

December – April

4-H Newsletter



Dear 4-H Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families out enjoying the first of the spring weather as we finally feel some real heat in the sun (that we haven't had since fall). Sap is running, calving season is happening, spring sports and activities have started and the mud is everywhere! We had a busy winter season in the 4-H world: holiday parade, CANSKI, club activities, Ambassador goings-on. It was still a bit of a weird winter with the Omicron variant sweeping through the community and some brief school closures or quarantines. A few of our statewide, regional or national trips for 4-H have been modified or cancelled, but many are running (especially as we head into summer). Outdoor activities will get easier for those not inclined to like winter as the weather warms. That creates a lot of opportunities for our 4-H clubs to get together, catch up, work on projects, and be of service to the community. Here in the Ashland County Extension office, we are looking ahead to our Spring 4-H Arts Contest, upcoming archery and riflery series, 4-H Summer Camp and sending a couple of our older ME Scholarship members to National 4-H's Citizenship Washington Focus. And, of course, there's the Ashland County Fair! Details on these programs and more can be found in this newsletter. We'll look forward to seeing you out and about (and eventually without mud boots). Let our office know if there is anything you need by way of support, or just send us a photo and update on what your club is doing.

Take some time out as the weather warms to check on and catch up with your neighbors (and your neighbors in the 4-H family)!

Be well!
-Doug

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- CANSKI fun
- Ashwabay Summit Race highlights
- Rezberries Beading Workshop
- Ashland County Fair Queen in the City of Ashland's Christmas parade!
- County Fair Dates and Website
- Spring Art Contest Info.
- WI Land&Water Conservation Camp Opportunity!

Thank you!

volunteers!



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Keep an eye out for information on Elementary Adventure Days activities and dates!!



COMING SOON

- ◆ Monday, April 11th @ 6:30pm via zoom - Leaders Association Meeting
- ◆ Tuesday, April 12th - Rezberries Beading Workshop at the old Headstart building at 6:00 PM!
- ◆ Monday, April 18th - Pick up supplies for Spring Art contest at Extension Office

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- ◆ Monday, May 2nd - Spring Art due to the Extension Office
- ◆ Monday, May 16th - Spring art @ Vaughn Library
- ◆ Monday, May 9th @ 6:30pm via zoom - Leaders Association Meeting / Annual Leaders Training
 - Club Leaders AND Parents Invited, more info coming soon
- ◆ Monday's , May 9th-June 6th - 4-H Spring Archery Series at the Chequamegon Archery Club
- ◆ Tuesday's , May 10th-May 24th - 4-H Spring Shooting Sports Series at the Nortunen Family Farm near Marengo

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- ◆ Pick up art from Spring Art Contest at Extension Office



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- Fri-Sun, July 8-10th , 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Crosswoods in Delta, WI
- ◆ Monday, July 11th @ 6:30pm-Leaders Association Meeting at Ashland County Fairgrounds



- August 18th- August 21st Ashland County Fair more info on page 6!

ARCHERY

The Spring Archery Series will happen on Mondays at the Chequamegon Archery Club 3501 McDonald Rd on the east end of Ashland from May 9 - June 6th (not meeting on Memorial Day).

- Beginner/intermediate will take place from 6-7pm and intermediate/advanced from 7-8pm.
- Cost: \$5 (helps cover arrows).
- Age 10-18.

Equipment provided (Genesis Bows). Youth may bring their own bows with instructor permission. The series will focus on safety, equipment and maintenance, technique, individualized coaching for each youth to improve accuracy and proficiency, and archery games for fun and practice. Instructors are 4-H Archery certified shooting sports instructors. Co-sponsored by 4-H, Chequamegon Archery Club and Ashland Parks and Rec.



Information will be available on our website and social media. Please call or email our office to register or if you have any questions.
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RIFLERY

Riflery will take place on Tuesdays from May 10th to May 24th at the Nortunen Farm near Marengo.

- Beginner/intermediate will take place from 6-7:10pm and intermediate/advanced from 7:20-8:30pm.
- Cost: \$5 (helps cover ammunition).
- Age 12-18.

Equipment provided (.22 rifles and .177 high performance air rifles). The series will focus on safety, equipment and maintenance, technique, individualized coaching for each youth to improve their accuracy, and shooting games/contests for fun and practice. One session will be devoted to shotgun and clay pigeon shooting. Instructors are 4-H certified shooting sports instructors.



Watch for more info online

4-H Summer Camp

Theme: Coming Soon!
Dates: July 8-10th
Location: Camp Crosswoods, Delta, WI.
Age: youth in grades 3-8 during the 2021-2022 school year

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR HELP!
CONTACT DOUG.LIPHART@WISC.EDU OR
CALL 715-682-7017
TO VOLUNTEER!

4-H AMBASSADORS

On March 26, 4-H Ambassadors spent time ice fishing and learned Ice Safety and Rescue on Lake Superior. Doug Liphart and David Nortunen facilitated the activities on the Bay. Youth learned about ice safety and had the opportunity to practice in real-time by rescuing Matthew Nortunen from the water! Fully decked out in a dry suit, Matthew jumped into the freezing water to give his peers the chance to use their new skills.



After the rescue action, 4-H Ambassadors and their families roasted venison wieners around a campfire and fished.

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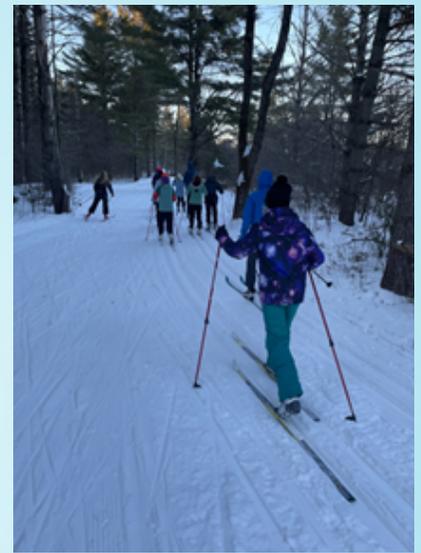
The 4-H Outdoor Adventure Leadership club has had a fun and rewarding 2022 winter session. 4-H partners with Northland College's SOEI Youth Outreach Programs to make the OAL experience happen! From February to April, Club leaders and masters of adventure Katherine, Claire, and Annalee took a small but mighty group of youth on weekly excursions to practice outdoor skills and leadership development. This winter included building a quinzee, fire building, sledding, and learning more about their own leadership styles. They also practiced group initiatives, ice breakers and had numerous opportunities to practice leading the group!



The ice fishing fell shy of action packed - only one fish was caught. The exciting news is that the fish (a Northern Pike) was 29 inches long!!! Bea Matus was the first one to the tip-up, earning the right to land the fish.



Their final overnight trip is coming up, where they plan to spend two nights on the North Country Trail, and the youth will take part in pieces of the planning process!!.

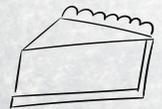


The 2022 4-H CANSKI season got 150 Bay Area youth out on cross country skis. Youth and families from Ashland and Bayfield Counties came together to explore local trails, improve their skiing and leadership skills, and got them outside and moving in the best season of they year under the tutelage of over 30 volunteer coaches. This winter was full of cold sunny days and steady snow, which made for an fun and successful season!

Ashland Elementary skiers and families got to know the hospital trails and play games with head coach Sara Hudson and her skilled volunteers. Our middle school skiers partnered with the Washburn skiers and Ian Meeker over at Mount Ashwabay! As always, the high school racing team scheduled several opportunities to mentor and play games with the younger skiers.



Ashwabay Summit Race



After a year-long break due to 2021 temperature conditions, skiers and supporters from all over the north showed up by the carload to take part in the **Great Pie Race!** There were 212 skiers, most with a cheering section in tow! Four Northern Conference middle and high school teams competed in 3 and 7 kilometer races.

Eleven College teams showed up for the Midwest Collegiate Ski Association conference race (25K continuous pursuit), and 75 citizens participated. In addition, a gaggle of kids showed up for the free children's 1K non-competitive event (they all got cookies for finishing).

First, Second, and Third place winners in each category won a pie of their choosing (1st) or a plate sized cookie bar (2nd & 3rd)! Indeed, the Summit Race is the only event in Wisconsin that features all edible awards. There was also a pie for the best costume worn in the interscholastic races - won by Sean Meeker of 4-H CANSKI while skiing to a second place finish in the the high school race. Over 35 volunteers from the Chequamegon Bay community donated 60 pies and 90 plate sized cookie bars for the event; from messy, chocolate pudding dirt pies to beautifully detailed, and carefully crafted fruit pies, there was something for everyone! In addition, 26 volunteers were onsite (day-of) for the event.

The Ashwabay Summit Race is a partnership between 4-H CANSKI, Mt Ashwabay Outdoor Education Foundation, and local volunteer trail groomers. Proceeds are split equally to fund these local organizations. Not only is this a fun community event, it also benefits your local 4-H Club :). This year the event raised over \$4,700 - a huge success!

The Rezberries hosted a Beading Workshop Tuesday, April 12th at the old Headstart building at 6:00 PM. This beading workshop was for youth to practice their beading skills and create an art piece for the Madeline Island Museum!

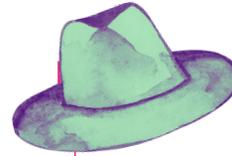


The City of Ashland's Christmas Parade was lucky enough to have 4-H's Viddy Wabindato representing the Ashland County Fair! Viddy and the Rezberries, along with friends and family, got to wave hello to all of Ashland's downtown in this fun community event!!



The Ashland County Fair isn't

that far away! Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 18th- August 21st! If you're interested in running for Fair Queen, wanting to get into Market Sale, volunteering at the Dairy Bar, or anything in-between check out <https://ashlandcofair.org/> and wait for more information to be released!



Thank You!

"hats off"

- The Nortunen Family for their help in putting together the ice safety/ice fishing 4-H Ambassador event.
- Jennifer Nortunen, Liz Wabindato, Jen Weiler, and Joe Corbine for their hard work planning the Spring String Art Contest.
- Jen Weiler and Joni Chapman for judging the String Art Contest.
- Scott Nesvold, Kate Ullman, and Dalt Collins for planning the Ashwabay Summit Ski Event; all of the volunteers on-site and volunteer bakers of awards, and the event sponsors. Thanks to Blake Frost in the Extension 4-H office for helping to coordinate over 50 volunteers for the event.
- The 4-H Ambassadors who put together the 2021 virtual Achievement night program (Matthew, Louis, Viddy, Lahaela).

CONGRATULATIONS

- To 4-H Volunteer and Supporter Zach Larson for being named a 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellow. This award is for educators that especially inspire and motivate in and out of the classroom!
- To 4-H Partner Joy Schelbe, Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Partner and Bad River Youth Development Educator, on being awarded the Robert and Carroll Heideman Award for Excellence in Public Service and Outreach! This award was given to Joy because of her dedication to her community as well as the cultural and social life of residents by sharing knowledge, talents and skills.

Spring Art Contest!!

string art

Let the 2022 Spring Art contest put your imagination to work! The Extension Office will provide the wood base and nails for the project (available at our office) and you provide the string and creativity. Work to design any shape or image you'd like out of nails, then go to town wrapping string around them to create a masterpiece. Visit the 4-H section of our website for inspiration and more information!

RULES

1. All art must be done using a wood square, nails, and some kind of string.
2. Participants should write their first and last name (and age) on the backside of the wood at the top.
3. Wood can be painted, stained, covered with fabric, etc. Anything you can think of!
4. All string types and colors are allowed (embroidery floss, crocheting thread, yarn, etc.)
5. Exhibits will be judged on: Originality, Quality, and Aesthetic Quality (design, composition, color/tones).



IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 18th** - Wood and nails available for pickup at the Extension Office, M-F 8:00-4:00
- **May 2nd** - Art due to the Extension Office by 4:00 pm
- **Week of May 9th** - Judging week!
- **Mid-May** - Art Display starts at The Vaughn Public Library, 2nd floor! **AND** Awards sent out

Monetary awards will be given for each age group!

Summer Opportunity: The WI Land + Water Conservation camps!

Wildlife programs, habitat restoration projects, daily field trips, teambuilding activities, and hands-on activities provide an in-depth look at natural resources management and careers.

For complete information, visit the 4-H section of our Website

Middle school youth (entering 6-8th grade in fall):

- June 15-June 18, 2022
- Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, Wisconsin Dells (Juneau County).
- Registration fee is \$200.00, and registration is due May 31 (fee increases to \$250.00 after registration deadline)

High school youth (entering 9-12th grade in fall; must be 17 or under):

- June 20-June 23, 2022
- at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters (Vilas County).
- Registration fee is \$350.00, and registration is due May 31 (fee increases to \$400.00 after registration deadline)

Registration fee includes lodging, meals, snacks, t-shirt, and all activities/program
Scholarships Available!



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