

ONE TO REMEMBER

Dear Monroe County 4-H Members and Families,

October marks one of the most exciting times in the 4-H year—**National 4-H Week!** From October 5th–11th, communities across the country will shine a spotlight on the incredible youth who are learning, leading, and thriving through 4-H.

This year's theme, "**Beyond Ready**," reminds us that 4-H is more than preparation—it's transformation. Through hands-on projects, leadership opportunities, and community involvement, 4-H members are gaining the confidence and skills they need to succeed today, tomorrow, and far into the future. They aren't simply ready for life—they're beyond ready to take it on and make a difference.

National 4-H Week is the perfect time to:

- **Celebrate Our Youth:** Every 4-H member brings unique talents and passions that strengthen our clubs and communities.
- **Show Our Pride:** Share your 4-H story, wear your green, and spread the word about the positive impact of 4-H.
- **Invite Others:** Whether it's a friend, neighbor, or family member, let's encourage more young people to experience all that 4-H has to offer.
- **Recognize Our Leaders and Volunteers:** Their dedication makes it possible for youth to grow, explore, and succeed.

As we celebrate, let's remember that 4-H is not just an organization—it's a movement that prepares youth to lead with compassion, creativity, and courage. Together, we are building a generation that is not only ready for the unpredictable future, but ready to shape it.

Our goal this year is to make the best better by offering new opportunities to learn from one another, explore new interests, and grow as individuals. We encourage and challenge all families to set high goals this 4-H year, embrace new experiences, and strive to be the best you can be.

In every state, including Wisconsin, 4-H clubs are planning special events, service projects, and community outreach activities to showcase the heart of 4-H. Here in Monroe County, we have daily challenges and a month-long GooseChase Challenge to celebrate all things 4-H. Winners will be announced at our Family Celebration on November 15th, and we hope to see every family there!

Thank you for being part of a community that nurtures learning, leadership, and growth. Let's make this National 4-H Week, and this 4-H year, one to remember!

Monroe County 4-H is the Best!

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

OCTOBER

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025

Friend of 4-H, 4-H Alumni, Key Leadership and "I Dare You" nominations due, 4:30 pm

WHERE: Extension Office

Sun., Oct. 5-11, 2025

National 4-H Week

Sun., Oct. 19, 2025

Officer Training, 11 am—12:30 pm

WHERE: Leon Community Center

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025

Jr. Leader—Lost Canyon Tour 8 am—1:30 pm

WHERE: Wisconsin Dells

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



NOVEMBER

Sat., Nov. 15, 2025

Family Celebration, Noon—2 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center

MONROE COUNTY 4-H WEEK BEYOND READY CHALLENGE!



HOW TO JOIN:

1. SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD THE GOOSECHASE APP.
2. ENTER THE JOIN CODE:

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WHO CAN PLAY?

- OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS- TWO CATEGORIES: INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM (UP TO 4 MEMBERS).
- A FUN, INTERACTIVE WAY TO CELEBRATE 4-H WEEK!
- WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE FAMILY CELEBRATION! PRIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IF NOT IN ATTENDANCE.



Jr. Leader KICK-OFF Event

Jr. Leaders is a group of youth in 7th grade + who are interested in leadership opportunities throughout the year. They have a lot of fun helping out at community events, project days, and deciding what adventures they want to go on. When you enroll for the 2025-2026 4-H year, remember to add Jr. Leaders as your second club. That way you'll get important emails about what the Jr. Leaders are up to!

Our kick off event will be going to Lost Canyon Tour for a hayride in Wisconsin Dells. We will leave at 8:15 a.m. from the office, head to the fairgrounds in Tomah for a 8:45 a.m. pick up and then off to the Dells! We'll go out for lunch after the ride. Return to Tomah @ 1:30 p.m. and Sparta @ 2 p.m. Register at <https://forms.gle/KWdhBtMf5VhbLqbC6>



2024 - 2025

District Responsibilities

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

Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull

Northwest: Denim N' Dust; Dragonflies, Sparta Sprockets

Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull

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

Clean Exhibit Hall Before County Fair

Southwest: Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires
Family Celebration

Clean Food Stand After County Fair

2026 4-H Enrollment

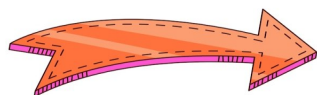
Enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year begins September 1st. Your membership and profile information will roll over, but your projects will not. Below are instructions on how to log into the system.

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.

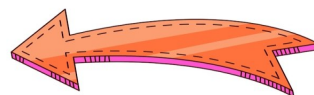


For more detailed information on how to enroll go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/start-here/4honline-for-families/> or call the office at 608-269-8722.

DEADLINE TO RE-ENROLL IS NOVEMBER 15, 2025 !



NEW Project Guides!



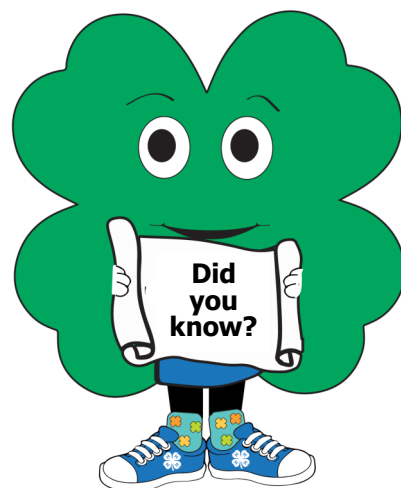
The State reduced the project list from 230 projects to 91 projects! Don't worry, you still have all your favorite projects, and 28 new projects to pick from starting in 2025-2026. For instance, if you are looking for knitting or crocheting, you'll enroll in Fiber & Textile Arts.

We recommend taking some time to look at the new [project guide](#). If you're having trouble deciding what to choose, take a look at Page 8 & 9 to find your spark!

There are also three [quick videos](#) that give you a tour of the simple changes to the new 4-H Project Guide.

FAQ About 4-H

- Is signing up for 4-H the same as signing up for Fair?
 - > No. The 4-H program and fair are two separate entities.
- What's the difference between 4-H and Fair?
 - > 4-H is an educational youth organization that members need to enroll in every year through a software program called 4HOnline. Projects and activities are done all year long.
 - > Fair is a yearly, 6-day event, run by the Monroe County Ag Society. Registration is through an online software program called BlueRibbon. To be eligible to enter in the Junior Fair, you must be a member of a youth organization.
- Do I have to enter the Fair if I am in a 4-H club?
 - > No. Fair is not a requirement of 4-H membership. The Fair is a place where you can show off your 4-H projects that you worked on during the year.
- When is the last date I can enroll in 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair?
 - > **NOVEMBER 15, 2025**



Project News & Information



Family Celebration

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15th** at the **Leon Community Center** 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.

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.



Officer



Are you interested in being the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary of your club? Then plan on attending the Officer Training on **Sunday, October 19** at the **Leon Community Center** at **11 a.m.** Pizza and snacks will be provided. Training will end at 12:30 p.m.



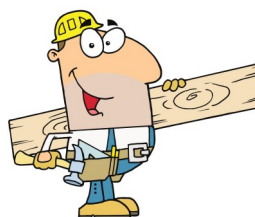
Let your Club Leader know you are interested in attending. Please sign up so we can have enough materials on hand <https://forms.gle/EsWFw1dqohC7svut9>

SAVE THESE DATES!!

> **Achievement Celebration**, Saturday, November 15, from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Leon Community Center.

> **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



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



Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week, October 5-11, 2025

DAILY CHALLENGES

MEMBER MONDAY

Showcase that you are a 4-H family. Make a 4-H clover and put it in your window at home, add a 4-H profile frame, or contact a business to put a display up in their store window, or make a display for school.

TEACH IT TUESDAY

Share how you have taught others about a 4-H project or activity you have done on social media.

WEAR IT WEDNESDAY

Show your 4-H spirit by wearing your 4-H gear and/or wearing as much green as you can! Share a photo of yourself on social media showing your 4-H spirit.

THANKFUL THURSDAY

Show your appreciation and give a thank you note to your teacher, leader, or parent who has supported or inspired you.

FRIDAY'S FRIEND

Invite three of your friends who are not 4-H members to your next club meeting or special event.

SIGN UP SATURDAY

If you haven't signed up for 4-H yet, do so today! Go to 4HOnline at: <http://wi.4honline.com>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at 608-269-8722.

DIRECTIONS

Share a photo of your daily challenge by emailing jason.hornickel@wisc.edu. For each challenge completed & photo shared, you will be put in a drawing for a 4-H prize!



A WALK IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

I took a walk in my neighborhood.
Here are some of the things I saw.

Growing Things

- ☐ Trees
- ☐ Grass
- ☐ Flowers
- ☐ Birds
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Weeds
- ☐ Insects
- ☐ Vegetables

People

I saw _____

people.

The most interesting person was _____

Wheel Things

I saw _____
things on wheels.
The biggest was _____

The smallest was _____

Flying Things

I saw _____
things that were
flying in the air.
The biggest was _____

The smallest was _____

Beautiful Things

Ugly Things

- ☐ Broken glass
- ☐ Junk
- ☐ Marks on walls
- ☐ Paper on ground
- Other ugly stuff I saw _____

My favorite thing was _____
The things I like most about my neighborhood _____