



Door County 4-H Newsletter

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Hello Door County 4-H Families!

We are a few months into the new 4-H year and I hope you are all enjoying your time so far! I am excited for all that the new year holds for us. We are in the planning stages for many great opportunities for Door County 4-H! To all of our new Door County 4-H members – welcome! We are so happy you are here!

In this newsletter, which is sent out every other month, you will find a lot of important information and updates. Between newsletters, be sure to watch for emails from the Door County 4-H Program and Extension Office for updates and news. You can also follow the Door County 4-H Program on Facebook for updates.

This newsletter includes information on scholarship opportunities, Quality Market Animal Sale program updates, Fair Premium List Cover Contest information, a few Save the Dates, and so much more! We are busy planning for a lot of things over the next year – many parts of this newsletter will say information to come soon, as details are not yet finalized. Be sure to watch your emails and the Door County Facebook page for additional information. As always, if you have any questions, please be sure to reach out – I'm happy to help!

Hope to see you all soon and best wishes for the holiday season and the start of a new year!

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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NOW

ENROLL IN 4-H – [4-H ONLINE](#)

4-H Adult Volunteers ... Enrollment and [Training](#)

State Fair Dairy – contact the Extension office or Theresa Kinnard if you're interested in showing!

WANTED: 4-H Dairy Bar Food Stand Manager (*contact the Extension Office for more information*)

WANTED: Super Saturday Instructors (*contact the Extension Office*)

MONTHLY

1st Monday of each month: 4-H Executive Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Peninsula Room, Gov't Ctr

2nd Tuesday of each month: Horse & Pony Meeting, 7:00 pm

DECEMBER 2023

27 - QMAS Mandatory Meeting, 7:00 pm, Crossroads at Big Creek

JANUARY 2024

2 - Door County 4-H Dog Project Meeting

3 - QMAS Mandatory Meeting, 7:00 pm, Crossroads at Big Creek

6 - Beef Weigh-In, 9:30-10:30 am, Door County Fair Park

10 - Executive Committee Meeting, 6 pm, Peninsula Room (note date change)

16 - 4-H Drama Company & 4-H Arts Team Applications Due (*must be available April 12-14 and June 24-28 for Summer Academy*) *Approximate Cost: \$700*

26 - Door County Fair Premium Book Cover Contest entries due. Entries can be submitted by emailing secretary@doorcountyfair.com / mail to Hilary Heard, PO Box 265, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, or in-person drop-off at the UW Extension Office. Questions ... Hilary Heard: secretary@doorcountyfair.com or Candis Dart candis.dart@wisc.edu

FEBRUARY

_____ - Dairy Quiz Bowl

MARCH

1 - Door County 4-H Scholarships Application due ... *three \$1,000 scholarships*

5 - COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST, 6 pm, Government Center, 1st floor meeting rooms

15 - WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications due [more information](#)

15-17 - ArtBEAT (Grades 3-5), Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells (space is limited) / 4-H Online
Cost: \$110/Youth; \$60/Chaperone

16 - SUPER SATURDAY, 9 am-Noon, place TBD

20 - Key Award Application * (Grades 11-12)

20 - Application due for * Educational Travel Scholarships (*Members who are interested in applying for a financial scholarship from the 4-H Leaders Board for participation in the following experiences should complete this process. Trips: WI 4-H & Youth Conference, 4-H American Spirit Experience, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, International Experiences.*)

APRIL

1 - Project additions ... last day to add projects in 4-H Online, or call the Extension Office

6 - Hog Weigh-In, 8-10 am, Door County Fair Park

12-14 - State Teams (Drama/Art) Planning Weekend (tentative dates)

18-22 - SPACE CAMP* (Grades 6-8), U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL (registration Nov. 15-Dec. 15, 2023 - 4-H Online) / Approximate cost: \$900

19-21 - Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison

19-24 - National 4-H Conference* (Gr. 10-12), Washington D.C. – Approx. cost: \$2,000 [National Conference](#)

MAY

- 1 - **Crowley Dairy Leadership Award.** January-May: Counties will submit up to 3 nominees to apply for the state award by May 1.
- 4 - **Lambs & Meat Goats Weigh-In**, 8-9 am, Door County Fair Park
- _____ - 4-H Small Animal Swap & Sale, *Place TBD*

JUNE

Register – National 4-H Congress (November)

- _____ - **Area Animal Science Days**, locations to be announced
- _____ - **Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington DC*** (Grades 10-12 - *applications due Dec ____ / 4-H Online*) – *Orientation in May via Zoom - Approximate cost: \$1,750*
- 14-23, 21-30 or July 5-14 - **American Spirit East*** (Grades 8-10) various locations on East Coast (*registrations due by Nov. 15, 2023 / 4-H Online*) – *Approximate cost: \$1,900*
- 24-28 - **Summer Academy** (Grades 7-10), UW Madison Campus (*Registration opens in April / 4-H Online*) *Approximate cost: \$450 - Drama Company & Arts Team members attend*

JULY

- 7 - **Fair Entries due ... Jr. Fair & Open Class**
- July - **Summer Camp @ Upham Woods ...** various dates/prices / Youth or Family Camps [more information](#)

AUGUST

- 1-11 - **WISCONSIN STATE FAIR**
- 14-18 - **DOOR COUNTY FAIR - Entries due July 7 (Jr. Fair and Open Class)**
- 15 - **Small Animal Weigh-In**, 1-5 pm, Door County Fair Park
- 17 - **QMAS Auction**, Door County Fair Park
- 16-18 - **Thresheree, Valmy** (*always the 3rd full weekend of August*)
- _____ - **State 4-H Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show**, to be determined

SEPTEMBER

Register - Fall Forum (November)

- _____ - **State 4-H Gymkhana**, State Fair Park, West Allis
- _____ - **State 4-H Expo**, State Fair Park, West Allis

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

- _____ - **WI 4-H Arts Camp** (Grades 6-8), Upham Woods, WI Dells
- _____ - **Fall Forum**, Youth Grades 7-12 and Adult Leader Volunteers, *Registration and lodging fees if needed – 4-H Online (registration opens in September)* [more information](#)
- _____ - **National 4-H Congress*** (Grades 9-12), Atlanta, GA (*register in June - 4-H Online*) *Approximate cost: \$1,400* [National 4-H Congress](#)

DECEMBER

JANUARY, 2025

- _____ - **ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY*** (Grades 10-12), U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL
Cost: \$2,000 [more information](#)

DOOR COUNTY FAIR -- Entries due July 7 (Jr. Fair and Open Class)

August 13-17, 2025 / August 12-16, 2026

STATE FAIR

2025: July 31-August 10 / 2026: August 6-16

4-H Updates and Opportunities

Door County 4-H Scholarships

Door County 4-H members in their senior year of high school or one year post high school are eligible to apply for the Door County 4-H scholarships.

The application process consists of an application, cover letter, resume, 2 short essays, and recommendation letters. Application materials can be found on our website at: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-trips-awards-etc/>.

Door County 4-H Scholarship applications, including recommendation letters, must be mailed, emailed, or dropped off in person on or before **March 1st, 2024**.

Cloverbud Project Updates

We are in the process of planning County-wide meetings and activities for our Cloverbud project members (grades K-2). We are excited to bring back some opportunities for our youngest members! Watch for more information to come soon!

If you are interested in helping with these meetings or have project ideas, please let Candis know.



Door County 4-H Leaders Association Updates

- New Officers were appointed at the December 2023 meeting
 - President: Krissy Phillips
 - Vice President: Theresa Kinnard
 - Secretary: Kimberly Lenius
 - Treasurer: Amanda Larson
 - Members: Chris Kay and Amy Moreaux
- A huge THANK YOU to Michelle Brickner for serving as the Treasurer for the Door County 4-H Adult Leaders Association for the last several years! We greatly appreciate all that she has done for us!
- Meeting minutes for the Door County 4-H Leaders Association are posted on our website at: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-adult-leaders-association/>
- New members are still needed! This group is responsible for assisting the 4-H Program Educator with education and programming through the year, as well as fundraising and member/volunteer recognition. The Executive Committee currently meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Door County Government Center. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Door County 4-H, share your ideas, and to get more involved! If you are interested in learning more or attending these meetings, please contact Candis at candis.dart@wisc.edu.

4-H Updates and Opportunities cont.

SAVE THE DATE! Super Saturday

We are excited to announce the return of the Super Saturday program! Save the date for **Saturday, March 16th, 2024**. More information will be sent out soon with project descriptions and registration information. For those new to Door County 4-H, Super Saturday is an opportunity for 4-H members to try out a new project (led by project volunteers) while meeting other Door County 4-H members.

SAVE THE DATE! Communications Contest

We are also excited to announce the return of the 4-H Communications Contest! Save the date for **Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for 4-H members of all ages to practice their speaking and/or demonstration skills. More details and registration information will be sent out soon!

Volunteer Trainings

All volunteers will have some required trainings to complete before they can be approved. First time 4-H volunteers are required to complete trainings and a background check prior to approval. Returning volunteers still need to complete refresher training and a background check every 2-4 years. All volunteers need to enroll through 4HOnline.

For information on trainings please see the website:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/>. If you need assistance with training or do not have access to a computer, please contact the Extension Office at (920)746-2260.

These trainings are important to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our 4-H members and our volunteers!

HELP WANTED:

4-H FOOD STAND MANAGER

- The Manager performs various functions related to the operation of the 4-H Food Stand, including ordering food and supplies, taking a lead role in food preparation, safe practices, and managing youth and adult volunteers.
- Reports to the Door County 4-H Executive Committee.
- Must be available the week of the Door County Fair, August 14-18, 2024.
- Please contact the Door County Extension Office at 920-746-2260.
- Position pays \$1,000.



Do you have 4-H News you would like to share? We would love to add it to our next newsletter! Please send any 4-H news to Candis at candis.dart@wisc.edu.

State 4-H Opportunities

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. To be eligible, students must have been a WI 4-H member for at least 3 years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2024-2025 academic school year.

Applications consist of a cover letter and resume and more details are available on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website:

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, **March 1st, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Wisconsin Statewide Events & Opportunities

See the Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet of Statewide Events & Opportunities on the website at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

for a full list and details.



Trip Scholarships Available!

As you look through and consider trips and opportunities, please know that there are funds available through the Door County Adult Leaders Association to help support these opportunities. Talk to your Club Leader or to Candis for more information!

Wildlife & Woods Explorations Virtual Series for youth grades K – 5

Join us for virtual opportunities to explore Wildlife & Woods! This virtual opportunity is open to youth in grades K-5, their parents/guardians, and adult leaders. Sessions will be interactive and include information about wildlife, forestry, wildlife art, and more. Classes are from 7:00-7:45 p.m. and youth can attend as many as they wish. Register today through your 4HOnline account to participate.

Register via 4-H Online
wi.4honline.com

Wildlife & Woods

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5

JAN. 24, 2024
FEB. 28, 2024
MAR. 27, 2024
APRIL 24, 2024
MAY 22, 2024

To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc

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State 4-H Opportunities cont.

Careers & Competitions in Wildlife & Woods for youth in grades 6-12

Join us for virtual opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 and adult leaders to learn about Careers & Competitions in Wildlife & Woods. The sessions will be interactive and will include guest speakers about careers, information about wildlife and forestry competitions, and resources available to learn more. Youth may attend as many sessions as they wish. Register today through your 4HOnline account to participate.



The poster for the Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competition Virtual Series features a stylized illustration of a forest scene with a large tree, a deer, and two rabbits. The text on the poster includes:

- Wildlife & Woods
- CAREERS & COMPETITION
- VIRTUAL SERIES
- NOV. 27, 2023
- JAN. 22, 2024
- FEB. 26, 2024
- MAR. 25, 2024
- APRIL 22, 2024
- MAY 27, 2024
- Register via 4-H Online wi.4honline.com
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State 4-H Livestock Events

Save the date for two upcoming State 4-H Livestock Educational Contests. The 4-H Meats Judging contest will take place on February 3, 2024 and the Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Competition on March 16, 2024. Watch for registration details to come out soon.

Be sure to follow the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development page on Facebook or check out their website for even more news and events!

State Arts Team

Registration is done through 4HOnline and is **due by January 16th, 2024.**

The WI 4-H Art Team is a leadership experience for youth leaders eager to learn more about leadership in the visual arts and crafts. As a member of the Art Team, team members plan the Summer Academy Art Exhibit (displaying artwork of 4-H members from throughout the state and creating art to develop the theme of conference through the visual arts). Participants will have the opportunity to explore visual arts in different settings and through different educational experiences. Team member will also help plan and lead a Summer Academy and Fall Forum Seminar; teaching and sharing different art activities that delegates can share in their local communities.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrate the Arts Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts is a contest held annually to promote 4-H Arts Programming, raise funds to support 4-H Art Programs, tell the 4-H story, and raise awareness of the WI 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Program. The Art Contest is open to any current WI 4-H member and is held virtually with photos of entries submitted electronically. The winning art from each category will be used to promote the 4-H program. There are 9 categories and art should have a 4-H connection. For more details, visit their website at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2023/10/30/wisc-consin-4-h-foundation-celebrates-the-arts-contest>. Entries are due by midnight on Monday, January 15th, 2024.

Door County Fair Updates

Mark Your Calendars!

The Door County Fair dates have been set for the next three years! Be sure to note that these dates are a week later than this year.

August 14-18, 2024

August 13-17, 2025

August 12-16, 2026



Premium Book Cover Contest

We would like to dress up the cover of the Door County Fair Premium Book and you can help! We will be having a Premium Book Cover Design Contest and we would love to see all of your submissions! We will have a full set of rules posted to our website and will send them out electronically at a future date. The contest is open to all Door County youth (school age or younger).

Entries should be original - hand-drawn or computer generated. The theme for this year is "Exploring" and must include the words "Door County Fair" and "2024". Entries will be accepted **until January 26th, 2024**. Contest rules are included in this newsletter or can be found on the Fair website at:

<https://www.doorcountyfair.com/1271/Cover-Contest> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Candis at candis.dart@wisc.edu.

Quality Market Animal Sale

Youth who are enrolled in animal projects (beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits) that are interested in selling their animals at the Quality market Animal Sale during the 2024 Door County Fair must attend one of the Group A: Orientation & Rules meetings. Meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay.

Additional dates/locations will be shared for animal weigh-ins. See the QMAS website <https://www.dcqmas.org/> or Facebook page for more details.

Wisconsin Pork Association

Pig Project Scholarships

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) is once again offering Youth Pig Project Scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the WI pork industry.

4-H members are eligible to apply for a \$100 scholarship used to offset the costs associated with their 2024 pig project. Scholarships are awarded in 3 age divisions: 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1st, 2024). To learn more or to apply, visit the WPA website at:

<http://www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project/>.

Applications must be submitted by February 1st, 2024.

Community Updates

Door County Library – Door County Reads Program

Everyone (including youth) is invited to join the Door County Library for their 2024 Door County Reads program! This year's book is *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

The book highlights how acknowledging and celebrating our reciprocal relationship with the earth results in a wider, more complete understanding of our place and purpose.

Free copies of the book are available at all Door County Library locations while supplies last. The book is also available on the Hoopla app as an eBook and we have one copy available here at the 4-H Office.

In addition to reading the book, there are several community events from January 20 – February 20. Check out the Library webpage for more information:

<https://www.doorcountylibrary.org/doorcountyreads.html>.

Door County Scholarship Network

The Door County Scholarship Network is the most comprehensive source for local scholarship information for students from Door County. Students of all ages can use this website to search for scholarships that match their background and educational plans. This website is a great place to start your scholarship search. For more information visit: <https://www.doorcountyscholarships.org/>

Extension Office Hours

Just a quick reminder that the office hours for the Extension Office are Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 4:30, Friday 8:00 – 11:00. We highly recommend that you call or email before stopping in. We have a small staff and are not always available! The Extension Office phone number is (920)746-2260.



Title: Door County Fair Premium Book Cover Design Contest

1. Eligibility:

- The contest is open to all Door County children of School age or younger, involved in a club or youth group. (4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc)
- Participants must have parental or guardian consent to enter.

2. Artwork Specifications:

- Entries should be original, hand-drawn and computer generated will be accepted
- Use any drawing or coloring materials, such as colored pencils, markers, crayons, or watercolors.
- The drawing should be on an 8.5" x 11" white sheet of paper.
- Each drawing must follow the specified theme, which is exploring
- Each drawing must include the words "Door County Fair"
- Must include the current fair year "2024"

4. Submission Deadline:

- Entries must be submitted by January 26th, 2024.

5. Contact Information:

- Each entry must include the child's name, age, contact information (parent or guardian's name, email, and phone number), and the youth group he or she belongs to on the submission email.

6. Entry Limit:

- Each participant can submit one drawing.

7. Judging Criteria:

- Two separate winners will be selected (see Prizes) The Junior Fair Cover Winner will be selected by a group of community members with heavy involvement in the Door County Fair. They will be taking the following factors into consideration: creativity, originality, adherence to the theme (exploring), and overall artistic expression.

- The Open Class Cover winner will be selected by the community via a Facebook display competition.

8. Submission Method:

- Entries can be submitted by emailing secretary@doorcountyfair.com, mail to Hilary Heard PO Box 265 Sturgeon Bay WI 54235, or in-person drop-off at the UW Extension Office. Please note a copy will be uploaded to Facebook for some judging. Color distortion may occur because of this.

9. Prizes:

- Two winners will be selected
- Junior Fair Premium Cover - Winner will have artwork displayed on the Front of the Junior Fair Premium Cover for the year 2024.
- Open Class Premium Cover - Winner will have artwork displayed on the front of the Open Class Fair Premium Cover for the year 2024.
- All artwork will be displayed at the 2024 Door County Fair.

10. Copyright:

- By entering the contest, participants grant The Door County Fair the right to display, reproduce, and distribute the artwork for non-commercial purposes, with credit to the artist.

11. Announcement of Winners:

- Winners will be announced in March via The Door County Fair Facebook page and Let's go Door County.

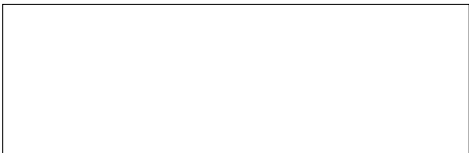
12. Disqualification:

- Artwork that does not adhere to the rules or displays inappropriate content will be disqualified.

13. Contact:

- If you have any questions or need clarification on the rules, please contact Hilary Heard secretary@doorcountyfair.com or Candis Dart candis.dart@wisc.edu

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