

4-H Flyer



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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

National Volunteer Week Salutes 4-H Volunteers in Jackson County

UW Madison Division of Extension — Jackson County is proud to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 20-26, 2025, a time to honor the devoted individuals who generously give their time and talent to support Jackson County 4-H.

Jackson County 4-H relies heavily on volunteers in the 4-H program. This year, (total number) volunteers have served as 4-H club leaders, project leaders, 4-H Council members and various other volunteer roles.

4-H Volunteers are truly integral for creating intentional and positive experiences for youth statewide. Their volunteer efforts enable youth to improve decision making skills, build leadership skills and help prepare youth to be ready for future careers. 4-H volunteers essential to helping youth find their spark.

According to the 2024 North Central Region Volunteer Impact Study, Wisconsin 4-H volunteers spend an average of nine hours per week supporting local 4-H experiences. Examples of their efforts include organizing 4-H club meetings, leading 4-H project experiences, leading a community service project, preparing youth for a judging contest and many other tasks.

The work of Wisconsin 4-H volunteers is continuous. Every day a volunteer is ensuring 4-H experiences are available to youth in Jackson County. These experiences are essential not only to youth experiencing positive relationships with a caring adult, but also to making communities stronger.



Volunteer Appreciation and Training Day April 12

There will be a volunteer training and get together April 12 from 1 PM to 4-PM at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office. Clubs and Projects are encouraged to send at least one adult from their club to the event.

During the event volunteers will learn about the 4-H Thrive model and get a chance to share ideas with other clubs.

Time will also be set aside before and after the event for volunteers to complete annual trainings in person if they still need to be completed.

Follow the link below to register for the event

<https://forms.gle/BrSbenrKCZeN5zpC6>

Cloverbud Project Looking for Adult Leaders

The Cloverbud Project is looking for Adult Volunteers to lead the project. Project leader responsibilities include planning and leading one county Cloverbud activity once a month.

The Cloverbuds Project is for youth in grades kindergarten through second. Project activities are tailored to the youth's developmental age and interests and only limited by the leaders' imaginations.

If you have interest becoming the Cloverbud project leader, interested in co-leading, or have questions contact Alex Galston at

Alex.galston@wisc.edu

Upcoming 4-H Leader Shooting Sports Certification Events

A 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification workshop is being held Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 5:00PM at Stoughton, WI. Archery, rifle/air rifle and shotgun for leaders and staff will be offered.

Another 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification workshop will be offered Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Philips, WI. Archery, rifle/air rifle and shotgun for leaders and staff will be offered.

Shooting Sports is an incredibly popular project in Jackson County. The Shooting Sports Project is looking for more volunteers to help with the increased interest in the program. If your youth enjoys participating in Shooting Sports or you are interested in becoming a certified Shooting Sports volunteer please consider attending the training

This link will provide registration details on all certification workshops currently scheduled.
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

Beef Safety Workshop April 26

A Beef Safety Workshop is being held Saturday, April 26 at 8:30 AM at the Jackson County Fair Grounds in the Show Arena.

This is the same weekend as Spring Thaw, the local Beef Show.

This is a mandatory workshop for all first year beef exhibitors!

This is also an opportunity to get your sheep/goat/swine tags and registration folders.

If you have any questions please reach out to Beef Superintendent Jerome Laufenberg at 715-533-0850.

Jackson County Extension Office Looking for Summer Intern

Jackson County is looking for individuals who are enthusiastic about helping others and hands-on learning to fill a vacancy for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension internship in the Positive Youth Development Program. This internship, based out of Black River Falls, WI will provide you with skills and experience that you can use in future careers.

The 4-H Summer Intern will assist with various strategic responsibilities relating to Jackson County 4-H outreach and marketing presence. This includes, but not limited, to website page creation and maintenance, social media management, retention, outreach marketing, and more. They will also increase his/her knowledge of youth development programs, community partnerships, volunteer development, UW-Madison Division of Extension, and 4-H Youth Development Educator responsibilities. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for educational and community-based careers. This position will also participate in maintaining Extension's garden plots. The Jackson County 4-H Youth Development Educator and the Area 9 Extension Director supervise the 4-H Summer Intern position.

Full details of internship can be found at <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/> or by searching Jackson County 4-H Summer intern on [Handshake](#).



Registration Open for Summer Academy at UW-Madison

Summer Academy is a four day educational experience set for June 16-19, 2025 on the UW-Madison Campus! Youth will participate in a track that will give them the opportunity to learn about potential career and college opportunities within that content area. They will have opportunities to explore different areas on campus, participate in a bunch of different hands on activities, see an original show from the Drama Company, enter the talent show, meet new friends, and much more! Summer Academy is a wonderful learning opportunity for youth.

Registration for Summer Academy 2025 will be open in 4HOnline from **March 17-April 27, 2025**. Youth in grades 8-11 are invited to register! Register through the events tab or through this [Summer Academy registration link](#).

The cost for Summer Academy is \$600 per participant. Registration fee includes overnight dorm lodging, meals, snacks, educational programming, and statewide bus transportation. Statewide scholarships are available for Summer Academy participants! The scholarship application is available as part of the 4HOnline event registration.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities Available for 4-H Youth

If you are a youth in grades eight through twelve and interested in helping with summer day camps contact the Jackson County Extension office.

Youth volunteer responsibilities could include helping younger 4-H members during programming, leading activities, and modeling positive 4-H behavior among other things.

Interested youth should email alex.galston@wisc.edu by April 25

A training for youth volunteers will be held in May if enough people express interest.

Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Share all the great stuff you are doing in your club with other Jackson County Clubs!

Share projects your club has enjoyed, pictures of your club doing community service activities or having fun at an outing, upcoming events you have planned that you want to invite other clubs to. Whatever you think other Jackson County clubs might want to know about what your club has been doing.

Club reporters send typed articles and pictures to alex.galston@wisc.edu by the **15th of the month!** Getting information in by the 15th will ensure your addition is added.

BRF Trailblazers Club News

Logan Leisso Club Reporter—

BRF Trailblazers - Club News Black River Falls, WI – During our February 3rd meeting we worked on Valentine's cards for the local nursing homes. Anders Wagner did an interesting presentation on growing really big pumpkins. After our regular business meeting, we worked on different activities, including building items out of recycled materials and diamond art. We had delicious snacks and planned for our next meeting.

We met again on March 3rd. This time we worked on spring and St. Patrick's Day cards for the local nursing homes. We discussed old and new business and worked on future plans. We were reminded to sign-up for projects by April 1st. After the business meeting we were able to each decorate a sugar cookie or two. There were different colors of icing and different piping tips. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. We washed them down with milk or lemonade. Note: Some members will be doing glitter tattoos at the upcoming Father/Daughter Dance on March 29th.

An update on 4-H Shooting Sports: Archery finished up with their fair shoot on February 9th. Air Pistol and Air Rifle began on February 16. The fair shoot for that portion was held March 16th. Many skills were learned and a lot of fun was had. Thank you to the leaders and helpers who make it a possibility! There are several competitions to sign-up for on this site. The first one will be this Saturday, March 22 in Marshfield. Our meetings take place at 6:00pm, the first Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday).

Our next meeting is April 7 at Lake Wazee Beach. We will be working on our community service by cleaning up the area. Everyone is invited to join us.

4-H Parents and Leaders Association

The Parents and Leaders Association is looking for more members. There are currently open positions for re-election, so leadership opportunities are available! Do you want to see new programs in the county? Are there changes you want to see? This is the place to accomplish just that. The Parents and Leaders Association meets 6:00 PM the third Monday of each Month at the Bridge Church in Black River Falls. All Jackson County 4-H volunteers and club members are invited to attend.

If you are unable to make to a meeting in person but would like to attend the meeting virtually you are welcome to follow the link below.

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/93816484689?pwd=VmxMdWYwYmxHRUYwZjIeFIUUUx3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 938 1648 4689

Passcode: 536020

4-H Project Grant Application

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4-H project grants are available to any and all Jackson County 4-H projects (countywide basis) that would like to apply. **Applications must be written and submitted to the 4-H Executive Board by April 30th.** Proposals must follow the format provided on pages 2-3. They will be reviewed at the May 4-H Executive Board meeting in preparation for the next year's budget/funding cycle.

Only one grant per project will be awarded. (This means projects are responsible for gathering leaders and youth on a countywide basis to ensure one proposal per project.)

Proposals should have an educational purpose. Examples include but are not limited to: equipment, field trips, camp, group learning session, volunteer development.

Please email the Parent and Leaders Board with any question at: jacksonleadersboard@gmail.com.

Applications must include:

1. Name(s) of those who wrote the proposal.
 2. Summary of the use of the funds requested. What educational activities for youth will be supported with the money?
 3. Why are the funds being requested?
 4. How will the funds benefit the entire project?
 5. Itemized budget for how the money will be spent; including the total amount of funding requested.
 6. What other fundraising efforts has the project already done and what fundraising does it plan to do in the future?
 7. Who will oversee the money if it is awarded? (Overseer must be a certified 4-H adult leader)
- Signature of one certified 4-H adult leader.

Reporting Requirements:

Recipient groups must report back about the activities supported by the grant funds before the end of the fiscal year. The report will take the form of a short (5-minute) presentation responding to the following questions:

What was your proposal? What were you hoping to accomplish?

Who were your partners?

What unexpected things happened?

Did you accomplish what you intended? How do you know? Do you have any data you can share?

What are the next steps? How will you keep the momentum going?

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Proposal written by:	Date:
Amount requested:	Overseen By:
Summary of what funds are for:	
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Why are the funds being requested?	
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Describe the educational value of this request.	
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How will the funds benefit the project?	
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What other fundraising has been done and/or is planned?

Itemized budget:

Description of what funds are to be spend on.

Cost

Total	

What are your plans for how this project will be continued, expanded or improved after grant funding ends?

A copy of the 2025 Jackson County 4-H Grant Application can be found here:

<https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2025/04/01/2025-jackson-county-4-h-project-grant-application-available/>