

2026 Festival of Fun **EXPLORING 4-H PROJECTS**



CALUMET COUNTY

AIM FOR DISCOVERY.
EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS!



TRY NEW THINGS. FIND YOUR FUTURE.

BELONG. GROW. THRIVE.

Get ready for a day filled with creativity, discovery, and hands-on fun! Festival of Fun is an exciting opportunity for youth to explore new interests, learn new skills, and try projects they may have never experienced before. From arts and crafts to STEM, woodworking, cooking, and more, there's something for everyone! Whether you're looking to dive deeper into your favorite project area, discover a brand-new hobby, make new friends, or simply spend the day creating and having fun, Festival of Fun has a session for you. With dozens of interactive workshops led by caring volunteers and leaders, youth will learn by doing, take home projects they've made themselves, and create memories that will last long after the day is over. Come curious, come creative, and come ready for FUN!

2026

Festival of Fun

Registration Open - August 3

Open to all Calumet County youth K-8 grade



Saturday, October 10



9-11:50am - Cloverbuds

1-3:50pm - Grades 3-8



Calumet
County
Courthouse



Cost is \$10 for 4-H youth and \$15 for community youth participants.

<https://fof2026.4honline.com>



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Register through
4-H online
by September 4th



Cloverbud Session #1

Session #1 (9:00–9:50 a.m.)

Fabric Flowers -

Bring a bouquet of creativity to life by upcycling fabric scraps! In this fun, hands-on workshop, youth will learn how to turn colorful fabric into beautiful flowers that will never wilt. Participants will practice simple crafting techniques while creating their own unique blooms using a variety of fabrics, colors, and embellishments.

Sea Glass Wind Chimes -

Create a beautiful piece of art inspired by the colors of the sea! In this hands-on workshop, youth will design and assemble their own sea glass wind chime using colorful sea glass pieces and decorative accents. As they build, participants will learn basic crafting techniques and explore how wind chimes create soothing sounds when moved by the breeze.

Trail Mix -

Get ready to become a trail mix chef! In this hands-on cooking session, youth will learn important kitchen safety skills and basic food preparation techniques while creating their very own custom trail mix. Participants will practice measuring ingredients, following directions, and making healthy food choices as they build a snack that's perfect for their taste buds.

STEM Musical Instruments & Sound -

How do musical instruments make sound? Why do some notes sound high while others sound low? Join us for a fun hands-on STEM adventure as we explore the science of sound, vibrations, and pitch by building your own harmonica and guitar!

Sling-shot Cars -

Ready, set, launch! In this exciting hands-on STEM session, youth will design, build, and test their own foam-powered slingshot car. Participants will explore the science of energy, motion, force, and speed as they launch their cars and see how far they can travel.

Pumpkin Lantern -

Light up the Halloween season with a spooky and fun craft! In this hands-on workshop, youth will assemble their own glowing jack-o'-lantern lantern using colorful craft pieces and a battery-operated tealight candle. Once completed, participants will place their candle inside to bring their pumpkin creation to life with a festive Halloween glow.





Cloverbud Session #2

Session #2 (10:00–10:50 a.m.)

Tie Scarves -

Get ready to create a cozy scarf that's perfect for winter! In this fun, hands-on workshop, youth will learn how to cut, tie, and assemble a soft fleece scarf—no sewing required. Participants can choose colors and patterns to make a scarf that reflects their own style and creativity.

Treasure Keepsake Box -

Build a special place to store your treasures! In this hands-on woodworking session, youth will assemble their very own keepsake box using a Home Depot Kids Workshop kit. Participants will learn basic building skills as they put together a sturdy box that's perfect for keeping favorite mementos, small collections, special notes, and important trinkets safe.

Healthy Fruit Pizza -

Join us in the kitchen to create a colorful and delicious healthy fruit pizza! Youth will learn important kitchen safety skills and basic food preparation techniques while assembling a nutritious snack packed with fresh fruit. Participants will practice measuring, spreading, arranging toppings, and following a recipe as they design their own edible masterpiece.

Rockets -

3...2...1...Blast off! Join us for an exciting rocketry adventure as we explore the science of flight through hands-on STEM activities. Youth will build and launch their own rocket using a soda bottle launcher, then discover how air pressure and force can send rockets soaring into the sky.

Halloween Bracelets -

Get ready for some spooky-season fun as you design and create your very own Halloween charm bracelet! Youth will use colorful orange, purple, and yellow beads along with festive charms featuring jack-o'-lanterns, ghosts, and witch hats to make a one-of-a-kind accessory.

Woodworking - Birdfeeder -

Invite feathered friends to your backyard by building your own bird feeder! In this hands-on woodworking session, youth will assemble a pre-cut wooden bird feeder, learn basic building skills, and use sandpaper to smooth and prepare their project. Participants will also apply a protective sealant to help their feeder withstand the outdoor elements.

Cloverbud Session #3

Session #3 (11:00–11:50 a.m.)

Rubberband Guns -

Interested in learning about shooting sports? This hands-on session is a great introduction for youth who are not yet old enough to participate in traditional shooting sports programs. Participants will learn important range safety rules, safe handling practices, and basic shooting sports concepts while using rubber band guns in a fun and age-appropriate setting.

Fairy Gardens -

Step into a world of imagination and creativity as you design your very own fairy garden! In this hands-on workshop, youth will learn how to create and arrange a miniature garden using a variety of plants, decorations, and fairy-themed accessories. All supplies are included, and participants will also have the opportunity to build some of their own unique accessories from scratch to make their garden truly one of a kind.



Cloverbud Session #3 continued...

Flower Pot Turkeys & Windchimes -

Gobble, gobble! Celebrate the fall season by creating not one, but two fun turkey-themed crafts. In this hands-on workshop, youth will make a Turkey Flowerpot and a Turkey Windchime using colorful craft supplies, googly eyes, leaves, and other festive decorations. Participants will follow simple instructions while adding their own creative touches to make each project uniquely theirs.

Pinewood Derby Cars -

Start your engines and get a head start on the 2027 Pinewood Derby race! This hands-on session is perfect for beginner racers and youth who may not have access to woodworking tools at home. Participants will receive a wedge-style pinewood derby car kit and learn the basics of designing, painting, and customizing their race car.

Protein Balls -

Get ready to make a delicious and healthy snack! In this hands-on cooking session, youth will learn basic kitchen safety skills while practicing measuring, mixing, and following a simple recipe. Participants will create their own protein balls and customize them with tasty ingredients like chocolate chips, peanut butter, M&M's, and more.

Propeller & Helicopters -

Have you ever wondered how things fly? In this exciting STEM session, youth will build and test two different flying experiments while exploring the science of aerodynamics. Participants will create a rubber band-powered helicopter and another flying design, then experiment with their creations to see how changes affect flight, distance, and performance.



Grades 3-8 Session #1:

Archery -

Have you ever wanted to learn how to shoot a bow and arrow? This beginner-friendly archery session is the perfect place to start! Youth will learn important range safety rules, proper shooting techniques, and the basics of archery equipment. With guidance from instructors, participants will practice aiming, shooting, and building confidence on the archery range.

Air Rifle -

Interested in learning how to safely shoot an air rifle? This beginner-friendly session is perfect for youth who are new to the sport or just getting started. Participants will learn essential range safety rules, proper rifle handling, shooting positions, and basic marksmanship skills. With the guidance of trained instructors, youth will practice aiming at targets while building focus, patience, and confidence.

Knitting -

Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit? This beginner-friendly session is the perfect place to start! Youth will learn the basics of knitting, including how to cast on stitches, create simple knit patterns, and safely use knitting supplies. With a little practice and patience, participants will discover how a ball of yarn can be transformed into something handmade and unique.

Paver Brick Bugs -

Get ready for a colorful, messy, and creative adventure! In this hands-on art session, youth will use water balloons filled with paint to create unique masterpieces. By tossing, dropping, and splattering balloons onto paper, participants will explore different painting techniques while learning how colors mix and interact in fun and surprising ways.

Water balloon painting -

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Apple Tacos -

Join us for a fun and delicious kitchen adventure as we make apple tacos! Youth will learn important kitchen safety skills and practice basic food preparation techniques while creating a sweet treat that's both tasty and easy to make. Participants will learn how to safely prepare ingredients, follow a recipe, and assemble their own apple tacos with a variety of flavorful toppings.

Bristle Bots -

Get ready to explore the exciting world of STEM by building your own Bristle Bot! In this hands-on session, youth will learn the basics of simple circuits, electricity, and engineering while creating a small vibrating robot made from everyday materials. Once assembled, participants can test, race, and experiment with their Bristle Bots to see how different designs affect the way they move.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who Can Participate? Festival of Fun is for youth in grades 5K-8. 5K-2 is in the morning, and youth in 3rd-8th grade are in the afternoon.

I have two kids, and was wondering if I can sign them both up for the morning or afternoon? If you have children in different age groups, they do unfortunately have to sign up for the two different times of the day as sessions are designed specifically for their age group.

It tells me I am still a Cloverbud in 4Honline, what should I do? If you are registered before September 1st, and you're going into 3rd grade you can register as Cloverbud Graduate! Since we have not started our re-enrollment process yet, 4Honline still considers you a Cloverbud. All of our registrations are through 4Honline, where you can either do an online payment or send your payment of check or cash to Calumet County 4-H, 206 Court Street, Chilton, WI 53014. Once we receive your payment, we will approve your registration. You'll then receive a confirmation email that your registration was approved.

How do I know what sessions my child is in? Once you register, you'll know what session your child will be in. If it says there are 9 spots left, after you click that option you automatically claim a spot and it'll go down to 8 for the next youth registering.

QUESTIONS?

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Grades 3-8 Session #2

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Candle Making -

Get ready to pour, create, and customize your very own candle! In this hands-on workshop, youth will explore the art of candle making while designing a candle that is uniquely theirs. Participants will choose their own jar, pick a favorite scent, select a color, and even create a special name for their finished candle.

Fairy Gardens -

Stop into a world of imagination and creativity as you design your very own fairy garden! In this hands-on workshop, youth will learn how to create and arrange a miniature garden using a variety of plants, decorations, and fairy-themed accessories. All supplies are included, and participants will also have the opportunity to build some of their own unique accessories from scratch to make their garden truly one of a kind.

Woodworking - Squirrel table -

It's back by popular demand! Join us for this fun woodworking workshop where youth will build and assemble their very own squirrel picnic table. Using basic tools and woodworking techniques, participants will learn how to safely put pieces together while creating a unique outdoor project that squirrels can enjoy.

No-bake Cookies -

Love cookies but don't want to turn on the oven? Join us for a hands-on cooking session where you'll learn how to make delicious no-bake cookies from start to finish! Youth will practice important kitchen safety skills, learn how to measure ingredients correctly, and discover how simple ingredients can come together to create a tasty treat.

Duct Tape Art -

Get ready to think outside the roll! Duct tape isn't just for fixing things—it can be used to create amazing works of art, fun projects, and unique designs. In this hands-on workshop, youth will explore the many creative possibilities of duct tape while learning how to cut, layer, and combine colorful patterns to make their own one-of-a-kind creation.





Grades 3-8 Session #3

Pearl Painting -

Discover the fun of pearl diamond painting as you create a beautiful beach scene! In this hands-on session, youth will use pearls to create a dazzling piece of artwork. This relaxing and creative activity helps build patience, focus, and attention to detail while bringing a beautiful design to life. No experience is needed—just bring your creativity and get ready to make a shiny masterpiece to take home and display!

Detective Academy -

Calling all future detectives! Put on your investigator hat and dive into the world of forensic science as you work to solve a mystery. Youth will explore real detective techniques by collecting and comparing fingerprints, uncovering hidden messages, experimenting with chromatography, testing special solutions, and learning how scientists use the pH scale to identify unknown substances.

Puppy Chow -

Get ready to mix, measure, and make a delicious treat! In this hands-on cooking session, youth will learn basic kitchen safety skills while practicing how to accurately measure both dry and wet ingredients. Participants will also discover how to safely temper chocolate and combine simple ingredients to create a tasty batch of puppy chow. Best of all, everyone will take home their own sweet snack to enjoy and share!

Woodworking Tractor -

Start your engines and get ready for a fun-filled building experience! In this hands-on workshop, youth will paint, decorate, and assemble their very own wooden tractor complete with working wheels. Using creativity and imagination, participants will bring their tractor to life with unique colors and designs!

Pinewood Derby Car -

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Marble Roller Coaster -

Put your engineering skills to the test as you design, build, and experiment with your own roller coaster! Using everyday materials, youth will work individually or as a team to create a coaster track for a marble while exploring the science of gravity, friction, motion, and momentum. Through trial and error, participants will problem-solve, make improvements, and discover how real engineers design exciting rides.

Halloween Decor -

Get ready for a frightfully fun crafting adventure! In this hands-on workshop, youth will transform simple wood pieces into adorable Halloween characters bursting with personality. Using paint, googly eyes, ribbons, and fun decorations, you'll create a pumpkin pal, a silly mummy, and a friendly Frankenstein to take home and show off all season long.

