

LEARNING BY DOING-TOGETHER

Greeting Monroe County 4-H Families,

We want to extend our gratitude to all returning and new Monroe County 4-H families. Last year, we had more than 220 families involved county-wide—and this year, we're already excited to welcome over ten new families! We invite everyone to join us at our annual 4-H Family Celebration on November 15th. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather, share a meal, and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth and volunteers over the past year.

To all our new and returning members, families, and volunteers—we're here to help you make the most of your 4-H experience. Whether you're brand new or returning for another year, we encourage you to reach out for any resources we may be able to provide. One valuable resource is [Exploring 4-H for New Families](#), available through UW-Madison, Division of Extension. This series of newsletters offers great tools for setting new goals, discovering new projects, and reflecting on how we can continue to "learn by doing" together.

Here's one excerpt from *Exploring 4-H for New Families about Learning by Doing*:

Since its beginnings in the early 1900s, 4-H has been guided by the principle of learning by doing. This hands-on approach helps youth not only learn how to do something, but also why it works. This process—known as experiential learning—includes one of the most valuable steps: reflection. It's okay when things don't go perfectly the first time; failure is part of the process and a key ingredient to growth.

One of the biggest challenges—and greatest benefits—of experiential learning is not always succeeding right away. It can be hard to watch youth struggle, but those moments lead to real learning. 4-H is meant to be a safe place to try, fail, and try again. Encourage your youth to stick with it! The first arrow in an archery lesson might miss the target—but after ten, fifty, or a hundred more tries, you'll be amazed by their progress.

There are many more valuable online resources, and at the Extension Office, we have an entire library of 4-H curriculum available for families to check out. We'd be happy to help you navigate as you delve into this year's new [Wisconsin 4-H Project Guide](#).

As we move into the winter months, this is a great time for both youth and adults to learn something new. Why not take on a project together? The spirit of lifelong learning is one of the greatest gifts we can share with young people. If you're interested in becoming a project leader for one of our upcoming project days, please reach out to the Extension Office or your club leader.

We hope to see you at the Family Celebration,

Jason & Vicki

Monroe County Extension Staff



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Monthly 4-H Newsletter information is due on the **20th**.
- Please keep your mailing and email addresses current in 4-H Online.
- If you plan to un-enroll from 4-H, please contact the office so we can remove you from the system.



If your club or group has events you would like on this calendar, please email information to

Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Wed., Nov. 11, 2026

Veterans Day - Thank you for your service!

Sat., Nov. 15, 2025

Family Celebration, Noon—2 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Church Fellowship Hall

Wed., Nov. 19, 2025

Jr. Leaders Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94787623755?](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94787623755?pwd=tVb4m1JuOHJ7zUNkJaj3QYDJhEiwiF.1)

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Thurs., Nov. 27 & 28, 2025

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Office is closed



DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 5, 2025

Jr. Leaders Help with Rotary Lights, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Evans-Bosshard Park

Wed., Dec. 24 & 25, 2025

Merry Christmas! Office is closed

Mon., Dec. 29, 2025

Winter Project Day, 12- 4 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center

Mon. Dec. 29, 2025

Leader's Required Training, 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center



Jr. Leaders Meeting

Our next meeting will be a Zoom on November 19th at 7 p.m. Here is the link to participate: <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94787623755?pwd=tVb4m1JuOHJ7zUNkJaj3QYDJhEiwiF.1>

We will be helping with the lights at the Evans-Bosshard Park on Friday, December 5th at 7 p.m.

It's not too late to join the Jr. Leaders! Any 4-H member who is interested in leadership opportunities and are in Grades 7+ can join. Just add 'Jr. Leaders' as your second club and you'll get important emails about everything this group is involved in.



DON'T MISS OUT!

This will be your **LAST** newsletter and **COMMUNICATION** from the office if you do not enroll by November 15, 2026.



2025 - 2026 **District Responsibilities**

Northeast: Clovers & Cranberries; Valle Ville; La Grange Tunnel-Lites

Family Celebration
Clean Food Stand After County Fair

Northwest: Denim N' Dust; Dragonflies, Sparta Sprockets

Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull

Southeast: Hill-N-Valley; Norwalk Clovers; Stepping Stones

Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull

Southwest: Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires
Clean Exhibit Hall Before County Fair

Project News & Information

DEADLINE TO ENROLL IS NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year began September 1st. Your membership and profile information will roll over, but your projects will not. Below are instructions on how to log into the system.

1. Go to <https://wi.4honline.com>.
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. Click Sign-In.
4. You will be at the Family Member List Screen.
5. To re-enroll a Youth member, click on Enroll Now, then click member's Grade, and continue through the screens.
6. To re-enroll an Adult member, click on Enroll Now then click Select Volunteer Type to indicate how you are planning to participate. Continue through the screens.



For more detailed information on how to enroll go to:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/start-here/4honline-for-families/> or call the office at 608-269-8722.



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ATTENTION Sewing Members!

If you plan on enrolling in the Clothing Project this year, you must contact Barb Ornes, Project Leader, at barbornes@gmail.com. Sewing classes will start at in early November. For members who sewed last year and want to continue, please email Barb and let her know.



WANTED Project Day Ideas & Leaders

We want to hear from you! What would you like to explore on a project day? Share your skills and talents with others! Adults and youth 12+ can lead a class and share their passion with others. Email

jason.hornickel@wisc.edu



Project News & Information



Family Celebration—Location CHANGED

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15th** at the **Leon Church Fellowship Hall** from **Noon to 2 p.m.** Plan to come celebrate all your 4-H achievements from the 2024-2025 year! This is a potluck, so please sign up using SignUpGenius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A9AE29AAF4C16-58956208-4hfamilly> Barbeque will be provided, but we will need people to bring buns.

2026 American Spirit Experience

Are you a 4-H member in grades 8-10 who loves history, travel and making new friends? If so, then this experience might be the perfect adventure for you!

The American Spirit Experience empowers youth to take ownership of their learning and leadership through a 10-day educational journey exploring history, culture, and civic identity across the East Coast and Canada. While staff and volunteers support and facilitate the experience, youth are at the center, not just as participants, but as leaders, learners, and changemakers.

The 2026 travel dates are June 18-29, 2026 or July 3-12, 2026. Application opens in 4HOnline November 1-30, 2025. Youth and parent must complete the application together since there are questions for both to answer. Estimated cost is \$3,000. You will be contacted if you are chosen to participate.



SAVE THESE DATES!!

- > **Achievement Celebration**, Saturday, November 15, from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Leon Church Fellowship Hall.
- > **Project Day**, Monday, December 29, at the Leon Community Center, noon to 4 p.m.
- > **Leader's Training**, Monday, December 29, 4 p.m., at the Leon Community Center



**THANK YOU to the 4-H Military Families
and Monroe County Veterans for your service!**

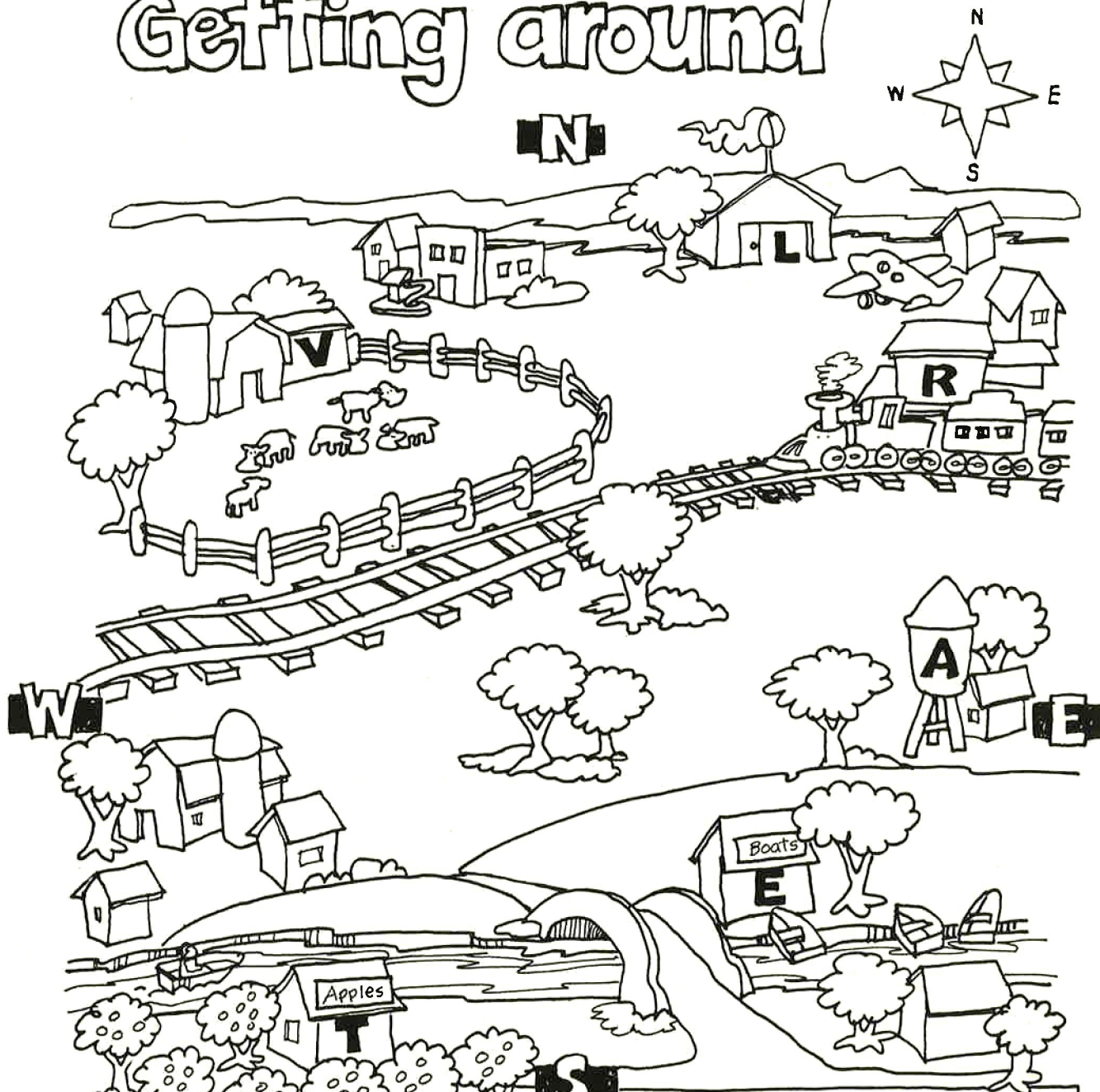
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Getting around



Susan left some letters
around the country.
Read the clues and
draw lines to show
Susan's trip. Find each
letter and write it on
its line.
What's the mystery word?

Clues:

1. Start: Southwest at the apple orchard _____
2. Go: Northeast to the train station... _____
3. South to water tower... _____
4. Northwest to cattle farm... _____
5. Southeast to the boat shack... _____
6. North to the airport... _____

Mystery word