



# Calumet County 4-H *Newsletter*

**November/December 2023**

Dear Calumet County 4-H,

How is it November and the holiday season already? We are already 1 month into the new 4-H year, and we have so many things planned for our members! My goal is to provide a variety of hands-on activities for all different age groups and project areas. We will continue to offer Food Workshops, which will be announced in the coming week AND our Project Committee has decided to offer Project Workshops throughout the year, specifically for our teen members involved in all different projects. A lot of times, our teens don't have the hands-on project opportunities because they end up helping or because they are busy working and being involved in other extracurricular activities. Our goal this next year is to ensure they have hands-on opportunities as well!

Some of the things coming up in the next few months include Holiday Project Boxes, UW-Meat Science Experience, Family Fun Day, where we will have hands-on project activity stations, and the Cooking with Meat Project Boxes, which a lot of our families have been waiting for. Whether you see something you are interested in currently, or there is something you would like to see, please make the most out of your 4-H and project learning. My goal as the 4-H Educator is to help you the best I can, and if we don't have a resource for you, I will do what I can to help you in your project learning.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me and our office with any questions or concerns. This could be an idea you have or something that may not make sense to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carlea Liermann'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'C' at the beginning.

Carlea Liermann  
Calumet County 4-H Educator

# November 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Charter applications due	2	3	4 Fall Forum at Green Lake Conference Center
5 Fall Forum at Green Lake Conference Center	6	7	8 Leaders Council Meeting at 7pm, Courthouse, Rm 025	9 Teen Ambassadors at 6:30pm, Courthouse, Rm 020	10	11
12 Recognition Dinner at 4:00pm, Chilton High School Commons	13	14	15	16 Cloverbud Club Meeting, Group A at 5:30 Rm 020; Group B at 6:00 Rm 025	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving  Office Closed	24  Office Closed	25
26	27 Project Box orders due	28	29	30		

# December 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 Project Box pick-up at 4:00-5:00pm at Courthouse Lobby	9
10	11	12	13	14 Teen Ambassadors at 6:30pm, Courthouse, Rm 020	15	16 UW-Madison Meat Science Lab Experience
17	18	19	20	21 Cloverbud Club Meeting, Group A at 5:30 Rm 020; Group B at 6:00 Rm 025	22	23
24	25 Christmas  Extension Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 Camp Counselor applications due	Jan 1 Extension Office Closed					

## SAVE THE DATE

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### 4-H Recognition Night

Sunday, November 12th at 4:00pm located at the Chilton High School Commons

**Host Clubs:** Charlesburg Stars, Friendly Valley, and New Horizons 4-H Clubs

### Family Fun Day

Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the Brillion Community Center from 1:00-5:00pm

### Annual 4-H Dance

Friday, January 26, 2024 at Cobblestone in Brillion

### 4-H Family Night with

### Wisconsin Herd

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Oshkosh Arena



## Teen Ambassadors

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Teen ambassadors will be meeting on Thursday, November 9, at 6:30pm. During this meeting, they will be discussing how teens are eligible to travel on the 2024 Teen Travel Experience, along with creating some promos to help market and announce this year's experience!

## Leaders Council Board Meeting Highlights

The Leaders Council Board met on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00pm at the Calumet County Courthouse. During the meeting, they chose the theme for the 2023-2024 4-H year, and "Chilin' in 4-H" was selected, which was submitted by Busy Beavers 4-H Club. They also decided to change up the Dance Raffle tickets, and will award less winners, but with higher winning values as follows, totaling \$150.

- 2 - \$75
- 7 - \$50
- 6 - \$25

They also selected who will be awarded the specialty awards at the annual recognition banquet, which will be shared at the event on Sunday, November 12th.

### Leaders Council Upcoming Meeting

The Calumet County 4-H Leaders Council will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00pm in Room #025. During this meeting, they will iron out any final details for the annual recognition dinner scheduled for Sunday, November 12th. They will also discuss the hiring of an accountant as due to the income this year they are in need of filing taxes.

Goals for 2023-2024:

1. Maintain Calumet County 4-H membership to the same as last year or increase membership.
2. Engage 1st and 2nd year members by hosting an opportunity fair.
3. We will create a list of adult leaders to host project workshops with the help of teen leaders.

## 2024 Annual Pinewood Derby

A popular event for our 4-H program last year is returning in 2024, and it is open to all 4-H members (Cloverbuds through 13th grade), adults, and even non-4-H members! Invite your friends to join you!

- ⇒ **Kick-off - Saturday, January 20, 2024 (part of the 4-H Family Fun Day - Brillion Community Center)**
- ⇒ **Practice - Friday, March 8 at 6:00pm (location TBD)**
- ⇒ **Derby Finale - Sunday, March 10 at 1:00pm (location TBD)**

A pinewood derby is a racing event where you build your own car from kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels, and metal axles. The Leaders Council will purchase the kits for our 4-H members to participate! If an adult or non-4-H participant would like to compete as well, they would need to pay \$5.00 for their kit. Blocks can be whittled with a hand knife, bandsaw, or Dremel carving tool for major shaping. Decals can be bought to decorate your car, or you are encouraged to use your imagination to paint and decorate the way you'd like!

Sign up to reserve your pinewood derby kit at this link: <https://forms.gle/iz98q8dA6G57Jo9t8> or for those without computer/internet access, please contact the 4-H Office. Car kits will be at the kick-off for pick-up on Saturday, January 20th, as part of the 4-H Family Fun Day at Brillion Community Center.



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## Have you signed up for the 2023-2024 Cloverbud Club?

The Calumet County 4-H Cloverbud Club is open to any youth in grades 5K-2nd. The goal of the program is to engage the youngest members of 4-H, so they can learn what 4-H is about with hands-on activities and exposure to the different project areas. Youth get to meet others their own age from all around Calumet County. Activities and meetings are designed just for them and their age groups.

Monthly meetings take place at the Calumet County Courthouse on the 3rd Thursday of each month with Group A at 5:30-6:30pm and Group B at 6:00-7:00pm. You and your family will select and attend the group time that works best for you. Usually, they last around 45 minutes to an hour. Cost is \$10 for the year to cover the cost of supplies.

Youth can be part of a traditional Community Club as well as Cloverbud Club. To sign up, please join the Cloverbud Club on 4HOnline. You can select it to be your primary club or your secondary club. Please reach out to our office if you have any questions on this!

## Kudos

Congratulations to the following clubs on their 4-H Week displays: 1st - New Horizons; 2nd - Farm & Home; 3rd - Charlesburg Stars. Kudos also to the Teen Ambassadors & Woodville Stars for participating in this as well! All clubs and groups will be receiving their checks in the coming weeks from the Leaders Council.

Thank you to Josie Mertens and family for helping to run the 4-H table at the REACH Red Ribbon Week event on Sunday, October 29th.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Festival of Fun a successful event on Saturday, October 1. This includes Sarah, Dominique, and Alicia Schnell, Amy Suha, Tori Squires, Jennie & Andy Zahringer, Jessie, Charles, and Tucker Jansen, Gordie Gasch, Jayna Hintz, WHEP, Phil Hietpas, and Bill Brietzke. We appreciate all of you whether you helped lead a session, or helped throughout the program.

Congratulations to Sierra & Sharon Steinfest for having your t-shirt design selected for the WI 4-H Pop-Up Store!



## 4-H Thriving Survey - Watch Your Inbox! Survey Closing Soon!

Watch your email inbox (the one you use with 4H Online) for your link to participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey! Youth ages 13-18 will receive a link to share your input about your 4-H experiences. The results will help us evaluate and communicate how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey was sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by email in the first week of November and reminders have been sent as well. **The survey link will be open until December 1.** Youth who complete the survey will be entered into raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Fill out the survey to help Wisconsin achieve a 30% response rate.

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model and some of the results from the 2022 4-H Thriving Study in Wisconsin, please visit: [4-H Thriving Model - Wisconsin 4-H](#)

Watch for your link in your email and help us tell the story of 4-H in Wisconsin!



TELL US ABOUT YOUR  
4-H EXPERIENCE!



# 4-H THRIVING SURVEY

4-H members 13 years old and up are encouraged to participate! Watch your email for info on the survey and the survey link! Complete the survey for a chance to win one of several \$25 gift cards!

## Dog Project News

We will be having our annual Dog Sledding Day on November 18, 2023. This will take place at The Siberian Outpost in Malone. **Everyone is to leave their own dogs at home for this.** We will be meeting 16 huskies and take a ride on either the cart or the sled. It depends if there is snow. We will learn about dog sledding and about the 1925 Serum Run to Nome, Alaska.

This is for all members that are signed up for the Dog Project, including Cloverbuds. Space is limited for this, so please email Trisha Flanigan at [gflanigan@frontier.com](mailto:gflanigan@frontier.com) and please put the number attending from your family and how many are adults and how many are youth.



Our training classes are done for the year until Spring. Watch the February newsletter for information about the mandatory meetings for our training classes for next year.

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## Recognition Awards & Potluck

### Everyone is Welcome!

**Date: Sunday, November 12th**

**Place: Chilton High School, 530 W. Main Street Chilton  
Commons & Cafeteria**

**Time: 4:00pm - Potluck      4:45pm - Awards Program**

All 4-H members, leaders, and families are invited to join us for the 4-H Recognition Potluck and Program on Sunday, November 12th, at 4:00pm at the Chilton High School. Please join us for an evening of recognizing our super 4-H leaders and members. The potluck is hosted by Charlesburg Stars, Friendly Valley, and New Horizons. We hope to see a room full of excited 4-H families and leaders, cheering each other for their accomplishments. Please register your family's attendance by contacting the 4-H office.

All club outstanding members and special award winners will be announced. Leaders being recognized for their years of service include the following:

1st Year - Adrienne Boldt, Justin Woodyard, Debra Schmalz-Buhler, Lizzy Wagner

5 Years - Teresa Mayer, Jessica Peterson

10 Years - Jennifer Meyer, Chris Eibs

15 Years - Shay Ott, Troy Jansen, Jeff Brantmeier

20 Years - Amy Krahn, Pamela Lisowe, Debbi Calaway, Steven Reuter

30 Years - Diane Bohman

## UW-Meat Science Trip

Market Animal members are invited to join us on Saturday, December 16th, as we travel to UW-Madison Meat Science Building. This is open to youth in grades 3-13, and will fulfill an educational session for fair/sale requirements. Cost is \$5/youth, but will cover the cost of ice cream from Babcock Hall at the end of the experience. We do ask all attendees to please bring a bag lunch. We will have coolers to put the lunches in, along with some bottles of water as well.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/kgqLBhGay8rzw98r5>

Once youth are signed up, we will send health forms in the mail to be sent back prior to the trip. We are also looking for a few chaperones to travel with us, but please fill out the form if a parent is interested and our office will contact you if we have room.

Any questions, please reach out to Carlea Liermann at 920-483-0646 or [carlea.liermann@wisc.edu](mailto:carlea.liermann@wisc.edu)

# UW-Madison Meat Science Lab

## Schedule of Day

**Rotations** 10-11am

11am-12pm

12-1pm

{ Meat Science Tour  
Meat Science Lab  
Bio-Tech Center Lab

**Lunch Break**

(still finalizing afternoon)

**Babcock Hall** 3-4pm

(tour & ice cream)

**Bus Leaves** - 7:40am

**Bus Returns** - 6pm

## Saturday, Dec 16

### Grades 3-13

### Cost: \$5





Are you ready for some Wisconsin 4-H merchandise? We are excited to launch our Wisconsin 4-H Pop-up Store where YOU can order Wisconsin 4-H merchandise. We have a limited number of options, but hope this is a success and we can offer more items in the future! Most options come in multiple colors. Order today here: [go.wisc.edu/x94yby](https://go.wisc.edu/x94yby)

Some of the items you can look forward to purchasing include:

T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, tie-dye tees, long sleeve tee, zip-ups, sweatpants, crewneck, pullovers, water bottles, notebooks/folders, cinch pack, tumblers, socks, decals, caps

The store will be open for individual orders now until November 6. Items will be received around the first week of December. Shipping is a minimum flat rate of \$15. You can also check with your local office to see about alternate ordering options.

# Wisconsin 4-H POP-UP STORE

Custom Wisconsin 4-H apparel and more!



**Design 1**



*design by Sharron & Sierra Stienfest,  
Calumet County*

**Design 2**



**Design 3**



### How to order:

- Visit Store Website
- Choose item, color AND Design
  - All clothing items come in a variety of colors and designs. You will be able to choose the color and design when you order. To view colors and designs, click on the product.
- Add all of your items to your cart
- Check out when you are done.
- You will be billed and charged for shipping costs. Items will be shipped on approximately 3 weeks after closing of store

## Open Oct 1st - Nov 6th

Order Today!  
<https://uwext4-h-taxable.dcpromosite.com>

- t-shirts
- sweatshirts
- jackets
- tie-dye tee
- long sleeve tee
- zip-ups
- sweatpants
- crewneck
- pullover
- cap
- notebooks/folders
- cinch pack
- tumbler
- socks
- decals
- waterbottles

## Calumet County Livestock & Skill-a-thon Teams

We are currently looking for youth who would like to start preparing for the statewide competitions that will take place this Spring.

### What are the contests?

These are two different contests all about livestock where you can use your knowledge about the animal species (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat) and the industry.

- **Livestock Quiz Bowl:**

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions (similar to the game show Jeopardy). Teams compete in a double-elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The top team earns the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

- **Livestock Skill-a-thon:**

Everything you know about raising your animal adds up to so much knowledge of the species and the industry. The Skill-a-thon contest will help you challenge you to share that information through a written quiz and leaning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. There are both individual and team stations. The top team earn the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

### Who can participate?

Any current 4-H members, grades 3-13. Please note, there are age divisions for each of those contests and parameters for grade 13 members. Even if your county has not participated in the past, round up come 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

*\*\*Youth who participate will receive credit towards their educational sessions required for the market animal sale.*

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## Calling All Youth Members Who Love Being Creative

The 2024 State Arts Team and Drama Company applications are NOW OPEN until January 16th, 2024.

When you apply to either of these state teams, you will be on a team with other youth from around the state of Wisconsin who share the same passion, and enjoy being creative! Whether that be by creating art or being involved in putting on drama shows, you can do it with Wisconsin 4-H!

You can apply now by clicking here:

State Arts Team:

<https://23wi4hartteam.4honline.com/>

Drama Company:

<https://23wi4hdco.4honline.com/>



**Applications  
Now Open For** State Teams

Drama Company and State Arts Teams Applications are now open!  
Apply on 4-H Online Today!  
Applications close January 16th, 2024



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CALUMET COUNTY



## SPARK WORKSHOP

POLYMER CLAY EARRINGS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

### Spark Workshop: Polymer Clay Earrings

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00-11:00am & 1:00-3:00pm

Calumet County Courthouse

Grades 5th-13th

Cost: \$10

4-H Members in grades 5-13 are invited to join us and Izzy from Daffodil & Co. to learn how to make their own polymer clay earrings. Each youth will make a holiday pair of earrings as well as a school spirit pair using their school colors. Izzy will share how she was able to take her spark and turn it into a business! Spots are limited, registration is on a first come first serve basis.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle what time you would prefer: **9-11am (Full)**

**1-3pm**

**Registration due by Wednesday, November 15th**

**Make checks payable to Calumet Count 4-H Leaders Council**

**Send this form & check to: Extension Office**

**206 Court Street, Chilton, WI 53014**

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## American Spirit Registration Opens October 1st

### About 4-H American Spirit - June 14-23, June 21-30, and July 5-14, 2024

The 4-H American Spirit Experience is an opportunity for youth 8-10 grades to experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada. Staff and volunteers plan and facilitate the experience, with youth participants leading content throughout the experience. Participants increase their knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred and have unique opportunities for dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation, all while developing positive relationships with adults and their peers from around the state.

### American Spirit Experience Objectives for its Participants:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of America's heritage
- Build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom
- Further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values
- Increase awareness of self in relationship to others
- Share what was learned with others in your club and county

### Highlighted Location(s):

- Nappanee, Indiana
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- New York City, New York
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
- Gloucester, Massachusetts
- Salem, Massachusetts
- Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (**A passport will be needed!**)

### Participant Eligibility

- All youth grades 8-10
- Pre-registration in 4H Online 2.0 is open starting October 1-November 15, 2023. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Each experience is limited to 44 youth. Decisions about who is selected to travel are based on the following factors:
  - # of youth per experience
  - Full rooms by identified gender
  - Ages of youth traveling together
  - Eligibility to participate in future years
  - The committee does take into account registration dates & times

**Estimated Cost of Experience** = \$1,900 (the 4-H office will send in the payment and invoice youth prior to traveling)

4-H Holiday Project Boxes can be ordered by using this Google form link: <https://forms.gle/tGsbhA6SNJdmfChM8>

Orders are due Monday, November 27th.

Project Box Pick-up: Friday, December 8th, 4:00-5:00pm

# Holiday Project Boxes



## Cloverbud Box



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Extension Calumet County  
Courthouse | 206 Court Street  
Chilton, WI 53014-1127

Return Service Requested

**Website:** <https://calumet.extension.wisc.edu/>

**E-mail:** [carlea.liermann@wisc.edu](mailto:carlea.liermann@wisc.edu)

 **Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/calumetcountywi4h](http://www.facebook.com/calumetcountywi4h)

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## 2023-2024 4-H Theme

“Chilin’ in 4-H”



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