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MARATHON COUNTY 4-H



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Marathon County Upcoming Events, Programs, and Activities

Welcome to the 2025 Marathon County 4-H Summer Team!

We are excited to welcome back some familiar faces and introduce new ones to our Marathon County 4-H family this summer!

Welcome back, Sam Soback!

Sam returns to us as the Marathon County 4-H Summer Intern. After serving as an AmeriCorps member this spring, Sam is back and ready to continue leading and supporting engaging programs throughout the county. We're thrilled to have Sam's passion and experience back on board.

Welcome back, Kate Loucks!

Kate rejoins the team as the Marathon County 4-H Program Assistant. A former AmeriCorps member, Kate brings a strong background in youth development and will be instrumental in expanding programs and fostering leadership—especially at our camps. We're so glad to have her talents and energy with us again!

Welcome to our 2025 PYD Summer Interns: Spencer Smith, Olivia Johnson, and Taylor Pawlowicz!

These three interns will be focusing on bringing positive youth development programming to community partners including Boys & Girls Clubs, College for Kids, Marathon County Parks & Recreation, local libraries, and more. In addition, they'll play key roles in Summer Camp, the Wisconsin Valley Fair, and other exciting events. We can't wait to see the impact they'll make this summer!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Marathon County Leaders Federation, our

generous community partners, and UW–Madison for stepping up to help fund these positions after recent AmeriCorps program cuts. Your support ensures that youth across Marathon County continue to have meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and lead.

Here's to a great summer ahead!



Fair Registration is Open

Thank you for your patience while some glitches were worked through. Fair registration entry is now open! Get your entries in by June 15, 2025. The premium book is also available on the link. If you have any questions about fair entries, please contact the fair office at 715-261-1539.

[WI Valley Fair Information](#)

We have Moved!

Come see us at our new location! Our new address will be 1100 Lake View Dr, Suite 500, Wausau. There will be a community open house on June 17 from 4-6:30pm. More information coming soon!

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!

- Dog Project Meeting
- Pottery Paint Night
- Cat Project Meeting
- Horse Project
- Day Camp
- AND MORE!!

Marathon County 4-H Programs

Club News

Rib Mountaineers Spring Service Projects

The Rib Mountaineers 4-H Club has been busy spreading kindness and making a difference through a series of meaningful service projects this season:

▢ Mount View Nursing Home BINGO Bash

Members brought joy to residents with an exciting BINGO event, complete with unlimited prizes, refreshing soda, and healthy snacks like bananas and grapes.

▢ Highway Clean-Up

Demonstrating their commitment to the environment, the club rolled up their sleeves to help keep our local roads clean and beautiful.

▢ Humane Society Visit & Donations

During a heartwarming tour of the Humane Society, members donated 20 assorted-size pet pillows, offering comfort to animals in need.

These projects reflect the club's dedication to service, compassion, and community pride. Way to go, Rib Mountaineers!

Want to share your club's good work? Send [Kathy](#) an email!



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](#)

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](#)

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Area Animal Science Days

Regional animal science educational opportunities are available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include dairy cattle evaluation; livestock (beef, sheep, swine, & meat goats) evaluation; oral reasons contests for senior members; and dairy showmanship contests. In addition, each site may offer a variety of workshops like poster and photography contests or horse judging activities.

Area Animal Science Days

2024-2025 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet

The 2024-2025 program booklet is now available.

WI 4-H Program Booklet

SAVE THE DATE

- **May 22** - Culvers Fundraiser with Leaders Federation
- **June 2** - Dog Project Meeting
- **June 5** - Pottery Paint Night
- **June 13** - Area Animal Science Days in Pierce County
- **June 15** - Final Fair Entries due on Showworks
- **June 17** - Cat Project Meeting
- **June 21** - Horse Project
- **June 30** - Area Animal Science Days in Calumet County
- **July 15** - Day Camp

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