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FALL FESTIVITIES

Happy fall everyone! While the days are (sadly) continuing to get shorter, there is certainly no shortage of 4-H events and updates these days! October is starting off strong with National 4-H Week, which will be held October 4-10th this year, and we encourage you take this as an opportunity to show off your 4-H pride! To add to the fun, we will post a special challenge on the Monroe County Extension Facebook page each day of the week, and for each one you complete, you will be put in a drawing for a cool 4-H Prize! Additionally, we will be hosting an open house at the Extension Office on Monday, October 4th from 3-6 PM with some snacks and refreshments! This would be an easy way to complete one of the 4-H Week challenges, while also meeting me if you haven't yet.

October is also full of lots of other events, including the continuation of member enrollment for the new 4-H year! If you have not yet signed up for 4-H in the 2026-2027 year, we encourage you do so as soon as possible through 4-H Online. The final deadline to register in order to be eligible to participate in the county fair is November 15th, so don't let it slip by!

Our Club Leader and Club Officer Training will also be in October. We encourage anyone who is interested in being a club officer to speak with their club leader about the process - and remember that being an officer is a great leadership opportunity and resume builder for future job and/or college applications!

I hope that everyone's school year is off to a great start and as always, if there is anything I can help with, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you all and enjoy the fall festivities coming up!

Emily



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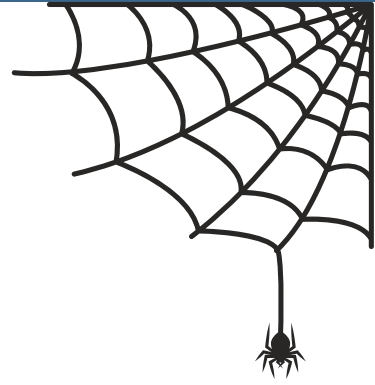
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Thurs., October 1** - Friend of 4-H, 4-H Alumni, Key Leadership, "I Dare You" nominations due to the Extension Office
- **Sun., October 4-10** - National 4-H Week
- **Mon., October 5** - Open House, 3 - 6 pm, meet the new Educator at the Extension Office
- **Sun., October 17** - Jr. Leader Activity, 12:30 pm, corn maze at Schwertel Farms in Trempealeau
- **Sun., October 25** - Club Leader & Office Leader Training, 12 noon - 3 pm, Strike Zone, Tomah

- **Sun., November 1** - Deadline to submit photos for the new plat book
- **Sat., November 14** - Family Celebration, Noon - 2 pm, Tomah American Legion
- **Sun., November 15** - Deadline to re-enroll in 4-H to be eligible for the 2027 Monroe County Fair

- **Sat., December 5** - Jr. Leaders will be helping at the Holiday Lights in the Evans-Bosshard Park. Time TBD.



2026-2027 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year has begun! 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, 2026!

CLUB LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING



With the new 4-H year kicking off, it is once again time for our required annual club leader training and club officer training! This year, both the club leader and officer training will be held on the same day, **Sunday, October 25th**. The plan will be to meet at Strike Zone in Tomah at noon, where we will first have our club officer training, followed by our club leader training, and eventually, a bit of time bowling! We anticipate the whole meeting (including bowling) to run until around 3:00 pm, and we will be providing lunch for attendees as well!

The goal of having these trainings on the same day is to allow club leaders to learn more about officer responsibilities - and for officers to get to know their club leaders and the roles that they have better. In order to bowl, it is required that you attend the training, but participating in bowling is not mandatory. Additionally, while this training is required for club leaders and current club officers, we encourage any youth that's interested in being an officer to attend. If you plan to participate, please RSVP by October 15th so that we can reserve enough bowling lanes. Head to <https://forms.gle/Fv913pjHe1e7R386A> to sign up and we look forward to hopefully seeing you there!



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 in early November. For members who sewed last year and want to continue, please email Barb and let her know.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Interested in participating in archery, air rifle, shotgun or .22? Remember to enroll in the Shooting Sports project so we can send you information regarding when classes will start. Planning is underway!



RECORD BOOKS

Due to state-mandated software changes, we will be updating our record book templates for next year. Most aspects of the record books will remain the same, but a few changes will be made to make completing them more accessible for all. These changes will be officially implemented in November, so please take note of this and be on the lookout for further announcements in the next newsletter!



PROJECT GUIDES

There are a lot of 4-H projects to enroll in. If you're undecided on what projects to participate in, please go to the State website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/projects/>. Just a reminder that project guides and categories changed last year, so you may want to review it. The link to the project guide is also available on our website under 4-H / [4-H Projects](#).



FAMILY CELEBRATION

Our Family Celebration is planned for **Saturday, November 14**, from Noon to 2 pm. This year we are having a taco bar with the meat being provided by Clovers & Cranberries, La Grange Tunnel-Lites and Valle Ville! If you're not a taco fan, we will also be having hot dogs complimentary from the Leaders Association, and an ice cream bar from the Jr. Leaders. If you plan on attending, please sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOD45ADA E23A5F8C70-66084731-4hfamly>

PLAT BOOK COVER CONTEST



The Leaders Association will be getting a new plat book printed for 2027 and we want your photos! Pictures are needed for the cover and inside pages.

Ideally the picture for the front cover should be of something in Monroe County without people. Other pictures with leaders and members that are doing club and community activities can be used for the inside filler pages. Upload your pictures by the **deadline of November 1st** to:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12Em8vg3NHc2Vj-b7ZoG1rsKIh79w5Dpv?usp=sharing>

SAVE THE DATE: WINTER PROJECT DAY!

A date for Winter Project Day has officially been set, so mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 29th**! The event will be held at the Leon Community Center, where we will have a variety of different projects available for members to try! Be on the lookout for more details coming in the November newsletter.



Adults - We are still looking for volunteers to host activity sessions on project day! If you would be interested in teaching something, please send Emily an email or call the Extension office!



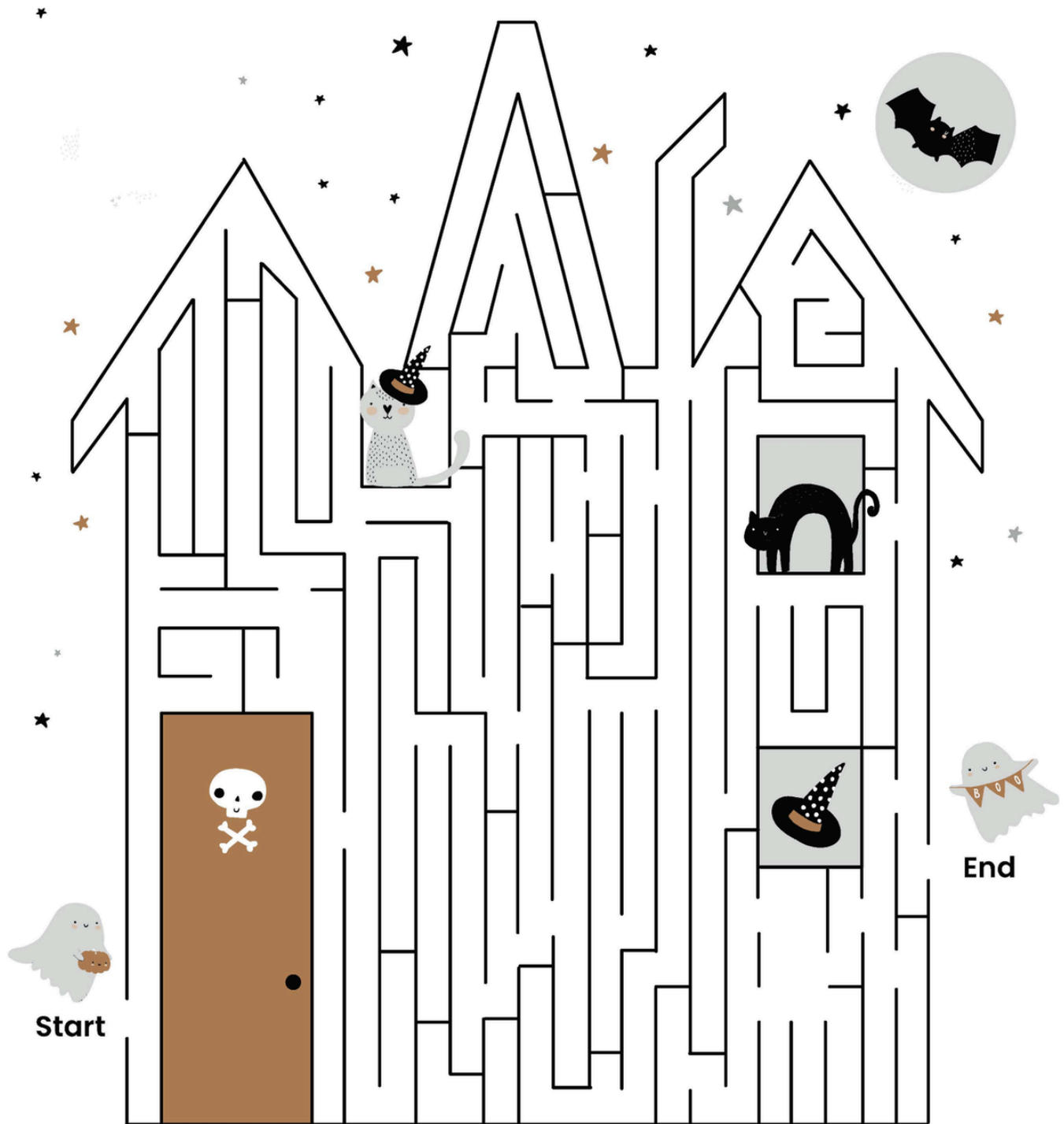
JR LEADER ACTIVITY

Jr Leaders is a secondary club open to all 4-H'ers in 7th grade and up who focus on developing friendships and leadership skills, and their next meet-up activity is quickly approaching! The group will be heading to explore the Schwertel Family Farms' 4-H themed corn maze, for an afternoon of fun and team building! Plan to meet at the farm on **Saturday, October 17th** in Trempealeau at 12:30 p.m. and get ready to find a way through the maze! Sign up at <https://forms.gle/SB2HMPcwqW86sSYN9> to join us!

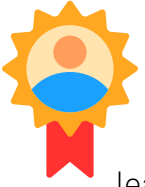


Haunted House Maze

Help the ghost bring a pumpkin to her friend by drawing a line through the haunted house maze.



2027 STATE OPPORTUNITIES



Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Ambassador Teams - will advocate for Wisconsin 4-H and engage in opportunities to build personal leadership skills and encourage others to grow their leadership potential. The Leadership Ambassadors will support statewide events including teaching at Summer Academy and Fall Forum. Youth from this ambassador group also serve on the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame committee and assist with the ceremony. Applications will open Oct. 1 through Nov. 15, 2026. For more information visit: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/#state_ambassadors

National 4-H Conference - brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to Washington D.C. to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. Applications will open Oct. 15 through Dec. 1, 2026. For more information visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/>



American Spirit Experience - is an opportunity for youth to immerse themselves in history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada. This program will also focus on career readiness, leadership development, and experiential learning around history and civics, with an emphasis on diversity and the challenges that different groups of people have faced. Applications will open Nov. 1 through Nov. 30, 2026. For more information visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spirit-east/>

Winter Academy - Delve into how your sparks can lead to lifelong learning and successful career pathways in this 100% virtual program. Youth will gain experience with creative problem solving strategies and work with peers and adults to become ready for work and ready for life. Winter Academy is designed for youth in their first years of high school. Completion of the Winter Academy program will earn participants a 30% coupon code off registration for Summer Academy in the same year. Registration will open Nov. 1 through Nov. 30, 2026. Spots are limited and are available on a first-come first-served basis! For more information visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/winter-academy/>

