will end with dinner. After dinner, members and volunteers are encouraged to attend the 4-H horse association district meeting. On Sunday, State 4-H Horse Association and Youth Associations will take place in the same location as Saturdays sessions. Click the button below for more information and registration.

State 4-H Horse Conference

Cedar Crest Competition

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. All Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name.

Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Competition

American Spirit East

June 14-23, June 21-30, July 5-14, 2024

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada — Youth-led content throughout the experience — Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred — Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation.

American Spirit East

Cloverbud Resources and Tipsheet

Cloverbuds (4-H members K-2nd grade) are energetic, enthusiastic, and ready to learn. Are you looking for some great ideas, resources, and tips for providing amazing

activities for Cloverbuds? Several Wisconsin Positive Youth Development Educators and 4-H Educators created the perfect tool for you.

Cloverbud Resources

SAVE THE DATE

- **October 16:** Derby Build Night
- **October 17:** Leader Training Night
- **October 21:** Clover KaBoom
- **October 22:** Recognition Celebration
- **October 25:** Scholarship Applications Due
- **October 28:** Day of the Dead Celebration
- **November 1:** Charters Due
- **November 4-5:** Fall Forum
- **November 4:** Derby Day

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