



# Door County 4-H Newsletter

## January - February 2025



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Hello Door County 4-H Families!

I hope you all are having an amazing start to the new year! 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! The new year brings new opportunities and exciting changes.



In this newsletter, you will find a lot of important information and updates. I also want to let you know that we are looking to move to an electronic newsletter – this will allow us to cut costs, save paper, and communicate information to you in a more timely matter. If you need a mailed newsletter, please be sure to let me know. 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 Extension Office updates, scholarship opportunities, Communications Contest registration 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 2025!

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# Calendar of Events

## NOW

### 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/>

## JANUARY

28 Registrations due for 4-H Communications Contest

## FEBRUARY

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

4 Door County 4-H Communications Contest, 6:00 p.m. Government Center

8 Door County 4-H Cloverbud Workshop, 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. (Registrations due February 5<sup>th</sup>)

## MARCH

1 Door County 4-H Scholarship Applications due

1 Door County 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship Applications due

1 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications due

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

22 Super Saturday (watch for details to come in February)

## APRIL

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

12 4-H Foods Workshop

### **Future Door County Fair dates:**

August 13-17, 2025

August 12-16, 2026

### **\*NEW\* Extension Office Hours**

Office hours for the Extension Office have changed and are now:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 2:00

Friday – Closed

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. If you have a need outside of these hours, please email me at [candis.dart@wisc.edu](mailto:candis.dart@wisc.edu) and I will do my best to accommodate you.

## 4-H Updates and Opportunities

### Extension Office Updates

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Administrative Assistant, Judeen Hanson, retired after 47 years in the Extension Office. We are sad to see her go, but wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement!

With Judeen retiring, we have a new face in the office. Our new Administrative Assistant, Holly Herzog, joined us on January 6<sup>th</sup>. She has been busy learning many different things to help support the Extension Office and all of you. One update for this position is that it is now part-time. This means that our Extension Office hours have changed.

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**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](mailto:candis.dart@wisc.edu)**

### Door County 4-H Scholarships

The Door County 4-H Leaders Association offers 3 scholarships, worth \$1,000 each. 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 are due to the Extension Office by **March 1, 2025.**

### Door County 4-H Communications Contest

The Door County 4-H Communications Contest is back again this year! Join us on **Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Door County Government Center. This will be an opportunity for 4-H members of all ages to practice their speaking and/or demonstration skills. Registration is now open and registration details and guidelines for the event can be found in this newsletter and on our website: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>. As an added bonus, every 4-H youth who participates will receive a Culvers gift card – sponsored by the Door County 4-H Adult Leaders Association!

### Door County 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarships

The Door County 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship applications are now available on our website: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-horse-and-pony/>. These applications are due to the Extension Office by **March 1, 2025.**

## 4-H Updates and Opportunities continued

### **Cloverbud Project Workshop**

**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will be holding a free Cloverbud Project workshop on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Peninsula Room at the Door County Government Center. Cloverbud Project members (grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>) are invited to join us for some fun Valentine's themed projects! We hope you will join us for a fun morning!

To register, please fill out this Google form: <https://go.wisc.edu/f2443v> by **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, so that we can ensure we have enough supplies. Contact Candis at [candis.dart@wisc.edu](mailto:candis.dart@wisc.edu) or call the Extension Office at (920)746-2260 with any questions.

### **Door County 4-H Leaders Association**

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 throughout 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](mailto:candis.dart@wisc.edu)

### **SAVE THE DATE! Super Saturday**

We are excited to announce the return of the Super Saturday program! Save the date for **Saturday, March 22, 2025**. More information will be sent out in February 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.

If you are interested in leading a project for Super Saturday, please reach out to Candis with your ideas.

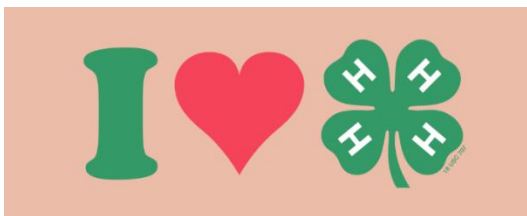
### **Save the Date! Foods Workshop**

Save the date and join us on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for a Door County 4-H Foods Workshop! The exact details and location are still being coordinated, but we hope you will plan to join us! We are planning for the workshop to focus on breakfast foods.

### **Volunteer Trainings**

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 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, 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!



# State 4-H Opportunities

## Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers a variety of scholarships from \$500-\$2,500 for 4-H members. 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. More details are available on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website:

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

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, **March 1, 2025**.

## 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 in 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. More information can be found online:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/wildlife-whep-wisconsin-4-h-wisconsin-4-h-forestry/wildlife-woods-virtual-classes/>

The poster for the Wildlife &amp; Woods Explorations Virtual Series features a central illustration of a tree, a deer, and two rabbits. The text on the poster includes: "Wildlife &amp; Woods EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES", "FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5 7:00PM-7:45PM", and the dates "JAN. 29, 2025", "FEB. 26, 2025", "MAR. 26, 2025", and "APRIL 23, 2025". It also says "Register via 4HOnline wi.4honline.com" and "To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc". Logos for Wisconsin Extension and UW-Madison Extension are at the bottom.

## State 4-H Opportunities continued

### **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. More information can be found online:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/wildlife-whew-wisconsin-4-h-wisconsin-4-h-forestry/wildlife-woods-virtual-classes/>

### **Paper Circuits Distance Learning Opportunity**

Are you ready to accept the challenge of creating a low-voltage electronic circuit? Get ready to learn and have fun through this hands-on introduction to electric circuits. This is an opportunity for youth in grades 4-9 to learn and explore from the comfort of your own home! Registration is now open in 4HOnline and closes January 24<sup>th</sup>. For more details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>.



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**Wildlife & Woods**

**CAREERS & COMPETITION  
VIRTUAL SERIES**

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-12  
7:00PM-7:45PM

**JAN. 27, 2025**  
**FEB. 24, 2025**  
**MAR. 24, 2025**  
**APRIL 28, 2025**

To learn more about virtual learning opportunities,  
please visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc)

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

## Door County Fair Updates

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Make sure you have the Door County Fair dates on your calendar!

**August 13-17, 2025**

**August 12-16, 2026**

And be sure to save your projects from 4-H and school to exhibit at the 2025 Door County Fair!

### **Quality Market Animal Sale (QMAS)**

Be sure to watch the QMAS Facebook page and website: <https://www.dcqmas.org/> to make sure you do not miss any important information!



# 2025 Door County 4-H Communications Contest

Presenting or speaking before a group or audience is an important life skill and something that takes practice to learn. The goal of the Door County 4-H Communications Contest is to give youth an opportunity to learn and practice their communications skills in a positive and encouraging environment. Participants will be evaluated on their presentation and will receive feedback from a judge.

## **2025 Door County 4-H Communications Contest**

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
5:45 p.m. Check-in  
6:00 p.m. Event Begins

**LOCATION:** Peninsula Room, Door County Government Center,  
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay  
(enter through doors on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue facing the Sturgeon Bay Library)

**AGE:** Open to all Door County 4-H youth in grades K – 13

**ENTRY DEADLINE: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Entries accepted by completing the Google Form at this link: <https://go.wisc.edu/197369>. You may also call the Extension Office at (920)746-2260, or email Candis Dart at [candis.dart@wisc.edu](mailto:candis.dart@wisc.edu) with your entry details.

### **Other Notes:**

- Before the Contest: Watch your email for more information regarding the Door County 4-H Communications Contest.
- Each participant will be judged face-to-face.
- All participants will receive a participation award. Additional awards may also be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries in each age division in each category.

**For more information or if you have questions, please contact Candis Dart, Door County 4-H Program Educator at [candis.dart@wisc.edu](mailto:candis.dart@wisc.edu) or (920)746-2260.**

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## **ORIGINAL SPEECH**

**DESCRIPTION:** Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. Your speech could inform, persuade, or motivate your audience.

**TIME REQUIREMENT:** Judges have the option to lower placings if you do not stay within the established time limit.

**Cloverbud** - Grades K-2 - (2-4 minutes)

**Beginner** - Grades 3-5 – (2-4 minutes)

**Intermediate** - Grades 6-8 – (5-7 minutes)

**Senior** - Grades 9 & up – (5-7 minutes)

### **HELPFUL GUIDELINES:**

- It could be about a 4-H project you like, a historical topic, your favorite animal, an issue you're concerned about or more.
- Your entire speech or an outline of your speech can be put on notecards for use during your presentation, or it may be memorized.
- You may also use visuals (posters, charts, diagrams, PowerPoint) to help you deliver your speech, but NOT props or costumes. (Keep in mind, this is a speech, not a demonstration.)
- Projector will be provided if needed – please let us know ahead of time if you need access to technology.

## **INTERPRETIVE SPEECH**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Interpretive Speech cannot be an original piece written by the participant. The Speech must have been written and/or delivered by others. Interpretive Speech includes dedications, talks, inaugural speeches, talks given to mark important events in world, national, state, or local history, or other speeches of interest. These speeches may have been presented originally by a U.S. President or some other governmental leader, sports figure, a teacher, a relative, a friend, etc. A partial work of a larger speech can be chosen.

**TIME REQUIREMENT:** Judges have the option to lower placings if you do not stay within the established time limit.

**Cloverbud** - Grades K-2 (2-4 minutes)

**Beginner** - Grades 3-5 – (2-4 minutes)

**Intermediate** - Grades 6-8 – (5-7 minutes)

**Senior** - Grades 9 & up – (5-7 minutes)

### **HELPFUL GUIDELINES:**

- You may edit your selection to meet the time requirement.
- An introduction should be made to credit the original author.
- Memorization of work is encouraged, although the use of notes is allowed.
- Props or costumes cannot be used.

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## **STORYTELLING**

**DESCRIPTION:** Storytelling can be read or memorized and should include interaction between the audience and the storyteller. The Storytelling piece cannot be an original work of the participant.

**TIME REQUIREMENT:** Judges have the option to lower placings if you do not stay within the established time limit.

**Cloverbud** - Grades K-2 - (2-4 minutes)

**Beginner** - Grades 3-5 – (2-4 minutes)

**Intermediate** - Grades 6-8 – (5-7 minutes)

**Senior** - Grades 9 & up – (5-7 minutes)

### **HELPFUL GUIDELINES:**

- A partial work of a larger story can be chosen.
- Storytelling can be done as an individual or team (2 youth) performance. For team presentations, the time limits of the oldest participant will be used.
- Facial expressions, gestures, and body movements are encouraged. Costumes and props cannot be used.
- Ideas – a short story like “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” or “Chicken Little” or “Three Little Pigs” or a favorite book that has a lot of emotions

## **DEMONSTRATION**

**DESCRIPTION:** Members demonstrate, either individually or as a team (2 youth), by doing a talk showing and describing how to do or make something. Demonstrations can be on any topic, 4-H or otherwise. For example, you could do a demonstration on how you prepare your chicken for a show, how to pack for camp, or how to decorate a cake. \*New this year\* - no live animals will be allowed as part of the demonstration.

**TIME REQUIREMENT:** Judges have the option to lower placings if you do not stay within the established time limit.

**Cloverbud** - Grades K-2 - (2-6 minutes)

**Beginner** - Grades 3-5 – (2-7 minutes)

**Intermediate** - Grades 6-8 – (4-8 minutes)

**Senior** - Grades 9 & up – (5-10 minutes)

### **HELPFUL GUIDELINES:**

- Subject ideas include 4-H project work, general interest items, hobbies, etc. Any subject that can be both described and shown can be a demonstration topic.
- It is important to remember that the demonstration is to show “how to make or do” something. It should not just describe and show what was made or how something works. For example, you should be actually showing how ingredients are mixed, fabric or other material is cut, boards are glued or nailed, etc. This will allow the audience to see how something is made.
- Some portions of the demonstrated item can be pre-made to maintain audience interest and to stay within the allotted time limit.
- Props and visual aids are required – which can be posters, handouts, displays, or computer presentations (please let us know ahead of time if you need a projector).
- A table and easel will be available.
- At the conclusion of their demonstration, the participant(s) should be prepared to answer questions from the judges about the item demonstrated and its use.
- Demonstrations can be done as an individual or team (2 youth) performance. For team demonstrations, the time limits of the oldest participant will be used.

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Look inside for upcoming events and activities and scholarship application information!