

# La Crosse County 4-H Events & Activities Advisor



Review below for a list of most of the major county, state, and national 4-H events in which members and their families can participate. Please watch for details and registration deadlines each event in your monthly *Cloverline* newsletter.

*Please be aware that this is not a list of everything La Crosse County 4-H has to offer and that information (especially dates) are subject to change.*

<p><b>4-H Summer Camp</b> County</p>	<p>Held at beautiful Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells, this overnight camping experience (<b>held in summer - dates vary</b>) provides opportunities for 4-H youth in grades 3-8 to foster independence, create lasting relationships, and spend time in the great outdoors. Cabin campers live on the Upham Woods facility in cabins and participate in a variety of activities, while outpost campers are given the chance to travel off site, typically canoeing to a camping spot on Blackhawk Island for one or two nights. Older, trained 4-H members serve as counselors, with certified adult leaders assisting the Upham Woods faculty. La Crosse County typically teams up with Monroe County for this experience. Fees are partially paid for by the Leaders Association.</p>
<p><b>Achievement Celebration</b> County</p>	<p>A county event, typically <b>held in October or November</b>, that celebrates youth members' achievements from the previous 4-H year. Clubs submit photos and highlights for a slideshow, youth ambassadors emcee and hand out awards, and youth members receive gifts, certificates, and pins to recognize their project, club, county, and leadership achievements.</p>
<p><b>Archery &amp; Pellet Gun Program</b> County</p>	<p>The 4-H Archery &amp; Pellet Gun Program, <b>typically held for six sessions on Saturdays in January-March</b>, teaches 4-H youth in grades 3 and above how to shoot and compete in a safe, fun environment. Youth participate in a safety session with certified, experienced volunteers at the start of the first session.</p>
<p><b>Arts Camp</b> State</p>	<p>4-H Arts Camp, <b>typically held in the fall</b> at Upham Woods, provides youth in grades 6-8 an experience with five different arts tracks, including photography, communication, theatre, visual art, and music. This experience provides older youth and adults with opportunities to teach and strengthen their leadership abilities, while providing younger youth with a fun 4-H camping experience focused entirely on the arts.</p>
<p><b>Area Animal Science Day</b> State</p>	<p>An event in which 4-H and FFA youth participate to increase their knowledge of animals through workshops and contests. <b>Typically held in June</b>, this event rotates locations throughout the state.</p>
<p><b>Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)</b> National</p>	<p><b>A weeklong, summer award trip</b> to Washington, D.C. for members in 10th grade or higher that offers citizenship development. Scholarships are available from the La Crosse County 4-H Leaders Association to offset trip costs.</p>

<p><b>Clothing Revue</b> County</p>	<p>A pre-fair activity, <b>typically held in June</b>, for members enrolled in the Clothing projects to model their garments and have them judged. Members must also then model their projects at the Clothing Revue during the La Crosse Interstate Fair.</p>
<p><b>Clover College</b> County</p>	<p>A day of workshops and classes, taught by 4-H leaders and older members, which offers a wide variety of hands-on activities, crafts, and lessons. Open to all 4-H members; many fun opportunities for younger youth! The date of this event varies, although it's <b>usually held mid-winter or early spring</b>.</p>
<p><b>Communication Arts Festival</b> County</p>	<p>The popular Communication Arts Festival, <b>held mid-winter (usually January)</b> allows 4-H members to perform in a group or as individuals. In the Drama category, plays, play readings, or mini-dramas can be performed. In the Speaking &amp; Demonstration category, selections can include: prose or poetry readings, original speeches, storytelling, memorized selections, demonstrations, illustrated talks, or action centers. All individuals and groups meet with a judge following their performance to receive constructive feedback.</p>
<p><b>County Project Meetings</b> (i.e. Dog, Goat, Horse, etc.) County</p>	<p>Some projects offer <b>periodic meetings/activities/events throughout the year</b> to provide educational information and assist members in successfully completing their projects. Please check the monthly <i>Cloverline</i> for specific dates, times, and meeting topics.</p>
<p><b>Dog Obedience &amp; Agility</b> County</p>	<p>Classes offered through the La Crosse County 4-H Dog Project. Youth members learn how to properly train their dogs, with instruction from experienced, certified adult leaders. <b>Classes typically begin end of April and run until the fair (mid-July)</b>.</p>
<p><b>Favorite Foods Revue</b> County</p>	<p>A pre-fair activity, held <b>near the end of June</b>, for members enrolled in the Foods &amp; Nutrition projects to display their menu and snack items, or cake decorating skills, and have them judged. ALL Foods Revue entries must submit a 5 x7 photo of exhibitor with their actual Foods Revue entry on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper at the drop-off time for all Fair entries in the Old Youth Building.</p>
<p><b>La Crosse Interstate Fair</b> County</p>	<p>An annual countywide event, <b>typically held mid-July</b>, put on by the La Crosse County Agricultural Society. A great opportunity for 4-H youth to exhibit their project work and receive feedback from judges, earn premium money, and have their accomplishments recognized. 4-H members also have the opportunity to work in the 4-H Food Stand and raise money. Members of the public may also exhibit in the Open class.</p> <p>NOTE: to be eligible to participate as a 4-H member in the La Crosse Interstate Fair, 4-H members MUST be enrolled and in good standing by April 1st in the project for which they plan to exhibit. Members should refer to the <i>La Crosse Interstate Fair Exhibitor Guide &amp; Premium List</i> for a full listing of deadlines, rules, and requirements.</p>

<p><b>Music/Arts &amp; Crafts Festival</b> County</p>	<p><b>Held in early spring</b>, the Music/Arts &amp; Crafts Festival gives youth members an opportunity to either show their musical talents or their artistic talents ... or BOTH! Members can perform in groups of three or more in categories of instrumental, vocal, dance, or novelty (variety, lip sync, etc.). Members may also choose to display their arts &amp; crafts, marketing projects, or photography. Registration through the Extension office.</p>
<p><b>National 4-H Congress</b> National</p>	<p>Held in Atlanta, Georgia in <b>late November</b>, the National 4-H Congress is a special, annual event (held since 1922) where youth delegates, Extension staff, volunteers, partner representatives, exhibitors, and other friends of 4-H meet to exchange ideas and receive recognition for individual accomplishments and community service. With many exhibits and demonstrations, National 4-H Congress is a great opportunity for youth to travel, meet 4-Hers from around the country, and grow in their leadership skills.</p>
<p><b>National 4-H Week</b> National</p>	<p>The <b>first full week in October</b> when clubs recognize, promote, and encourage 4-H enrollment for the upcoming year.</p>
<p><b>Softball Program</b> County</p>	<p>Club softball teams compete in tournaments and fun games within a 4-H county league. The 4-H Softball Committee organizes these events.</p>
<p><b>Space Camp</b> National</p>	<p>Boldly go where other 4-Hers fear to tread! Explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy, and technology at the U.S. Space &amp; Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. <b>Held at the end of April</b>, 4-H Missions in Space is a fun-filled week for members in grades 6-8 (maximum age of 15 at the time of the trip) where they will experience training simulators, learn about becoming an astronaut, tour the U.S. Space &amp; Rocket Center, and complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission.</p>
<p><b>State Arts Groups</b> State</p>	<p><b>4-H Drama Company</b> creates a stage performance involving acting, singing, and dancing in the five days leading up to the WI 4-H &amp; Youth Conference. Each member contributes ideas to the show and collaborates with the director and other members. The Drama Company also performs at the Wisconsin State Fair.</p> <p><b>4-H Showcase Singers</b> is a 4-H show choir that performs at the WI 4-H &amp; Youth Conference, Wisconsin State Fair, and other county fairs across the state. Showcase members are selected through an audition process. Group members collaborate to create a show that includes singing and dancing to classic and contemporary favorites.</p> <p><b>4-H Art Team</b> creates artwork around the theme of the Wisconsin 4-H &amp; Youth Conference, as well as designs and organizes the conference's art exhibit, reception, and guided exhibit tours. Team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events, including the Wisconsin State Fair. The team is led by a professional artist.</p>

<p><b>State Arts Groups cont.</b></p>	<p><b>4-H Press Team</b> takes photos and video of youth, delegates, and groups, as well as prepares a slideshow for the final assembly at the WI 4-H &amp; Youth Conference. Press team members write press releases concerning 4-H, including the Youth Conference and the Wisconsin State Fair, and submits them (along with photos and video) to local press outlets for publication.</p> <p><i>To apply for these opportunities, members must be in 9th grade or higher. Applications are through UW-Extension.</i></p>
<p><b>State Dog Show</b> State</p>	<p>An opportunity for dog project members to show their dogs at a statewide event.</p>
<p><b>State Fair</b> State</p>	<p>Held in Milwaukee for 10 days in <b>early August</b>, the Wisconsin State Fair provides opportunities for youth throughout the state to participate in activities and exhibit in many project areas.</p>
<p><b>Pump House Art Exhibit</b> County</p>	<p><b>Typically held in October</b>, 4-H members who have had their arts &amp; crafts projects selected at the La Crosse Interstate Fair may participate in this annual art exhibit, displayed at the local Pump House Regional Arts Center in downtown La Crosse. The exhibit typically is up for about one month, with an Artists' Reception held halfway through. Great opportunity for our talented 4-H artists to show off their hard work to the public!</p>
<p><b>Trap Shooting Program</b> County</p>	<p>There are two trap shooting programs held each year: <b>one in the fall and one in the spring</b>. Five sessions are held in each program. In these sessions (led by certified, experienced adult volunteers), youth learn how to shoot trap in a safe and fun environment. Classes are typically held at the Gunslick Trap Club in Holmen, WI. Participants must be at least 12 years of age and have a Hunter's Safety Certificate.</p>
<p><b>WI 4-H &amp; Youth Conference</b> State</p>	<p>An educational event held in Madison, WI each <b>summer</b> for 4-H members in 7th-10th grade. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies, while meeting 4-H members from across Wisconsin. Scholarships are available from the Leaders Association to offset trip costs. See 'State Arts Groups' for how youth members can get more involved.</p>