



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

UW-MADISON EXTENSION
MARATHON COUNTY 4-H



February 14, 2025

Marathon County Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

We are Moving!

The Marathon County UW Extension office will be moving the week of March 17, 2025. During this week, our offices will be closed. We ask for your patience over the next several weeks as we finish packing and then unpacking. You can always reach us via email. Our new address will be 1100 Lakeview Dr, Suite 500, Wausau.

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 Club
- AND MORE!!

Marathon County 4-H Programs

Winter Weather Reminder

All 4-H programs are to be **CANCELLED** if there is a winter weather warning or watch. Exercise discretion with weather advisories. Most 4-H activities can be rescheduled.

Club News

Nothing submitted for this month. Send your club news to Kathy at kathy.johnson@wisc.edu to be featured in our next newsletter!

Adult Volunteer - Need to Know

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](#)

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program

In 2025, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, will host three webinars from February through April from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is available for all youth grades 3-13. The session will be recorded and available on the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel. This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension.

[Register for all events!](#)

WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2025

February 20 - Cooking with Beef

Speakers: Angie Horkan and Kaitlyn Kesler, Wisconsin Beef Council

March 18 - Management for your animal project, Biosecurity

Speakers: Dr. Gretchen May, Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Veterinarian

April 17 - Creating Charcuterie Boards

Speakers: Jessica Brown, Joshua Brantley, Heather Hunt, UW Madison.

All events are free, *virtual* and
begin at 6:30 p.m. CST
Can meet county educational
requirements.

Hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, UW
Madison/Division of Extension.
For more information & how to
register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>



Art Beat

REGISTRATION OPEN



WHAT

4-H members in grades 3-5 can explore visual arts, drama, music, and STEAM through hands-on activities

WHEN

March 15-16, 2025

WHERE

Upham Woods
Outdoor Learning
Center

COST

\$125 for Youth
Members, \$75 for
Adult Volunteers



LEARN MORE



Positive Youth Development Institute
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ArtBeat Registration is Now Open

Don't miss this chance to join 4-H ArtBeat, an introduction to Wisconsin 4-H Expressive Arts & Camp Adventures!

Who: 4-H members (grades 3-5), parents, and leaders

What: Explore visual arts, drama, music, and STEM with amazing adult volunteers

Where: Experience camp life and stay in cozy cabins with awesome high school counselors

Come create, learn, and have fun!

Register now: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide.../art-beat/>

SAVE THE DATE

- **Feb 14-16** - Teen Winter Camp
- **Feb 17** - ArtBEAT Registration Closes
- **March 7** - Wausau Cyclones 4-H Family Night
- **March 17- 21**: Office Closed for Move
- **March 27** - UW Science Expedition Day

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