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Letter from the President

Hello everyone,

Summer is here with all the lovely, lazy days and the busy frantic "let's get ready for fair" times! It's a good time to reflect on the joy of being.

Being outside.

Being with friends.

Being with family.

Being healthy.

Being able to pursue a new project or passion through the help of 4-H projects, your leaders and parents.

Being able to share your knowledge and accomplishments with other 4-H members and the local community at the fairs.

Have a great summer!

Betty Pionek

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association President

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE

- 3 Amherst Fair Entry Forms Due
- 4 June Dairy Brunch—Edgewood Dairy
- 5 4-H Sewing Session #4, 1:00-2:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 10-11 Junior Summer Camp (Grades 3-5), Central WI Environmental Station in Amherst
- 15 Area Animal Science Day - Sheboygan
- 17 Area Animal Science Day - Chippewa
- 20 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 21 Market Animal Committee Meeting , 6:30 p, Rosholt Fairgrounds

JULY

- 4 UW-Extension Office Closed (Independence Day)
- 18 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Amherst Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 18 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting/Food Stand Cleanup, Amherst Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 14-17 Portage County Amherst Fair
- 22 Rosholt Fair Entries due in FairEntry**

AUGUST

- 4-14 Wisconsin State Fair
- 15 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 28 Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day — **NEED TWO PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB**

SEPTEMBER

- 1-5 Rosholt Fair
- 1 Exhibits are brought to the Rosholt Fair
- 8 Rosholt Fair Carcass Contest
- 19 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wisconsin 4-H Policy for Participation in Parades

The policy for participation in parades has been updated. The most notable change is that parade drivers of 4-H parade floats need to be an authorized driver of the University of Wisconsin –Madison. To read the full parade participation policy click [here](#). For the University of Wisconsin –Madison driver authorization request form please visit: <https://businessservices.wisc.edu/documents/volunteer-driver-form/>. Please submit this form to the Portage County Extension Office.

4-Hers in action!

Pictured Right: Congratulations to Annika Waltenberg from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees and Samantha Simonis from the Rosholt Pioneers for being awarded the 2022 4-H Leadership in Agriculture Award at the Portage County Agribusiness banquet!



Pictured Left: 4-H Tech Changemakers, Mara Raddatz from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Juniper Rydberg, from the Casimer Boosters, Camryn Wade from the Almond Busy Bees, and Isabelle Francis from the Plover Clovers preparing for their presentation at Whispering Pine Lodge. Not pictured Skyler Cisewski from the Plover Clovers.



The Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club helped out their community by picking up highway garbage and making May baskets that they distributed to local housing units in Amherst.



AMHERST FAIR



This Year's Theme: "Community Strong"

The Amherst Fair will be here quickly. As we, the board, plan for the fair, we ask that club leaders, parents, and FFA and 4-H members plan also. Not only working with their animals, finishing projects, but also helping/volunteering at the fair. **We especially need help on Friday, July 15th, helping with judging and Saturday, July 16th. We will be having fair work nights on Monday, July 11th and Tuesday July 12th as well from 6:00-9:00PM and could use volunteers.**

Please contact Tim or Sue Pederson at 715-824-2620 to volunteer. Your help is GREATLY appreciated.

Amherst Fair Food Stand

The 4-H Teen Leaders are making changes to how the food stand will be operated this year. Planning is still currently underway. We will be sending more information to clubs and families once we have more details. The 4-H Teens would like to thank everyone for their support of the food stand fundraiser throughout the years! Without help from club volunteers it would not continue to be the success it has been.



ROSHOLT FAIR 2022

SEPTEMBER 1-5, 2022

ROSHOLT FAIR ENTRIES



The Rosholt Fair will be using the same online system as last year: **FairEntry**. Instructions for setting up your account and adding entries are on the next page.

All entries are due in the system by Friday, July 22nd!

- 4-H exhibitors will sign up for exhibits using their 4-H Online Account information. Exhibitors will be able to indicate whether they want to show an entry through their 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- Cloverbuds do not add entries; they can just bring their exhibit to the fair. You do not need to add them to your family's account.
- If you need computer assistance, feel free to set up an appointment to use a computer and add entries at the Portage County Extension Office (715-346-1462).



ENTERING A CLUB BOOTH?

There's no form this year! Just let Lisa know at 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu that your club would like space for a booth. Also let her know if you will need to be by an electric outlet.



ROSHOLT FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Sunday, August 28th @ 1:00 PM - Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day**

We need at least two volunteers from each 4-H Club to help!

- **Thursday, September 1st - Monday, September 5th**

Volunteers are needed to help place exhibits on Thursday, to help with judging on Friday, and to help watch the Exhibit Building on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Please contact 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu if you can lend a hand for any amount of time! Your help is deeply appreciated!

READ BEFORE YOU START!

ONLINE ENTRIES FOR BOTH AMHERST & ROSHOLT FAIRS!

Visit <http://rosholt.fairentry.com> to add your entries for the Rosholt Fair!

All entries are due in the system by Friday, July 22nd!



YOU STILL NEED TO USE YOUR FAIR BOOK!

Each exhibit you sign up for in FairEntry has a description to help you select the right one. The description does not contain all of the rules or requirements for the exhibit. You still need to consult the Fair Book to learn what the judge will be looking for. Many exhibits have size requirements or special instructions, such as including a 3x5" card with information about the exhibit.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PortageCountyFairBook> to reference the 2019-2022 Portage County Fair Book.

“CONTINUE TO PAYMENT” WILL NOT CHARGE YOU!

There are no entry fees for the Rosholt Fair.

You will submit your entries by clicking

“Continue to Payment” and following the instructions, but **no fees will be charged**.

➔ Continue to Payment

COMPLETE YOUR WHOLE FAMILY BEFORE SUBMITTING

The “Continue to Payment” button is the final submission of all entries for all exhibitors in your family. Please make sure you have created all exhibitors and added their entries before clicking “Continue to Payment.” Once submitted, you won’t be able to add any new exhibitors or entries until your first ones get approved.



HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

- Visit <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> hover your mouse over “4-HYouth” and select “Rosholt Fair Entries” on the menu. Here you will find screenshot guides that will take you through adding entries click-by-click. There are also frequently asked questions available.
- Contact 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu with any questions along the way!





The Portage County Market Animal Committee sponsored a UW-Madison Agriscience tour on April 23rd. Participants were able to tour the Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery building, UW-Dairy Barn, participate in hands-on DNA and food science activities in the Biotech Center and tour the Arlington Sheep Ag Research Station. Thank you to the Portage County Market Animal Committee for sponsoring this trip!



4-H Senior Spotlight

In this issue of the courier, it is our pleasure to spotlight our senior 4-H members. Every stepping stone in life deserves some special recognition and this is no exception. Each 4-H member creates their own journey. It is yours and yours alone. We hope you look back on your journey and smile and remember those experiences that helped you grow. Thank you for your dedication and leadership to you clubs and community. Your 4-H family is so proud of you all! Best of luck to our graduates! Always remember to be yourself, dream big and continue to work hard. May you continue to shine bright in your future endeavors!



Harleigh Carlson

8 year 4-H member

Current Club: Tomorrow River Voyagers

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments:

Goats, I was able to help play a big role in revamping the project

Advice for younger 4-H members: If you want to try a project say something, even if it's animals, most likely you will be able to find someone to help you out!

Post High School plans: Attending UW-Stevens Point for biology



Emily Isherwood

9 year 4-H member

Current Club: Plover Clovers

Favorite 4-H projects: Sheep/ Goat project

4-H accomplishments: I showed chickens, rabbits for many years and it took me 8 years to win a trophy and I won one with my Boer goat.

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: I love the Fairs, and all the fun moneys with my family.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Be proud of your hard work and dedication to your projects, not winning. Focus on the amazing memories you will make.

Post High School plans: I am attending Mid-State tech in the fall for a Associate degree in Agriculture Science



Annika Waltenberg

11 year 4-H member of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees Club

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments:

I love the rabbit project and working with kids on it.

Advice for younger 4-H members: 4-H members:

Continue to work on your projects and passions. Don't give up, you'll get there in knowledge and experience.

Post High School plans: Attend Northland College to double major in Natural Resources and Writing and Minor in Agricultural Sustainability.



Bryce Weiler

5 year 4-H member of the Carson Climbers Club

Favorite 4-H memory/4-H accomplishments:

Getting recognized by the 4H judges and Michelle Waltenberg and receiving a trophy for showing my rabbit at the fair.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Join! This so much fun!

Post High School plans: Attend the Strive/Project Search program.



Kendra Czerneski

10 year 4-H member of the Carson Climbers Club

Favorite 4-H memory/4-H accomplishments: Winning Grand Champion with my Silkie during my second year of 4-H.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Get involved with as many club activities as you can. Growing up as a member of a 4-H club was a tremendous life skill. Being involved in all of the activities taught me important life skills that I now use every day.

Post High School plans: Attend Viterbo University in LaCrosse, WI for Nursing.



Samantha Simonis

**10 year 4-H member of the Rosholt
Pioneers Club**

Favorite 4-H memory/4-H accomplishments:

Participating in the market animal project and helping teach young members how to show successfully.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Be involved and work hard. You will gain a lot of experience by participating in events.

Post High School plans: I am undecided in a career and I am attending UWSP in the fall of 2022.



Sawyer Stuczynski

**11 year 4-H member of the Tomorrow
River Voyagers Club**

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments:

My favorite project was the swine project.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Try and meet as many new people as possible

Post High School plans:

Attend UWSP for a degree in soil science and to play football



Sydney Lehman

**13 year 4-H member
Current Club: Tomorrow River
Voyagers**

Favorite 4-H memory/4-H accomplishments:

4-H Summer Camp, first as a camper, then as a counselor. It was a fun experience.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Participate in as many opportunities as you can, it goes by fast.

Post High School plans: UW-Whitewater. I am undecided on a major at this time, but I will be playing for the Women's Basketball Team.



Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - February 2022

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting of 2-21-22, held via zoom, was called to order by President Betty Pionek at 6:32 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski, Malayna Polum and Michelle Waltenberg, (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golder Stars), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Print Donation | MINUTES: Minutes were approved as presented.

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$25,044.65 Savings \$3,631.55 Plat Book Sales \$560.00 (14) Expenses: Fall Forum \$50, Winter Camp \$50.00 & Contest Prizes \$252.82 | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID-19 Update – Nothing has changed. Kathy wanted to know before she contacted clubs about June Dairy Days. | Awards & Ambassador Interviews – Jessica Oliver is the new ambassador. Key Award winners are Harleigh Carlson, Zach Kolodziej and Juniper Rydberg. Leaders of Tomorrow are Maria Kildahl and Zach Kolodziej. | Winter Camp – Thirty-one teenagers and between 7 and 9 counselors attended the day camp. Two youth were from Portage County. Cost per youth was \$30.00. Camp went really well. | Winter Family Night – Seventy-five youth attended. Event went well. | Other: Print Donation – Prints are at Koerten Gallery. Committee consisting of Betty, Debra and Sharon need to get together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jensen Center Concession Stand – April 9th – Event starts at 7:00 pm. 100 people expected to attend. Show will have a 15-to-20-minute intermission. Plan to sell prepacked cookies and bars, popcorn and bottled water. Donations to purchase the water and popcorn are welcome. Workers are required to wear masks. Suggestion made for someone to do an animal demonstration. | Plant Sale – Plant Pricing – Per the greenhouse, the price for the 12-inch baskets will increase by 10%. Price increase for other plants not known yet. Jan requested permission to adjust plant sale prices based on greenhouse price increases. Motion by Malayna, second by Michelle to allow Jan to make this decision. Motion passed. | Cook Book Fundraiser – Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the following: publisher of cook book, hard or soft cover, ink color (no extra charge for black), how many recipes to include, how many books to print, where to sell (4-H Food Stand), cost of digital copy, contest for cover design, advertisers? Should history of Portage County be included or should that be a separate booklet that can be used for Awards Program? Committee consists of Agnes, Betty and Malayna. | Virtual Contests – Gingerbread contest was very successful. Currently running the Snowman Contest. Peeps Contest planned for March through April. | Portage County Scholarships – Refer to 4-H Courier for details. | Speaking & Demonstration Contests – Date unknown at this time. | Market Animal Capital Expenditure Request – Asking for approval from the State 4-H for the use of public funds for a capital purchasing expenditure of up to \$8,000 to purchase show ring gates and panels to ensure show ring safety during the fair. | 4-H Tech Changemakers – Ten people participated. Teens did a great job. Parents had questions. | Other: Thrivent Insurance Company – Matching funds available to policy holders. We could request \$250.00 for a fundraiser. | Agent Report: Connie going on vacation the week of April 5th to visit relatives. She has been working on Sewing and Cooking workshops. Malayna will ask Crystal Café about a zoom workshop for making pies.

Next Meeting Date – April 18, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Yours in 4-H,

Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Leader's Board Minutes

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - March 2022



The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 3-21-22, held via Zoom, was called to order by President, Betty Pionek at 6:33 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski, Malayna Polum, Jenny Konkol and Michelle Waltenberg, (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Sharon Cisewski (Plover

Clovers), Barb Kasprowicz (Almond Busy Bees), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golder Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent. | **ADDITONS TO AGENDA:** Ambassador T-Shirts, Charter

Training and Plat Books | **MINUTES:** Motion by Malayna, second by Michelle to approve minutes as read. | **OFFICER**

REPORTS: **Treasurer's Report:** Checking \$25,577.18 Savings \$ 3,631.51 Plat Book Sales: February \$ 480.00 (12) Club Dues \$710.00 \$60 donation from K. Schuh Literature Expense \$396.47 | **Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – Masks are no longer required unless location of event requires them. | **Virtual Contests** – Only 8 entries for the Snowman Contest. Peeps Contest has started. | **Other: Plat Books** – Only 6 books left in the 4-H

Office. Books have been ordered 3 times for a total of 650 books. Money for the sale of 526 has been deposited leaving 124 unsold books.

Jan will get updates from Lynette, Debra and Karen in regards to number of unsold books at their sale locations. | **Charter Training** – Connie does not have an update for the online charter training for 2022. She will let clubs know if any information required for the training is missing. **NEW BUSINESS: Jensen Center Concession Stand-April 9th** – Event begins at 7:30 pm. Betty is coordinating the sale.

Approximately 100 are expected to attend. Still need more adults and youth to help. Also looking for donors for cookies, brownies, popcorn and water. | **Plant Sale** – Brochures were printed and ready for pick-up on March 3rd. Due date for club orders is April 5th. Pete and Laina

have agreed to let us use their building to sort and distribute plants again this year. Tentative delivery date is May 14th. Price that greenhouse charges us for the plants has increased approximately 10%. | **Cook Book Fundraiser** – Betty and Malayna are looking into the production of a Portage County 4-H Cook Book. They will need seed money to proceed since a cook book was not a budget item. There was a consensus

that this is a good idea. Debra suggested that the cookbook could be a fall fundraiser. Decisions need to be made about how many recipes to include, cover design and whether to include club histories. Process will take a long time so should start working on it now. Need to collect recipes from club members. | **Portage County Scholarships** – Only two applicants this year, Annika Waltenberg and Emily Hauer.

Applications was read by the committee members who determined that both are worthy applicants. Connie will be sending them a letter. | **Speaking and Demonstration Contests** – Scheduled for April 4th at the Portage County Library. Only able to schedule a judge for one

night so will hold both contests the same night. | **4-H Tech Changemakers** – Connie is recruiting to add to the current group. She has already added one new member. Group has done one presentation at the Lodge. The Lodge has requested a second presentation. | **Clothing**

Review – Nothing planned at this time. There is no longer a time restriction to complete the Clothing Review before the State Fair. Need new location. Library does not have a good area for youth to change garments in. County Annex can only be used for county business.

Suggestions for new location were Jensen Center which has a \$30.00 rental fee and the Kennedy School in Junction City. Per Marilyn, contact for Kennedy School is Julie Granger. Let Connie know if you have any ideas about date, time and location of contest. | **Donations** – Bob

Petersen, Almond farmer, left \$225,000 to the Almond Busy Bees 4-H Club when he passed away. State 4-H staff will help the club decide how to handle the money. Almond Busy Bees past and present club leaders and club officers will be meeting to discuss how to proceed. |

Jerry Gadamus, retired local artist, donated 51 signed and numbered prints of "More Milk Please" (3 calves faces) to the Portage County 4-H program. Prints are being stored at Koerten Gallery due to need for climate-controlled storage area. Prints are valued at approximately

\$75.00 each. Need to find out cost of framing several prints that could be sold during the Market Animal Sale or the Cake Auction. Images of prints could be displayed on the internet. | **Summer Intern** – Program discontinued due to lack of county funding. Will need more 4-H

volunteers to help with summer programs such as the food stand. | **Summer Camp** – Junior Camp will be held at CWES on June 10-11 for grades 3 and 4 (no Cloverbuds this year). Intermediate Camp will be held at Upham Woods on June 12th-14th. In need of youth counselors and adult chaperones. Penny and Connie will be checking on cost of busing. Cost will be \$35.00 per camper. | **Title IX** – Online training about

prevention and reporting of sexual misconduct required by UW Madison in order for the university to be in compliance with State requirements. Will take about 25 minutes to complete. Training must be completed by April 15th. 4-H leaders who will be chaperones are

also required to complete mental health training. All leaders should have received an email about training on March 14th. Connie will mail information about training to Agnes and Marilyn. | **Other: Ambassador T-Shirts** – Jan suggested that past and present ambassadors be

provided with an ambassador t-shirt that could be worn anywhere at any time. Cost would be about \$12.00 per shirt. Sharon will contact past and present 4-H Ambassadors to see if there is any interest in an ambassador t-shirt. Ambassadors could be involved in the design of the

shirt. Connie will provide Sharon with the contact information for past and present ambassadors. | **Teen Movie Night** – March 22nd at Rogers Theater at 7:00 pm. Movie title is "Dog". Bonnie Ziolkowski will chaperone. Teen Leaders Association will be paying admission cost. | **June Dairy Day** – June 4th at Edgewood Dairy Farm. Host family is LaVern and Cindy Lepak Family. | **Cake Decorating**

Workshop – Kathy asked if the workshop could be held at the Jensen Center this year. | **Agent Report:** Connie suggested having a special two-hour program for Cloverbuds since they will not be included in the 4-H Junior Camp this year. She is currently working on some

in-person sewing workshops and another virtual Discovering Rocks Workshop. The rock workshop will be offered state-wide. It will be open to all youth grades 5 and up. Participants do not have to be 4-H members. There will be two sessions: Rock Identification and polishing rocks

on Sunday, May 15th from 2-3:30 pm and ideas for what to do with polished rocks (pendants, tags, macrame pouches) on Tuesday, May 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Connie's sister Sandy is the workshop presenter. Sandy will be donating the supplies for the workshops. | Next

Leaders Association Meeting will be May 16th, 2022. | Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Jane S. called the meeting to order on April 4th at 3:00pm. Anna T. led the club in pledges. Members present were Natania G., Maia H., Avery H., Nora H., Adalin P., Nicholas G., Genevieve H., Annaliese H., Anna T., Micah T., Noah T., Jane S., Matthew S., Katherine S., Elizabeth S., Andrew S. Anna gave the treasurer's report. Members who have not cashed fair premiums from last year's fair should do so.

Old Business. Plant Sale orders are being turned in today. Checks are due now and should be made payable to Eager Eagles 4-H club. All 4-Hers are asked to sell a minimum of 2 plants to fund 4-H in Portage County. If you didn't order and still need to, please email your order form to Rachel by this evening. Plants will be delivered in mid-May. Natania and Mindy offered to help if the sorting date is 5/21. Rachel offered to help if the sorting date is 5/14. We will share the date as soon as we find out.

New Business: The Story family is coordinating a May meeting/club field trip. Watch your email for Amherst Fair exhibit entry sign-up sometime in early May. Cloverbuds don't need to register any projects, but all other 4-Hers will need to sign up using the online Fair Entry program. Please see Rachel or Elizabeth if you have questions about fair exhibits or sign up. There is a county wide Peeps diorama contest April 29th. Check Facebook or your April newsletter for more information.

Leader's Report: Upcoming meetings were discussed. On May 2nd we'll be having a field trip as a club and will do a service project after the field trip. The location will be emailed. In June we'll have a club fun day coordinated by the Hamre family. Please watch your email for more information. In July we'll have a brief business meeting at the Amherst fair during our club's shift at the 4-H food booth. Anneliese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Genevieve seconded the motion. Minutes by Rachel Snyder Turney.

Sunnyside Climbers Club Report—April 2022

The Sunnyside Climbers April meeting was called to order at 6pm. We had no member officer reports. Ally brought the snack and Marie brought the drinks. Our old business was the plant sale; the orders were due at this meeting. Other old business was the speaking and demo contest. We also talked more about planters for the Portage County Home. We scheduled a park cleanup at Stockton Park (3333 Custer Road) on May 1st at 10am. This will also be our next meeting. Members were asked to bring planters for the Portage County Home to this meeting. Will confirm with Louise if she was able to get the flowers and potting soil donated. Elise did a demo on home-made Cheez-itz which we were all able to enjoy. The meeting was adjourned. Submitted by Anna P.

Casimer Boosters Club Report—April 2022

The meeting on April 11th started off with the pledges, secretary's report, and the treasurer's report. This was followed up by old business which included the teen leader movie night and the plant sale. As a club we made about \$2,289 from selling around 65 plants! Then we moved on to new business, which included many new things. First we talked about club t-shirts. We decided to get white shirts with a black 4H design on them, then we could tie-dye the shirts at another meeting. Then we talked about Highway pick up and the Planetarium visit. The planetarium visit was on April 18th and Highway pick up will be held on Sunday, May 1st, 1:00 at HWY X. We also talked about camp counselor applications, food stand times, the peeps diorama that is due April 29th, and the county cook book. If you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share, bring it to the next meeting on May 9th to submit it to the county cook book! We then adjourned the meeting and ended with an easter egg hunt!

Sunnyside Climbers Club Report—May 2022

The May meeting of the Sunnyside Climbers was called to order at 10:37am. **(Pictured Right)** We started our meeting by planting plants for the Portage County Home. Members will now take care of their own plants, until delivery day to the Home on May 27th. Time to be determined. Our May community service activity will be picking up garbage in our neighborhoods on our own. During the meeting, we also wrote a thank you letter to Village Gardens in Plover for donating the plants and potting soil. Members decided our picnic will be June 9th at 5:30 at Iverson Park. More details to follow. In the month of June, the community service will be Donating to a Little Food Pantry nearest to your home. Anna and Arther did demos. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.





Educational Experiences

Throughout the year, Wisconsin 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in educational travel experiences. These opportunities provide a valuable chance to gain new experiences and make new friends along the way! 4-H members often refer to their 4-H travels as the highlights of their 4-H careers.

Travel with a Purpose

Wisconsin 4-H educational experiences—

- » **Provide opportunities** for young people to develop life skills in new and diverse settings across the state and nation.
- » **Encourage youth leaders** to learn about and appreciate different ideas and perspectives while forming lasting relationships.
- » **Prepare young people** for future opportunities and experiences that require independence, decision making, and problem solving.
- » **Inspire action** in youth and adult volunteers in their clubs, their communities, and their schools.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

Each year, Wisconsin sends a delegation to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.



Credit: Wisconsin State 4-H Communications Team

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is a pre-college experience at UW-Madison.

Protection is a Priority

For some young people, 4-H experiences are the first time they are away from home for an extended period of time. Youth safety, both physical and mental, are the top priority for Wisconsin 4-H. All experiences have at least one adult for every ten youth. Chaperones are a mix of 4-H professionals and trained, vetted volunteers committed to ensuring a positive experience for youth. Youth participate in an orientation prior to the experience to help them prepare and to give ample time to answer questions from youth and adults.

Important Payment Information

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation may provide some funding to help offset the total cost of educational experiences for 4-H members. Many county Leader Organizations also provide financial support for participating members. If you have concerns about the cost of participating, talk with your local 4-H educator about options that may be available. We want all youth to have the opportunity to have life-changing experiences.

For more information about specific experiences, including approximate program costs and registration details, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/get-involved/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>





A World of Opportunities



Credit: Sara Bodensteiner-Brown

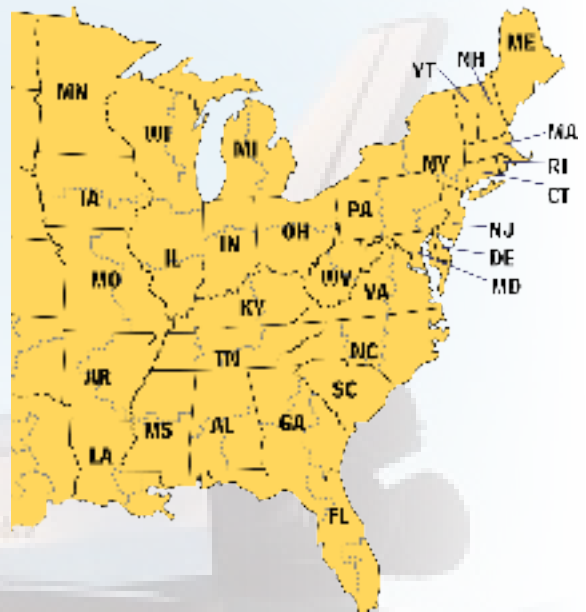
Each year, 4-H members travel on educational experiences. Learn more about each experience on the [Wisconsin 4-H Events and Opportunities](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/get-involved/statewide-events-and-opportunities/) webpage. Try to find the answer to these questions!



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

Find out where you'd be headed on each experience. Write the number on the map! You might write the same number multiple times—some travel experiences visit multiple cities, and other experiences are in the same city!

1. Space Camp
2. Wisconsin Youth Conference
3. American Spirit
4. Citizenship Washington Focus
5. National 4-H Congress
6. National 4-H Conference



Want to discover more about each travel experience? Match these statements below with the number of the correct experience! Some questions have more than one correct answer.

- _____ Make a difference in local communities through community service projects.
- _____ Visit the Freedom Trail to explore America's journey to independence.
- _____ Write your own legislative bill and participate in a mock House of Representatives meeting to discuss and find out if your bill is passed or denied.
- _____ 8-10 youth represent Wisconsin in Washington, D.C. and work with youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming.
- _____ See what life is like as a Badger on this pre-college experience.
- _____ Visit the Centennial Olympic Park and attend a Gala.
- _____ Meet with Wisconsin's members of U.S. Congress.
- _____ Participate in the 3-day Pathfinder Program and experience simulated space activities.



Do you love traveling? Some 4-H members even travel internationally as part of the Wisconsin 4-H International Program! Learn more at wi4hinternational.org!

Which educational experience seems like the best fit for you? Why?

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Thank you to all of the families who participated and made an effort to sell plants! These sales support your Portage County 4-H Clubs and the 4-H Leaders Association, helping fund literature, camps, awards, special programs, and everything that makes 4-H in our community possible!

THANK YOU!



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