



Door County 4-H Newsletter

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Hello Door County 4-H Families and Happy Fall!

We are now a few months into the new 4-H year and I am excited for all that the next year holds! There are events and opportunities already being planned – be sure to look for details in this newsletter. We also have several new members and families signed up for Door County 4-H – Welcome to all of you! We're so excited you're here with us! And for everyone returning, we're so happy you are back!

In this newsletter, which is typically 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 the Extension office for updates and news. You can also follow the Door County 4-H page on Facebook for updates.

If you have not yet re-enrolled in Door County 4-H, be sure to do so soon! If you do not re-enroll, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. And we don't want you to miss out on any important information or activities!

This newsletter includes information on enrollment, Quality Market Animal Sale (QMAS) program updates, Cloverbud Project meeting information, and several Save the Dates for upcoming events and programs. We are busy planning for many things over the next few months, so many parts of this newsletter will say more information to come soon. 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 rest of 2024!

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Calendar of Events

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4-H Youth Enrollment

<https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>

4-H Adult Volunteer Enrollment and Trainings

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/>

NOVEMBER

Now – November 30th: Registration Open for American Spirit trip

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

Now – December 1st: Complete Thriving Survey (see details in this newsletter)

15 Registration Opens for Space Camp <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/>

15 Registration Opens for Art Ambassadors <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/11/06/wisconsin-4-h-state-arts-teams-rebrands-as-arts-ambassadors/>

27 Last day to contact Poultry Project Leader to order chicks

DECEMBER

2 4-H Adult Leaders Association Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Door County Government Center

7 Cloverbud Winter Fun Workshop, 9:30 – 10:30 am., Door County Government Center

14 Breakfast with Santa, Shining Stars 4-H, Brussels

23 QMAS Group A: Orientation and Rules meeting (Exhibitors must attend one of these two meetings)

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4 QMAS Beef Weigh-In

Save the Dates! More information about these events and others will be coming soon!

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 – Door County 4-H Communication/Speaking Contest

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 – Super Saturday

Saturday, April 12th, 2025 – Foods Workshop

Future Door County Fair dates:

August 13-17, 2025

August 12-16, 2026

Extension Office Hours

Just a quick reminder that the current office hours for the Extension Office are Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 4:30, Friday 8:00 – 11:00 am. Please 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. These hours may change in the New Year based on office changes and needs.

4-H Updates and Opportunities

Don't Forget – Enroll in 4-H Now!

The 2024-2025 4-H year kicked off on September 1st! If you've already enrolled, we're so glad you're here! If you have not yet enrolled, there is still time. All enrollments (and re-enrollments) will be done using the 4HOnline enrollment website: <https://wi.4honline.com>. See the Enrollment Guide on our website for additional information: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>. For those who have not yet re-enrolled: if you do not re-enroll, this will be the last newsletter that you will receive from the Extension Office. Enroll now to ensure that you do not miss out on any important information!

Enrollment Deadline: Members can enroll at any time during the year, but **May 15th** is the deadline to enroll in order to exhibit at the Door County Fair.

Dues: Once you have submitted your online enrollment, be sure to pay your dues! Membership dues are **\$3.50 per member (including Cloverbud members) or \$10.00 per family (with 3+ members)**. Please note that if your family is facing hardship circumstances, financial assistance is available to pay dues. Please contact the Extension Office or your Club leader for more information.

If you have questions on enrollment, call the Extension Office (920)746-2260 or email candis.dart@wisc.edu.

Thriving Survey

Tell us about your 4-H experience! All 4-H members ages 13 and up should have received an email with a survey link to complete the Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey. This survey is important in helping us better understand what youth want from 4-H and what should be planned for the future. And all youth that complete the survey have a chance to win a \$25 gift card (at least one youth from Door County will win!). If you missed the original email, watch for additional emails to come with your personalized link. The more youth that participate the more information we have for the future!

Congratulations Judeen on your retirement!

After 47 years in the Extension Door County office, our beloved Administrative Assistant, Judeen Hanson, will be retiring on January 3rd, 2025.

Judeen has been with our office since before she graduated high school and has been here

through 7 different 4-H Educators! We appreciate all the knowledge that she has been able to pass along and how she always seems to know what needs to happen next. While we will miss her greatly, we wish her the best in her retirement!



Be sure to stop in and wish her good luck before the end of the year!

Administrative Assistant Position

While Judeen is irreplaceable, the Extension Door County Office will be looking to hire a new Administrative Assistant. The position is posted on the County website:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/codoor> and will be open until November 29th. The hope is to have someone hired prior to the end of the year so that there can be a training period before Judeen retires. Please share this position with anyone who might be interested.



**Where many see challenge,
kids see **OPPORTUNITY.****



4-H Updates/Animal Project Updates

Cloverbud Project Workshop **Saturday, December 7th**

We will be holding a free Cloverbud Project workshop on Saturday, December 7th from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Peninsula Room at the Door County Government Center. Cloverbud Project members (Grades K-2nd) are invited to join us for some fun winter themed projects! We hope you will come join us for a fun morning!



To register your Cloverbud Project Member, please fill out the Google Form at this link: <https://forms.gle/Xx9hggX8Bii4Zp6N6>. An email with this information will be sent out to Cloverbud Project members as well. If you have any questions, please contact Candis at candis.dart@wisc.edu or call the Extension Office at (920)746-2260. Please register by December 4th so that we can ensure we have enough supplies for everyone.

Door County 4-H Adult Leaders Association

The Door County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Executive Committee is looking for additional members to join them! This group is responsible for assisting the 4-H Program Educator with education and programming throughout the year, as well as fundraising and member/volunteer recognition. If you are interested in being a part of the Door County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Executive Committee, please reach out to Candis at candis.dart@wisc.edu or (920)746-2260 or to a member of the 4-H Adult Leaders Association.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center, Sturgeon Bay.

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/>

Volunteer Trainings

Anyone interested in being a 4-H Volunteer will need to enroll (or re-enroll) using the 4HOnline system. In addition to enrolling as a volunteer, all volunteers will have 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 need to complete refresher trainings and a background check every 2 years.

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

Quality Market Animal Sale (QMAS)

Be sure to follow the Door County Quality Market Animal Sale website and Facebook page for information on the rules and requirements to participate in the Quality Market Animal Sale for the 2025 Door County Fair.

Exhibitors **MUST** attend one of the mandatory Group A: Orientation and Rules meetings:

December 23rd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

or

January 2nd, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Both will be held at Crossroads at Big Creek.

<https://www.dcqmas.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/dcqmas>

Poultry Project Updates

Chick Orders due 11/27/2024

Our Poultry Volunteers will be placing a group order for chicks, to be hatched in early December. If you are interested in ordering chicks, please contact Joe Dart at (219)869-3518 - call or text – by **November 27th, 2024**. He can provide you with more information on dates and pricing. The goal is to give Door County Poultry Project members some great birds to raise and exhibit at the Door County Fair!

4-H Animal Project Updates/State 4-H Opportunities

Congratulations!!!

Several Door County 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Dog Show at the beginning of October. Congratulations to our members on their hard work and accomplishments!

Obedience Results:

Beginner Pre-Novice A, Grades 3 & 4:

Leanna Luebker, 4th place

Beginner Pre-Novice B – All Grades:

Lily Moreaux, 4th place

Pre-Novice B, Grades 7-9:

Paige Simonar, 1st place

Natalie Schink, 6th place

Novice, Grades 10-13:

Gracelynn Destree, 3rd place

Graduate Novice, Grades 10-13

Gracelynn Destree, 1st Place

Rally – Novice, Grades 11-13:

Gracelynn Destree, 3rd place



Showmanship Results:

Grade 3: Leanna Luebker, Top 10

Grade 7: Natalie Schink, Top 10

Grade 7: Paige Simonar, Top 10

Grade 11: Gracelynn Destree, 1st Place

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

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 Candis for more information!

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

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

Wisconsin Statewide Events & Opportunities

See the Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet of Statewide Events & Opportunities on the website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/> for a full list of opportunities and details. There are many more opportunities than we can fit in this newsletter!

Space Camp

Registration for 2025 4-H Space Camp is November 15th – December 15th in 4HOnline! Registration is open to youth in grades 6-8. Space Camp will take place from May 1-5, 2025. This educational experience is a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn about aerospace, STEM, explore Space Camp, meet new people, and more!

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

American Spirit

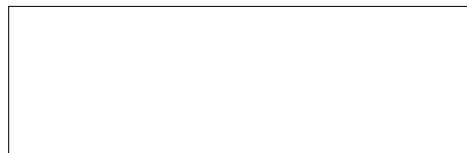
American Spirit East provides the opportunity for youth to experience history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast! This opportunity is available to youth in grades 8-10. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is open until November 30th. For more information see the website:

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

Arts Ambassadors

Calling all Creative 4-H members! Formerly known as the State 4-H Art Team, youth in grades 9-13 can now become a member of the Arts Ambassadors! Any active 4-H member in grades 9-13, with a passion for the Arts, is eligible to apply to be a 4-H Arts Ambassador. Applications are open November 15th – December 20th in 4HOnline. See <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/11/06/wisconsin-4-h-state-arts-teams-rebrands-as-arts-ambassadors/> for more information.

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