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MARATHON COUNTY 4-H



December 6, 2024

Marathon County Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

Teen Winter Camp

You're Invited to Teen Winter Camp 2024: The Game of Life

Join us for an exciting weekend of fun, challenges, and life-sized adventures taking place both indoors and out! Experience The Game of Life like never before, where you'll navigate through twists, turns, and decisions while building friendships and leadership skills.

Date: February 14-16, 2025

Location: Lions Camp in Rosholt

Registration will be open from Dec 9-Jan 16 (or when spots are filled)

Link: <https://bit.ly/4HWinterCamp25>

Open to all teens in grades 6-12. Don't miss this opportunity to play, grow, and make memories!

Make choices, take chances, and see where the Teen Winter Camp journey takes you!

Marathon County 4-H Wish List

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Are you interested in filling the empty space beneath our 4-H Christmas Tree? All items will benefit upcoming Marathon County 4-H programs.

Check out the list at <https://bit.ly/4HWishlist24>.

Upcoming Events!

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

Do you think your club would like to host Holly for a mini version of a program you see? For example, a quick cooking demo, an easy craft, or a fun game. Email [Holly](#) directly to schedule her for your next club meeting!

Click the button below and don't miss out on all the amazing programs!

- Clover Kaboom
- Quilting
- AND MORE!!

Marathon County 4-H Programs

Come Work with Us!

We are hiring! Are you a college student, a parent, or someone looking for something different where no two days are a like? Give this a try.

Our Marathon County AmeriCorps/4-H Program Assistants get real world youth development experience.

- *Program Creation/Coordination
- *Community Engagement
- *Mentoring Youth through programs and workshops
- *Volunteer Support
- *Grow your own Leadership Development Toolbox

These opportunities would offer hands-on experience in youth education, program planning, and community service. Applications accepted til positions are filled or October 30th.

Contact Holly Luerssen, 4-H Educator, at holly.luerssen@wisc.edu. Or click the button for more information.

4H and AmeriCorps

Wausau Cyclones 4-H Family Night

Date: Friday, March 7th

Location: Marathon Park Ice Arena, Wausau

Time: Puck drops at 7:10 PM

Cheer on the Cyclones and connect with fellow 4-H families for a night of fun and community spirit! Wear your 4-H gear to show your pride, and don't forget to bring your friends and family.

Tickets are available now—reserve yours today! <https://bit.ly/4HHockeyTix25>

We can't wait to see you there!

Save the Date!

Join us for the Marathon County 4-H Summer Theater Camp from August 11-15, 2025!

Open to youth ages 5-18, this exciting camp, in partnership with Missoula Children's Theater, will foster creativity, teamwork, and confidence. Don't miss this unique opportunity to shine on stage and build lifelong skills.

More details will be available Spring 2025.

Club News

National 4-H Congress

Alexa, a Marathon County 4-H youth member, recently attended the 2024 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia! Holly Luerssen, Marathon County 4-H Educator, served as the lead Advisor for the Wisconsin delegation.

The National 4-H Congress is a transformative educational event, bringing together youth from across the country to build new skills, connect with fellow 4-H members, and find inspiration to make a positive impact on their clubs, communities, country, and the world.

We're excited to hear more about Alexa's experiences and the insights she gained! In the meantime, enjoy a few snapshots from this incredible event. Thank you, Alexa and Holly, for representing Marathon County and Wisconsin 4-H!

Adult Volunteer - Need to Know

4-H Curriculum Materials Available!

We are making available four tables of project and life skill books that are in need of a new home. Rather than keeping these resources in storage, we encourage you to visit our office and browse through the available materials. Each stack is organized around a specific theme, and we invite you to review each stack in full to see what is available.

Free 4-H Harmony Guide

Do you ever feel like you're running out of ideas for icebreakers or ways to help youth connect? The 4-H Harmony Guide: Meet Up, Buddy Up, is a set of hundreds of cards and activities you can use with youth of all ages. Make conversations a regular part of 4-H gatherings to help youth feel they belong and build important life skills. Get your free download today!

[Get the Guide](#)

Trainings for Enrollment

Have you enrolled yet for this year? If you have, please check your trainings required. There have been some updates (good ones!). Background checks are now required every two years so keep an eye on your emails for that as well.

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](#)

WI 4-H Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

Central Wisconsin 4H Shooting Sports

Orientation will be **THIS** Sunday, December 8, 2024. The Orientation date below is for 2025 as they are booked one year in advance.

Location: Central WI Sportsmen Club, Marshfield, WI starting at 12pm

2025 Practice Dates:

January 12 and 26

February 9 and 23

March 9

March 21-22 Winter Invite

Fun Shoot: March 30

Orientation for NEXT year: December 7, 2025 (NOTE: this date is for NEXT year because we book dates at the Sportsman's Club by calendar year.)

Dairy Quiz Bowl

Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl - January 25, 2025

Location: UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation Building, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311

Times: Registration 11:00am, Contest begins at 11:30pm

Registration Deadline: January 10, 2025

Registration and rule information: More information on how to register along with other participation and contest information is available in The Dairy Bowl Contest Rules document located on the informational website:

[Dairy Bowl Information](#)

CWF Registration

Registration for 2025 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) opens on December 20th. CWF is a premier 4-H citizenship and leadership educational experience where high-school aged youth travel to Washington D.C. to learn all about how they can stay involved. Learn more about CWF and register soon!

[CWF Information](#)

WI 4-H Foundation Photography Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has kicked off a contest that challenges all 4-H members to explore their creativity!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Dec 7** - Clover Kaboom
- **Dec 9** - Teen Winter Camp Registration Opens
- **Dec 16** - Quilting Club
- **Dec 20** - CWF Registration Opens
- **Dec 24-25** - Office Closed
- **Dec 31 - Jan 1** - Office Closed

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