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4-H Newsletter



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Hello from the new Ashland County 4-H program educator!

Dear Ashland 4-H Community,

It's been an exciting couple of months since I began my role as the new 4-H program educator for Ashland County. Winter is an active season for 4-H in our region, and I've enjoyed meeting so many of you in the Extension Office, at club meetings, and out on the ski trails with CANSKI – what a great community devoted to supporting youth and their interests!

Now that we're firmly in the midst of mud season, we're excited to maintain our existing summer traditions while also expanding in new directions. The Spring Art Contest is in full swing, 4-H Summer Camp is right around the corner, and the County Fair will be here before we know it. Stay tuned for more opportunities heading your way throughout the coming months.

Lastly, we want to offer a huge THANK YOU to all of our dedicated volunteers who provide such amazing opportunities for youth in our community. Maybe you're a passionate club leader, a talented project leader sharing your expertise, or a busy parent preparing snacks for meetings. You are the heart of the 4-H experience, and 4-H wouldn't be 4-H without you. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or ideas on how we can make the 4-H experience in Ashland County even better.

Wishing you all the best this spring season. May your maple syrup taste extra sweet and your rhubarb sprout early.

Sincerely,
Dave

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<https://ashland.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/ashland-county-4-h/>



4-H Spring Art and Cookie Contest!



Theme: Biomorphic Art with Watercolors

Art supplies and entry forms are now available at the 4-H office on the first floor of the Ashland County Courthouse!

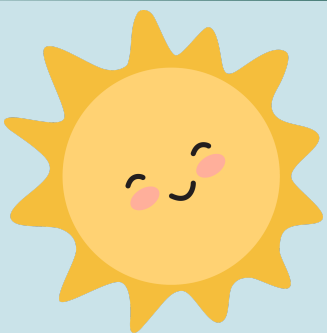
Artwork and Entry deadline: May 4, 2026

Cookies and recipe deadline: May 9, 2026

Contest Celebration: May 9, 1-3pm, Vaughn Library



For full info, including inspiration and art tutorials, scan the QR code with your phone, or go to [← ashland.extension.wisc.edu/whats-going-on](http://ashland.extension.wisc.edu/whats-going-on)



4-H SUMMER CAMP



June 27-29, 2006

Camp Crosswoods - Mason, WI

Grades 3-8

Registration opens May 1

For more info, head to the Summer Camp webpage:



Ashland County Fair



Save The Date!

Thursday, August 13th
thru

Sunday, August 16st

The Ashland County Fair is right around the corner. Four days of family, fun, and food! Stop on by the Dairy Bar (either for your shift or a sweet treat) and see the Market Sale Club's hard work! The fair will be open Thursday to accept exhibits. Friday through Sunday you can expect a fun schedule of events and smiling faces.



Statewide 4-H Events

Did you know that being a part of Ashland 4-H opens doors to statewide programming? Check out the great statewide offerings that are available to you! If you need funding support, please contact the Extension office.



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



CITY OF ASHLAND
PARKS & RECREATION



For registration, go to:

<https://secure.rec1.com/WI/ashland-wi/catalog>



Summer Day Camps

with Ashland Parks and Rec

(for ages 5-15)

- Week 1 (July 13-16): Teen Leadership Camp
- Week 2 (July 20-23): Barnyard
- Week 3 (July 27-30): Outerspace
- Week 4 (Aug 3-6): Super Heroes
- Week 5 (Aug 10-13): Fantasy and Fairytales
- Week 6 (Aug 17-20): Forest Creatures
- Week 7 (Aug 24-27): Under the Sea

Park Cleanup

9 am - Orientation

12 pm - Chili and Sandwiches

Door Prizes!

Free tree seedlings!

Dress for work and weather
(gloves, long sleeves, water, etc.)

Bluebird Box Build

1 - 3 pm

Build a Nesting box to take home

Mounting pole included!

All materials and tools provided

Suggested donation - \$10
(for materials)



Work, Play Earth Day

May 2, 2026

at Copper Falls State Park

(all ages)



Take your interests and run with them!

A project-based mindset is what makes 4-H so unique. 4-H Projects provide an opportunity for youth to explore new interests, build knowledge, set goals, develop confidence, and foster leadership skills.

Need some help picking a project that is right for you? Check out the Project Guide and other resources available from UW Extension. Paper copies are available in the 4-H office! There are nearly endless project pathways to explore for all different ages.

If you have any questions or want to discuss ideas for your project, come talk with Dave in the Ashland Extension Office.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>



Volunteer with 4-H!



April 19-25, 2026 is National Volunteer Week, and the Ashland County Extension Office extends a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers. You are the heart of 4-H and make everything possible.

Do you know of anyone else who might be interested in volunteering? Got an idea for a new 4-H club? Want to contribute your talents and knowledge to youth programming? Come talk with Dave in the 4-H office!

Ashland 4-H Clubs in action!



Rezberries in the Applefest Parade



Sewing Club donating their hand-sewn napkins to Stone Soup Cafe



Pearce Peppers @ the Red Kettle



CANSKI at the State Meet in Cable!



Busy Beavers meets Dave and his rocks



Measure twice, cut once



Lifelong sewing skills



Fair planning is under way for the Market Sale Club!



CANSKI Booking Across the Bay



Team 4-H donating \$700 profits from the pancake breakfast to the Cancer Center



CANSKI at the Nourse Sugarbush



Busy Beavers getting creative for the Spring Art Contest

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