

4-H Family Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Families,
Congratulations to the 8 middle school 4-H CANSKI skiers who competed in Northern Conference Ski meet on January 28th at the Birkie Trail head in Cable. This year's 4-H CANSKI Middle School Team practices on Tuesday's and Thursday's at Mt Ashwabay have been regularly attended by over 25 skiers. Coaches Dave Ullman, Melissa Fischbach and Blaise Sopiwnik have done an excellent job balancing a wide variety of experience levels and keep practices moving with fun drills and active games that build confidence and balance.



4-H CANSKI is a collaborative 4-H club between Ashland and Bayfield County 4-H and provides members the opportunity to rent boots, poles and skis for the season. Another dozen adult volunteer leaders provide organized instruction to 60 skiers in grades K-4. Despite the warm temperatures and rain

in late December, over a foot of snow has since then has provided Mt Ashwabay some of the best natural skiing in the region.

The 4-H CANSKI club is an excellent example of how the 4-H Program actively **engages youth** into a dynamic learning opportunity, develops **positive relationships between youth and adults** and create a **sense of belonging**.

SPARKS (opportunities to pursue learning) **Belonging, Positive Relationships and Engagement** are all foundational elements of the 4-H **Thriving Model**. When these foundational experiences are present in youth programs, research supports that youth are more likely to develop a growth mindset, and are more open to challenge and discovery. The experience creates a prosocial orientation and helps to develop skills in goal setting and management. These *Thriving Model* experiences are present whenever youth and adults come together and are engaged in their learning.

The 4-H Developmental Context

4-H programs done well help you thrive by...



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GET INVOLVED IN 4-H THIS YEAR!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2025 COUNTYWIDE 4-H EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE



SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
GREAT LAKES VISITOR CENTER



Please join us for this countywide opportunity to showcase the 4-H projects you have been working on. Receive constructive feedback from local artists and fair judges & meet other 4-Hers from around the county. A NEW mixture of our well loved Cultural Arts Festival along with a variety of pre-fair events with premiums!

- ART & CRAFT SHOW
- PERFORMING ARTS & TALENT SHOW
- DEMONSTRATION CONTEST
- FOODS REVUE
- CLOTHING REVUE
- JUDGED BY LOCAL ARTISTS & CERTIFIED FAIR JUDGES



4-H SUMMER CAMP



JUNE 28-30

CAMP CROSSWOODS, DELTA

A fun and affordable sleepaway summer camp experience for our areas youth in grades 3-8!



SWIMMING-ARTS&CRAFTS-CANOEING-CAMPFIRE SONGS-GROUP GAMES-SKITS-4-H QUALITY FUN!

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP



WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

GREAT LAKES VISITOR CENTER

A special day camp experience for our Cloverbuds (4-Hers in grades K-2)



NATURE EDUCATION & EXPLORING-ARTS & CRAFTS-SCAVENGER HUNT- GROUP GAMES

BAYFIELD COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 7-10



4-H FALL JAMBOREE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

BAYFIELD CO.

FAIRGROUNDS



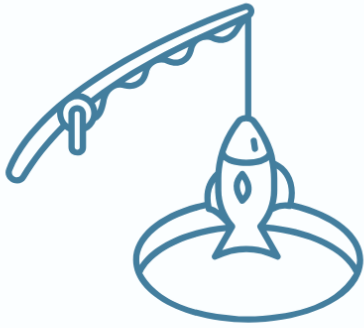
Join other clubs and 4-H families in our county as we celebrate the end to the 4-H year and kick off the new one with an afternoon of games, friendly competitions, & fun activities for all ages, followed by a dinner and campfire with recognition for our achieving members.

GROUP GAMES & COMPETITIONS-CAMPFIRE-DINNER & POTLUCK-AWARDS-ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

**Full details & registration information will be emailed and mailed out as it becomes available. Stay in the loop by regularly checking your email tied to your 4HOnline account, or by attending your club's meetings. Dates and locations may be subject to change, check most recent correspondences & our website for changes.



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**AREA YOUTH & PARENTS:
JOIN US FOR A FREE**

INTRODUCTION TO ICE FISHING COURSE

Wednesday, February 19th

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**EOC Room @ The Bayfield
County Courthouse Annex
117 E 6th St, Washburn**



**Taught by Darrin Miller
Operations Supervisor
Les Voight Fish Hatchery
and life long fisherman.**

What we'll cover:

- Ice safety
- Gear & fishing systems
- Rod set ups for different types of fish
- Use of various hooks, jigs, & lures & how to attach them to lines & leaders

REGISTER NOW BY SCANNING QR CODE

OR GO TO:

**BAYFIELD.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/
INTRODUCTION-TO-ICE-FISHING-CLASS/**



**All participants, if accompanied
by an adult, will qualify to access
the 4-H Ice Fishing equipment
which includes:**

- 2 Pop up light weight ice shelters
- 1 Electric Ice Auger
- 1 Hand Auger
- 1 Vexlar
- 2 Sleds
- 13 Ice fishing rods
- 15 Tip ups
- 2 minnow buckets
- 6 hole skimmers
- 3 Seats



The Division of Extension is committed to creating an accessible, inclusive, and equitable experience for all program participants. If you would like to request an accommodation for this programming please contact Kaylie.Lukas@wisc.edu or visit <https://extension.wisc.edu/disability-accommodations/>

Meet Your 4-H Ambassadors

Our Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors are the role models of our county's 4-H program. They are dedicated and ambitious 4-H members who are interested in collaborating with other county youth to improve the Bayfield County 4-H program. They reach the public with the 4-H story, help other 4-H'ers better understand the 4-H program, promote 4-H programs, and assist with 4-H events.

Please welcome our new ambassadors!

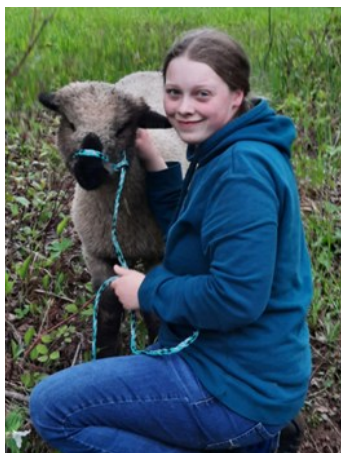
From Drummond Explorers: Alyssa Renz
From Friendly Valley: Prescott Bell, Aubree Markin, & Peyton Mattison

And our returning ambassadors:

From Drummond Explorers: Nate Renz
From Friendly Valley: Brooklyn Benson, Erik Maki, & Tyler Lind
From Gitche Gumees: Chalee Luzzatto & Thor Tuura
From Pine Creek: Avana Beeksmas

Read on to learn a bit about these dedicated 4-Hers.

Peyton Mattison



Hi I'm Peyton Mattison, I'm an eighth grader at Drummond school. This is my fourth year in 4H. I like taking care of my animals, reading, baking, and listening to music. My favorite 4-H projects are horses, model horses, sheep, rabbit, veterinary science, and Market Sale.

Tyler Lind



My name is Tyler Lind and I have been in the Friendly Valley 4-H Club for two years. I am in 9th grade and some of my favorite hobbies are skiing, painting, and fishing.

Erik Maki



My name is Erik Maki. I am a Sophomore at Washburn High School. Some of my hobbies are basketball, baseball, cross country running, fishing, and hunting. I like to bake and work at Coco's in Washburn.

I have been in the Friendly Valley 4-H Club for eight years as a member, and three years as a Cloverbud. A couple of things I like about this club are our community service projects and our Winter Fun Day. I enjoy entering photography, woodworking, and baked goods at the Bayfield County Fair. You may have seen me there because I like to help with judging in the Exhibit Hall and working at the 4-H Food Stand. 4-H Camp and Foods Revue are 4-H county activities I like to participate in. Last summer, I went on 4-H American Spirit Experience and really enjoyed Fenway Park, the Empire State Building, and whale watching. I just received word that I was selected for the State 4-H Communications Team and the State 4-H Photography Committee. I look forward to learning more about 4-H and photography through these opportunities.

Aubree Markin



My name is Aubree Markin and I am in eighth grade at Washburn Middle School. At school I am involved in basketball, volleyball and track. I am a member of the Friendly Valley 4-H Club. Some of my favorite 4-H projects include photography

and baking. I enjoy running and hanging out with friends. I am also involved with youth group at Grace Bible Fellowship.

Prescott Bell



Hello! I am Prescott Bell. I am 14 years old, in 9th grade and live in Washburn Wisconsin. My hobbies include mountain biking, building things, hunting, playing violin and violin repair. Some of my favorite 4H projects have been playing my violin at the culture arts festival, making models out of wood for the fair and creative writing for the fair.

Brooklyn Benson



My name is Brooklyn Benson, and I am a 9th grader at Ambleside School Of Ashland. I am in Friendly Valley 4-H club and I am also a part of the Bayfield county Youth and Governance team. When I am not doing either of those I am usually in a play or at home hanging with my family. I really enjoy being outside and I especially love to downhill ski (if time permits). I look forward to this coming year in 4-H, this summer I am going on the American Spirit East trip and helping my mom run the 4-H food booth! I am proud to be an ambassador and look forward to seeing what this coming year has in store for me!

Interested in becoming one of our Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors?

All 4-H members in 8th grade and up can become an ambassador by applying through out Older Member Awards process in September.

Besides being an ambassador– you can receive awards for what you’ve already done in your club and community, AND receive funding to attend a variety of 4-H trips (details on pages 11-13).

Look for application information & deadlines this summer!

Avana Beeksma



I am Avana Beeksma. I am 18 and a Senior at Washburn High School. I am currently a Youth Apprentice working as a Certified Nursing Assistant/ Health Unit Coordinator at Tamarack Health. Some of my hobbies are ice skating and reading, and cheerleading with Washburn High School. My favorite 4-H

projects are horses and baking. Since becoming an ambassador in 8th grade I have enjoyed mentoring younger members in the Horse Project. As an Older Member, I have taken advantage of the opportunities 4-H has offered me, such as attending statewide and national 4-H events such as Fall Forum, Advanced Space Academy, Drama Company, and National 4-H Congress.

Chalee Luzzatto



My name is Chalee Luzzatto. I am a junior at South Shore High School. I am a part of the Gitche Gumme 4H club, and have been in 4H for 8 years. Some of my hobbies are riding horses, playing volleyball, basketball, and softball. My favorite 4H projects are horses, pottery, cake decorating, and foods.

Not pictured: Nate Renz, Alyssa Renz, Thor Tuura

**Reminder to High School Seniors-
4-H Senior Scholarship Applications
must be submitted to our office no
later than March 1st!**

Club Updates

Bayfield County 4-H is home to 5 community clubs, as well as 3 project specific clubs.

4-H Community Clubs

Drummond Explorers
Friendly Valley
Gitche Gumee
Pine Creek
Whispering Pines

Project Specific Clubs

Bayfield County 4-H Market Sale
Equine Council
4-H CANSKI
Ino Valley Ceramics Club

Read on to learn more and see what some of our clubs have been up to!

4-H CANSKI

4-H Chequamegon Area Nordic Ski is a joint Ashland & Bayfield County project specific 4-H club. Our mission is to promote fun, fitness, safety, and excellence in the lifelong sport of cross country skiing. All area youth are welcome to join! We are excited to have snow this year! Trail conditions have been great, and though we had to cancel a practice due to the cold weather, elementary practices are going well. The season runs through February.

Did you know that it's easy to start your own club?

To become a 4-H club, all you need are:

- **5 or more youth ages K-13 from 2 or more families that want to join**
- **1 or more adults willing to become 4-H adult volunteers**

Clubs can be a traditional **community club** that focus on leadership development, community service, and hands on learning for youth of all ages and interests in your local community.

Clubs can also be **project specific**. In project clubs, activities and meetings are organized around a specific 4-H project that all the youth that are involved are interested in.

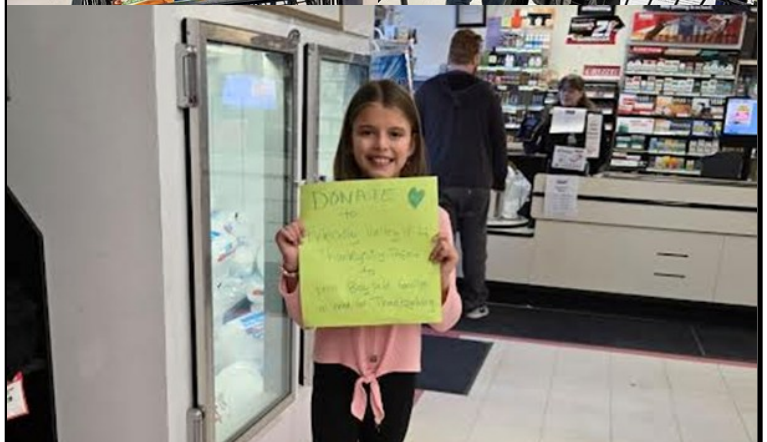
4-H Clubs can be anything you want them to be and they can come in all shapes and sizes. If you are interested in starting a new club in our county, please contact the 4-H office and we will help to get you started.

Friendly Valley

In October 2 new families joined our club. We made ice cream for the 4H ice cream contest. Everyone had really good ideas.



In November we had our club elections and our Thanksgiving project. We were able to raise enough money to buy groceries for 9 families for their Thanksgiving dinners. Everyone had a really fun time.



Submitted by Owen Lind

Gitche Gumee

In September we held our club elections, turned in our record books and discussed enrollment. Our new club officers are:

President- Chalee Luzzatto
Vice President- McKenna Coy
Secretary- Ada Johnston
Treasurer- Lexy Wehrman

We have 2 club reporters this year:
myself- Allyson Golly and Rocklynn Dull.

We also held our annual hayride. It was held on Friday, Sept. 13. We followed up with popcorn, cookies and hot chocolate. We would like to thank our drivers Mike Davidson and Jeremy Francisco.



In October, we had our carnival sign up, cupcake decorating, and continued to discuss enrollment. We had several project leaders come in and talk about their project. It was very helpful.



Our carnival was held on Friday, Oct. 25, held at the Iron River Community center. We had a great turn out.



Submitted by Allyson Golly—
Gitche Gumee Reporter

On December 1st, our club held one of our community service activities, Christmas caroling and tree lighting. We met at the Oulu park. Our Foods and Nutrition members made several different types of cookies and we had coffee and hot chocolate. We had a great turn out despite it being very cold.



At our meeting on Dec. 4th, we had a brief meeting then had our club achievement night.



Our January meeting was held on Jan. 8th, we handed back record books and went over the new record book forms.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE! CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL & PRE-FAIR EVENTS

WHO: All 4-Hers in grades K-12

WHEN: Saturday, April 12th
9am-1pm

WHERE: Northern Great Lakes
Visitor Center

WHAT: All 4-H members are encouraged to take part. Get ready for a countywide 4-H opportunity to exhibit the projects you have been working on, or show us your talent. All entries will be judged by local artists and fair judges, and constructive feedback will be provided.

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

TALENT SHOW

We have a lot of talent in 4-H! Show us what you've got! Sing a song, play an instrument, perform a skit or short play, perform a dance, puppet show, or magic tricks, anything! You may perform on your own or in a group. This is a great opportunity for clubs to work together on a group performance, and a one-of-a-kind opportunity to perform in front of a supportive audience.



ART SHOW

Arts and crafts created through 4-H project work or on your own time can be shown. Bring your photography, drawings, paintings, pottery, ceramics, crafts, & creative writing. Please bring items that were made between September



1st– present, nothing you have already entered in the 2024 fair.

LEGOS CONTEST

Bring your Lego creations! Each participant may bring 1 kit-creation and one original creation for judging.



FOODS REVUE

Plan and prepare a delicious, balanced, & healthy recipe that fits with the year's theme and plan a table service display. All entries will be judged by a certified fair judge and fair premiums will be provided.

CLOTHING REVUE

Bring any items you have sewed, knit, or crocheted this 4-H year, and receive constructive feedback from a certified fair judge. Fair premiums provided.

DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

This is a traditional 4-H opportunity and pre-fair event with premiums. This is a great way to improve on presentation skills, and share your knowledge on a topic you are interested in. Topics might be related to one of your favorite 4-H projects, but you can demonstrate anything you'd like.

Full details & registration forms will go out soon. Start planning your entries now! Entry forms due to the 4-H office by March 31st.

Questions? Please contact Kaylie at the 4-H Office.

Ceramics Classes with Glory

4-H Leader Glory Bizub will be teaching a spring 4-H ceramics series! Open to all 4-H members 3rd grade and up, classes are held Monday nights from 6-7:30pm at Glory's home studio off Hwy 2 in Ino.



When: Monday nights, March 3rd-April 21st

Youth will choose from a variety of items to glaze, and will learn all about glazing techniques. Classes are free but all ceramic items will be paid for and taken home to get ready for the fair. Items vary by cost, expect to spend \$10-20.

Interested? Please contact Glory at 715-746- 2311 to sign up.



UPDATES:

Save the date! The Bayfield County Fair will be held August 7-10!

Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback about the fair by taking a quick survey.

Go to: bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/244/Bayfield-County-Fair



Changes to fair entries in 2025:

This year there will be some major changes to the way exhibitors will enter into the fair.

Firstly, **the fair office will no longer be printing and distributing paper premium lists.** The premium list will be available for viewing on the fair's website, and can be printed and picked up for a fee.

Secondly, **all entries will be submitted electronically through the fair's website** starting this year. There will no longer be a paper entry option. Payment can still be made either online or by mailing or dropping off a check.

As we get closer to fair entry time, we can discuss what this will mean for 4-H clubs and members, and how our 4-H office can help to make this transition easier for clubs. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to:

Fair Coordinator, David Eades
715-373-3493
thefair@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

Opportunities at our UW Extension partner location:



Adventures in Nature Homeschool Program

Thursdays from 10-12pm . Fun, interactive, science activities for children ages 5 to 10.

Monarch Sanctuaries of Mexico with Naturalist Emily Stone

Thursday, Feb 13th, 7-8pm

Naturalist Emily Stone traveled to Michoacán, Mexico, in December



2022 to visit the sanctuaries where monarch butterflies overwinter. The temperate fir forests that cradle the butterflies sit atop high peaks of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt. In a delicate balance between staying cool enough to conserve fat stores and warm enough not to freeze, the monarchs seek out a variety of microhabitats even as the climate changes around them. The tangle of relationships will astound you. Hosting by USFWS

Birch Fairy House Workshop

Sat, Feb 15th, 10-12pm

Come help out the fairies! Materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies will be provided, including a birch log "blank" on a base. All ages welcome, but children under



age 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. This program is sponsored in part by the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Friends of the Center. Space is limited. \$20 per fairy house. Vivianne Hanke will be your instructor and she and her family offer this special program as a fundraiser to the Friends of the Center. Call Rose at 715-685-9983

State & National 4-H Opportunities



Art Beat! 2025

As we settle into the rhythms of winter, it is a perfect time to think about art and our next major 4-H State Arts activity, **Art Beat!**

Art Beat is a 4-H, hands on, interactive art experience in beautiful Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Participants will learn to juggle, make visual arts, create a STEAM project, explore music, and much, much more. Art Beat is led by older 4-H youth and professional artists in a variety of disciplines from painting, theater, textiles, and music. 4-Hers will also get to experience an overnight camp adventure. **The goal for Art Beat is to help young people to explore their artistic sparks.** Along with art activities, 4-Hers will participate in traditional camp activities like campfire, spirit contest, and counselor-led fun.

Who: 4-H Members Grades 3-5

**Parents can attend with their children as chaperones if they wish. Contact jay.johnson2@wisc.edu for more information on chaperoning.



LEARN MORE

Where: Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

When: March 15-16th

**Optional overnight accommodations available on the 14th.

Cost: \$100-\$145, Pay what you can tiered structure.

Funding may be available from the county or state, please ask!

Registration will be open in 4HOnline January 20th– February 17th! If you need help registering or have questions, please contact our 4-H office.

Great Lakes Coastal Quests

UW-Madison staff are looking for input from local youth groups on this project on the natural and cultural history of the Wisconsin Great Lakes.

As a 4-H club or group, you can work together to add to our Bayfield County Story Map of the Great Lakes Coastal Counties project.

Check out the website for more information on this initiative:

extension.wisc.edu/environmentaleducation/covid-19-resources-2/great-lakes-coastal-quests/



Interested in getting involved with this UW-Madison & Wisconsin Sea Grant project? Please get in touch with our 4-H office.

Wildlife & Woods

Register via
4HOnline
wi.4honline.com

CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-12
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 27, 2025

FEB. 24, 2025

MAR. 24, 2025

APRIL 28, 2025

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 29, 2025

FEB. 26, 2025

MAR. 26, 2025

APRIL 23, 2025



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc



More State & National 4-H Opportunities

Attend Summer Academy 2025!

Registration opens March 1st

Discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

When: June 16-19

Where: UW-Madison Campus

Cost: \$450

More info at:



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

Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ag Technology Food Science Genetics Veterinary work Tours of Arlington Research Center, greenhouses on campus, and the Meat Science lab 	Arts & Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography Painting Performance Arts Nature Art Radio Writing Sign Language 	Culinary Arts & Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooking & Baking Workshops Hands-on, official simulations at Madison College's mock hospital Industry Careers Respiratory Health 	Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education Social Work Non-Profit Mgmt. Choose day-long community service opportunity with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Feeding America Amer. Heart Assn. Goodman Community Center
Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover WI Past, Present, & Future Reimagine your hometowns Meet your elected officials & staff Tour the Capitol Volunteer service 	S.T.E.M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeology Aviation Biotechnology Climate Change Engineering Entrepreneurship Geology Quantum Science Stem Cells 	Trades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive: build and race RC cars Construction: tools, design, & materials Diesel / Ag Tech: work with heavy machinery Electro-Mechanic: automation & robotics 	



Take part in a WI 4-H Competitive Shoot

2025 Statewide Competitive Shoot opportunities have been announced! If you are a 4-H member in the shooting sports project, you can participate in these!

For full details, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/

Become a Certified Instructor – Support our Youth

Adult instructors are always needed in teaching roles in our county shooting sports program. Having a complete understanding of shooting sports equipment is helpful but many adults are certified each year with limited or no shooting sports experience. When you attend a certification workshop, you gain a basic understanding of the equipment and learn how to run shooting activities. Our 4-H office can cover your mileage, training, & lodging costs.

Upcoming Training:

West Bend– February 1st, 8am-5pm

Head

• Academic or vocational success

Heart

• Contribution to others through civic engagement

Hands

• Employability and economic stability

Health

• Happiness and well being

4-H Travel Experiences

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Did you know that there are a variety of 4-H travel experiences available to members? Did you know that each year our Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association helps to fund these travel experiences for active 4-H youth?

Fall Forum– Fall forum runs the first weekend of November each year and is a great way to kick off the start of the 4-H year and build enthusiasm for the year ahead.



Get to know other 4-H youth and adult leaders from around the state, take part in a variety of 4-H related workshops, and have fun at evening activities like an ice cream social, dance, games, and SPARK stations. All leaders & youth in grades 7 & up are encouraged to attend. This trip is fully funded by our 4-H Leaders Association for qualifying youth that apply through the 4-H Older member Awards process!

This year 4-H Operations and Communications Associate attended along with 4-H Ambassador & Friendly Valley member Brooklyn Benson.



Summer Academy– A 4 day program for on the UW Madison Campus for 8-11th graders. Participants get a feel for what college life is like by staying in the residence halls. Participants choose an area that interests them (a SPARK): agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, etc. and then take part in a variety of fun track-based activities, field trips, and seminars throughout the day, with fun full group opportunities for socializing in the evening.

Read on to learn more about what this trip was like from Tyler Lind, who attended Summer Academy last summer.

American Spirit East– A 10 day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada with a focus on American history and heritage. 4-H Ambassador Erik Maki of Friendly Valley attended this trip in 2024. Please read on to learn more about this unique opportunity.

Read on and learn more about what this trip is like from Erik Maki, who attended the trip last summer.

Citizenship Washington Focus– a week long citizenship & leadership experience in Washington D.C. Participants learn about our US Government by touring a variety of historical sites, meet with state representatives, sit in on a house meeting, and take part in a variety of educational workshops. 4-H

Graduate Brian Maki took part in Citizenship Washington Focus this year. Read on to get a better idea of what to expect from CWF by reading his essay.

Interested in going on any of these trips?

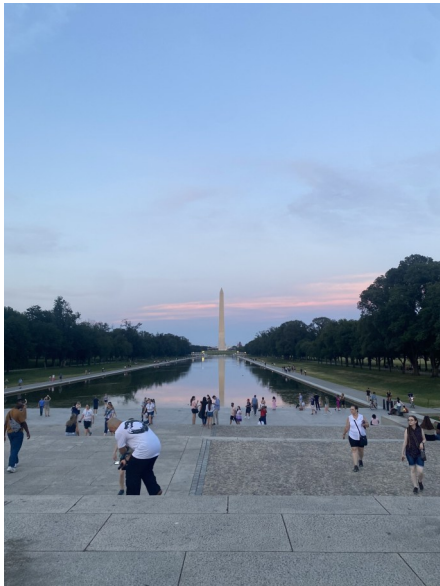
Apply for funding through our 4-H Leaders Association Older member Awards program this fall!

Space Camp- Travel to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Alabama and learn about what it's like to be astronaut with NASA! Take part in NASA's 3 day **Pathfinder Program** where you'll take part in a variety of simulated space activities. This trip is open to youth in **grades 6-8**.

Traveler Experiences

Citizen Washington Focus Trip By Brian Maki

This summer, I was a delegate for the Citizen Washington Focus trip. This trip is a big conference with 4H youth from many different states and is held in Washington, D.C. All of the states stayed in the same big hotel. At the hotel we participated in big group games and activities, listened to guest speakers, engaged in workshops about citizenship and leadership, and we had most of our meals there. We spent a lot of our time touring Washington, D.C. We went to a lot of monuments and memorials, government buildings, historical sites, and museums. We were also able to meet with staff from both of our states' Senators and ask them questions about current and future policies they are working on.



During this trip, there was constant learning about a lot of different topics. First, I learned about the places in Washington, D.C. that we visited during our tours. I also learned a lot of history about America, government and law, Washington, D.C., and historical people from the museums. Second, I learned more about leadership. A lot of

this came from the workshops. In the workshops, we spoke in front of people, worked in groups, and had debates and discussions about a bunch of different topics. I also learned more about our government and citizenship. This was another big topic in the workshops. We did activities and discussions that taught us more about the government. We also toured places like the Capitol and Supreme Court Buildings.



I think that this trip had a good impact on me. I was able to strengthen my knowledge and leadership abilities. I was able to see our nation's Capitol and tour the very notable and interesting sites there. I was also able to meet fellow youth from around the country. There were even 4Hers from Alaska there! I was able to talk with and build friendships with other

delegates from around the country. I thought this was a very fun and informative trip, and a great experience.

My experience at 4-H Summer Academy by Tyler Lind



I was very fortunate this summer to be able to go on a trip to the 4-h Summer Academy. I didn't fully know what to expect but at the end I was definitely glad I did it.

I started by taking a bus from Wausau to the University of Wisconsin Madison where we got to our dorms and learned more about what we were going to be doing. Next we split up into groups and met some of the other people we were going to be doing activities with for the rest of the trip. I was pretty surprised with how nice everything was and the food was also very good.

One of my favorite parts of the trip was getting to go into the arts building where we learned about some different styles and even get to do some art ourselves. There were some very talented artists from the university that helped us out and we even got to go to a really cool art museum called the Chazen at the end of the trip where I saw some really famous and old artwork.

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Traveler Experiences Continued

I also signed up for an electrician course where we got to learn from two people from the Madison Area Technical College. I didn't know much about being an electrician but I actually enjoyed it quite a bit and i'm glad I signed up for it. Another fun part of the trip was getting to know people from all around the state and learning about what different regions of Wisconsin are like. I would like to thank the 4-H leaders association for the financial support and the opportunity to go on this trip and I'm looking forward to going on other trips in the future!



lengths to the foul poles. Fenway Park also has some landmarks in the baseball world including the Green Monster, a 37- foot tall wall in left field, and the Pesky Pole, which is the right foul pole.

Another one of my favorite stops was Valley Forge. Valley Forge was the winter encampment for the Revolutionary Army in the winter of 1777 and 1778. At Valley Forge, there was a guided tour and we saw some replicas of the cabins the soldiers slept in. We also saw the actual house George Washington lived in. One interesting fact is the house George Washington stayed in was actually rented by him. He could not just live there for free due to a Continental Law, which forbade mandatory housing to the army.



American Spirit Experience by Erik Maki

The American Spirit Experience is a 4-H trip where you visit the Northeastern United States. The experience is ten days long. During these 10 days, you will spend countless hours on a bus with other delegates. You learn a lot about the United States Revolutionary War by stopping at different stops. There are also stops like the Empire State Building and Fenway Park.



One of my favorite stops was the tour of Fenway Park. In case you don't know, Fenway Park is the home of the Boston Red Sox, a team in the MLB. Fenway Park is the oldest active ballpark in the MLB. It is also one of the smallest, with the two smallest



I thought the Eastern American Experience was a great trip! I would highly recommend it! Sometimes it might seem like there was so much to see, but it was a great experience and I would totally do it again.



Youth Livestock Opportunities

WI 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest



Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. 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 winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition held each fall in Louisville at **the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)**.

Skillathon Contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville at **the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)**.

These events encourage members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence.

Who can participate? Any current 4-H members grades 3-13.

Interested in starting a Bayfield County team? Round-up some 4-H or FFA friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry. Questions? Please get in touch with our 4-H office.

When: March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2024

Where: UW-Madison Campus

Full details at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>



Educational Livestock Materials

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program has a variety of "Learning Laboratory Kits" that groups can rent! This is a great resource to help you prepare for the state events, or just to help build knowledge around the livestock projects.

The kits include learn-by-doing activities, designed as a series of mini-learning stations where participants test their knowledge and abilities on anatomy, breeds, conformation, meat science, and quality assurance. Each kit includes instructions, a video, curriculum guide, posters, charts, diagrams, tags, and situation/ task statements.

These would be a great resource for project meetings. There are general animal kits, and a huge variety of more specific kits such as swine parasites, sheep birthing management, forages, body condition scoring, etc.

Animals included are:

- Goats
- Swine
- Sheep
- Beef
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Horses

Learn more and check out materials by going to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/format/skillathon/>



Starting a 4-H Livestock Education Club

In Bayfield County 4-H, the animal sciences have always been some of our most popular projects. We have a healthy 4-H Market Sale Program and many youth in the county who are learning about and raising their own livestock!

There has been some interest expressed in starting a county 4-H livestock education club, where youth would have the opportunity to focus on the learning side of livestock and veterinary science rather than focusing on showing.

If you are a family or group interested in getting something of this nature going, please reach out to our 4-H office. There is also [How to start knowledge based livestock teams video:](#)



4-H Horse Opportunities

2025 Horse Education Days: State Hippology, Horse Bowl, Speaking, & Demonstration Contest

May 3-4, UW Green Bay
Register by April 1st

Our Bayfield County 4-H Equine Council is planning to send a team down to this fun and educational event this year! If you are interested in taking part, please plan to attend our Equine Council meetings, or get in contact with Christine Beeksma at 682-8333.



The 4-H Horse Bowl provides an opportunity for youth in grades 3-13 and enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting.

These contests provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators. Youth answer questions in teams of 3 or 4 members and compete against other teams in the same class. Senior class competitors also complete a written exam on their knowledge.

These events consist of quiz-style questions about the following topics: Nutrition and Feed, Health and Diseases, History, Evolution and Breeds, Reproduction and Genetics, Anatomy, and Showmanship Basics.

Save the Date: Other 2025 State Horse Events

WI 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinics
June 27-29, Sheboygan fairgrounds

Gymkhana
September 6th– State Fairgrounds, West Allis

WI 4-H Horse Expo
September 12-14– , State Fairgrounds, West Allis

More information on all events & rules at:
4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/

Equine Education Zoom Series

Feb 25th– Equine Nutrition

Mar 24th– Equine Tick Diseases

Scan QR code to register or go to: go.osu.edu/equineseries (6:30-8pm)



Bayfield County 4-H Equine Council

The Bayfield County 4-H Equine Council has been meeting regularly this year, and if you are signed up for the horse project, you should be receiving postcards and email reminders!

So far this season the group has met to elect officers, fundraised at the Spooktacular in October and sold tack & pies, and began planning and talking about preparing to send a team down for horse bowl.

The next meeting will be held on January 26th, 2pm at the Iron River Community Center and the group will be taking part in a mini Horse Bowl so members can learn more about how it works.

The group meets each month, on the last Sunday of the month. If you're a family that would like to get involved, even if your children are younger (Cloverbud age), please get in touch with our 4-H office and we'll add you to the groups' mailing list.

Bayfield County Equine Council
Meeting Minutes
12/29/24 at 7pm
Via Zoom

- I. President Chalee called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
- II. Pledges led by Lexy and Chalee
- III. Roll call: Gitchee Gumee -Chalee, Lexy, Addison; Pine Creek- Avana, Kinsley; Drummond Explorers- Alyssa
- IV. Treasurer's Report: waiting for check. Current amount \$130.
Addie made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Lexy. Motion carried.
- V. Secretary's Report given by Chalee. October was focused on preparing for the spooktacular. Addie made a motion to approve the secretary's report, seconded by Lexy. Motion carried.
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. Sale: sold pies and tack \$150 made at sale, \$20 donation to K9
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Horse bowl: learn horse trivia to compete against other teams. The competition will be on May 3rd at UW Green Bay, combined with Hippology. Wide range of topics will be covered. Teams need to have four members. Speaking and Demonstration contest will also take place and is judged.
 - b. Future meetings: January 26th at 2pm at the IRCC. We will do our own Horse Bowl. Avana will provide a Horse Clinic in April.
- VIII. Adjournment 7:29
Avana made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alyssa. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by Alyssa Renz

Winter Horse Zoom Series

CFAES



Horses at the Ohio State ATI Equine Center stand outside their run-in shed.

Join us for a winter zoom series of meetings about horses! This informative and interactive series is open to anyone interested in horses and the topics listed. This series is FREE but preregistration for the zoom link is required. This three part series is hosted by The Ohio State University Equine Team, but include speakers from Penn State, and the University of Minnesota.

Each session will be approximately one hour of content and 30 minutes for questions and answers at the conclusion.

DATES: January, February, March

TIME: 6:30PM- 8:00PM

To Register : <https://go.osu.edu/equineseries>
or use QR Code



For questions please reach out to Janessa Hill hill.1357@osu.edu or Kara Colvin colvin.53@osu.edu

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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

January 28th

Dr. Krishona Martinson is a Professor and Extension Program Leader with the University of Minnesota. Dr. Martinson will be covering equine forages and equine issues related to forages, and then have time to answer questions at the end of presentation.

February 25th

Amber Krotky currently serves as Quality and Product Development Manager at MARS Horsecare US Inc (BUCKEYE™ Nutrition) in Dalton, Ohio. Amber will be presenting on equine nutrition and then have time to answer questions at the end of presentation.

March 24th

Join Dr. Erika Machtinger from Penn State University as she discuss ticks and horse. She will cover things to be aware of and observant of while working with horses in Ohio with ticks present.

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information, visit osuidiversity.osu.edu. For an accessible format of this publication, visit cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility.

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association News

Volunteers, leaders, parents, & older members...

Please join us for at our upcoming VIRTUAL

4-H Leaders Association Meeting–

6:30pm February 17th

Where: Virtual/ ZOOM

Meeting ID: 989 1844 5876

Passcode: 556918

Meeting link will be emailed out prior to the meeting.

4-H Leaders Association Executive Board

President.....Maria Renz

Vice President.....Cindy Luzzatto

Secretary... ..UNFILLED

Treasurer.....Dede Maki

Member at Large.. Caloney Mesik



The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association exists:

1. To further the development of youth through the 4-H program in Bayfield County.
2. To determine policy for and conduct of the 4-H program in Bayfield County.
3. To plan, conduct and evaluate 4-H work and appropriate training activities with the assistance of University Extension Office personnel.
4. To bring up for discussion the concerns and ideas of the 4-H members and certified leaders and to propose and follow up on possible solutions or appropriate actions.
5. To provide the necessary funds for 4-H activities and events.

2025 Leaders Association Meetings

February 17th	Zoom
April 21	Iron River Community Center
June 16	Eileen Town Hall
July 21	Iron River Community Center
September 15	Eileen Town Hall
November	*Annual Meeting & Elections* TBD

If you are curious about what is going on in 4-H at the county level, or if you have an opinion, suggestion, or idea we encourage you to attend a meeting or contact someone on the association's executive board or at our 4-H Office.

Funding Opportunities

Did you know our Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association has a variety of opportunities for 4-H clubs, members, and leaders to receive funding?

Here are some of current options:



Mini-Grant Funding

If you are a 4-H adult leader or member that wants to plan a 4-H club or community event the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association has funds available to help you cover the costs (up to \$150)! All you need to do is apply for and receive approval for a mini-grant. To do this please either visit our website or contact the 4-H office.

Types of funding that will be considered include:

- Educational experiences for 4-H club & project meetings
- ideas that help to promote and retain active interest of 4-H members
- events or experiences that demonstrate youth leadership and positive community development.

Participation on State Teams

Art, Photography, Drama, Showcase Singers, Youth Leader Council, Animals Science & Horse Teams- Funds may be available.

District and State 4-H Competitions

Up to \$50 per 4-H member per year will be considered for registration costs for these events. (Team requests need to complete the mini-grant application.)

State Fair

Funds may be available. Contribution will be based on decision made by the Finance and/or Executive committee of the Leaders' Association. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

Adult Leader Training

(including Fall Forum): \$50.00 per event for registration, lodging, and requested mileage at \$.35 per mile may be available.

Adult Chaperoning

Mileage, at \$.35/mile, may be requested for any adult leader serving as a chaperone for a district or state event if the distance traveled is 50+ miles round trip and not reimbursable by other sources.

(Pre-approval is necessary to facilitate ride sharing). This includes the State Fair.

**Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024, 7:00pm
Fairgrounds Community Safe Room**

Meeting called to order at 7:16 pm by Caloney Mesik.

Pledges

Roll Call: President Caloney Mesik-Pine Creek, Vice President Cindy Luzzatto-Gitchee Gumee, Treasurer Dede Maki-Friendly Valley, Secretary Maria Renz-Drummond Explorers, Marla Lahti -Whispering Pines, Extension Office Ian Meeker, Fairgrounds Coordinator David Eades

Secretary's Report - Maria Renz

Cindy made a motion to approve May's meeting minutes as provided, seconded by Dede. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report- Dede Maki

Dede reported the checking balance is \$6478.02 and the savings balance is \$20,351.76.

Dede will compose a letter to the Pulley's.

Cindy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report presented by Dede, seconded by Maria. Motion Carried

Updates and Reports:

Club Updates:

Friendly Valley: met in June and had a fun night with pizza. Planning for the July meeting with fair prep and fishing.

Drummond Explorers: June 15th community service at the nursing home, played games with the residents and planted flowers/landscaped part of their courtyard.

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Equine Council: meeting was canceled due to weather, rescheduled for Sunday the 23rd, at the fairgrounds.

Market sale: the scale was calibrated last Thursday. This summer the big projects include painting the beef barn, hiring a professional to paint, and they have ordered a full set of bleachers for under the arena. Market Sale is looking into electrical improvements for the sheep barn, and increased outlets in the beef barn. YQCA is required by market sale only, though it's a good idea for anyone with animals.

Awards and Recognition: Fair awards have been picked out and are being put in order. The fair awards will be at 2:45pm at the Family Pavilion as printed in the fair book.

Old Business

Summer Camp: Wednesday training for counselors. This summer, we are asking for payment before camp. Ashland County is not helping this year. Ian suggests making a phone call to the leader's association instead of a letter.

Project Leader minimum requirements for fair passes:
Project leader requirements will be in effect for next year.

Avanna's Request:

Dede made a motion to deny the request as written, seconded by Maria. Motion carried

Upon reviewing the request made by Avanna, the decision was made to deny the request due to the request being outside of policy standards. The requested amount was for the entire cost to be covered. We considered the fact that Drama Company falls under the state team request, which is not fully funded, and not an Older Member Award. It was also brought to attention that the leaders' association paid for half of the registration for Summer Academy and Drama Company last year. Since the leader's association funds are starting to consider budget constraints, and the amount requested could not be approved.

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Minutes Submitted by Maria Renz

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Monday, September 16, 2024, 6:30pm Eileen Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm by Vice President Cindy Luzatto.

Pledges

Roll Call: Vice President Cindy Luzzatto-Gitchee Gumees, Treasurer Dede Maki-Friendly Valley, Secretary Maria Renz-Drummond Explorers, Extension Office Ian Meeker and Kaylie Lucas, virtual: Jena Wozniak and Peyton Mattson – Drummond Explorers

Secretary's Report – Kaylie Lucas

Dede made a motion to approve July's meeting minutes as provided, seconded by Maria. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report- Dede Maki

Dede reported the checking balance as of 9/14 is \$12,770.55 and the savings balance is \$18,977.13. One CD matures on 8/13/25. The other two CDs were cashed out to be deposited at Security State Bank with better interest rates. Equine Council's has \$1,277.08 sitting in the account. Still waiting to hear back about Nick Pully's past due amount of \$1,250. The outstanding invoices to be paid include the food booth manager commission, two supply bills to discuss, and \$300 for fair leaders passes. The audit paperwork was completed with Emmer Shields as the auditor.

Maria made a motion to approve the treasurer's report presented by Dede, seconded by Jena. Motion Carried

Club Updates:

Friendly Valley: Held their Club picnic on Friday during the fair, helped in the exhibit hall and food booth. Hosting a meeting with parents to address calendar and recruitment. For October, they are looking at the Cedar Crest competition.

Drummond Explorers: met yesterday. They discussed a lot of ideas, planned on meetings taking place on the third Sunday 3rd of every month. They discussed 4-H week and creating a slideshow video for each club to be presented online. It was suggested to try the newspaper for 4H week as well. October 12th is Whistlestop, Ino Valley cannot help, so Drummond Explorers could use more help from other clubs in running a water station by the Ino Bar.

Gitchee Gumees: meeting last Wednesday. They held elections, discussed recruitment, planning a parent meeting, planning on something for 4-H week, and older kids agreed to be youth leaders for the younger kids. Their Halloween Carnival will take place the last Friday of October, the 25th. Friday night they did a hayride with lighted necklaces. They are working on trying to figure out how to get the community back into 4-H. One idea is to work with the Oulu heritage center and the town to do a Christmas tree lighting and caroling.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Brian Maki for the senior scholarship. Iron County pie auction idea. A swine was purchased at the Market Sale and donated to Bayfield County 4-H; funds are being held by the Market Sale.

Committee Reports

Awards and Recognition: Older Member Awards are due by September 30th. Avanna Beeksma will be holding a clinic on OMA applications. Interviews will be held on Wed. Oct 2nd zoom only 3pm-7pm, and Saturday Oct 5th 9am-11am, in person or zoom. Interviews done with Cindy, Dede, check in with Caloney and Dana.

Equine Council: Met on Sunday the 25th, next meeting will be at the Eileen Town Hall at 6pm on the 22nd to hold elections and create the calendar. The plan this year is to provide more workshops, start hippology, horse bowl, and model horses. The bank account will be opened this week at Security State Bank in Iron River.

Market sale: Met a few weeks ago to get framed photos, checks and thank you cards.

Old Business

Summer Camp: the check will be made out to Bayfield County Extension. Each camper cost \$150, we charged \$100 for 4H campers. The American Lung Association grant helped pay for half the cost. We need to check in with Ashland County for next year and start planning and looking for funds in January.

Cindy made a motion to pay the 4-H summer camp invoice, seconded by Dede, motion carried.

Fair and Food Booth: We reviewed the Lakeside Products bill which Dede will pay. The Cheq. Dairy Association is covering only \$960 out of \$1960 in ice cream and milk. The cheese curds were donated by Benoit Cheese. The Ambassadors were confused about the Rosettes during the awards ceremony. The 4-H awards flyers were not all used, hopefully next year the superintendents will place accordingly.

4-H Older Member Awards: Fall Forum registration is open; the deadline is September 30th.

Club Financial Reports: Kaylie reports that they are coming in. Today was the extended deadline.

New Business

Reenrollment open: Begin sharing with your clubs.

Leader Training: Kaylie is copying the leaders in a personalized email to adult volunteers on training.

Club Charters: due November 1st and completed online. Kaylie will print the completed charter and mail a copy to each club.

2024-2025 Countywide 4-H Calendar: will discuss at the October executive meeting.

Recognition Dinner: Will take place November 10th at the IRCC at 4pm doors open, 4:30 awards, dinner to follow. Gitchee Gumees, Drummond Explorers, and Whispering Pines will be hosting. There are 20lbs of

pork at the office. We will bring drinks and buns. Clubs will bring a side dish to share. Everyone needs to start considering Hall of Fame, Friend of 4-H, adult leader, alumni and former leader nominations. Email Kaylie or Ian with ideas.

Annual Meeting: November 18, 2024, at IRCC at 6:30pm. Drummond Explorers will bring cupcakes for Cindy's birthday. October is an Executive Meeting via zoom.

Monies for traveling: The board asked for clarification on how the 4-H foundation gives donations and scholarships. Scholarships are applied for by the student. We agreed that if a foundation scholarship is received, the scholarship amount is applied towards their portion of the amount due. If a donation from the foundation is made to all students for a trip, half the cost will be based off the invoice total. The request to change this will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting. Ian also informed us that as a leader's association, we can apply for grants to cover the cost of the trips.

Closings:

Review Decisions

Delegate tasks

Next meeting 10/21 zoom executive at 6:30

Adjourn: Cindy adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm

Minutes Submitted by Maria Renz

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30pm Iron River Community Center

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by President Caloney Mesik.

Roll Call: President Caloney Mesik-Pine Creek, Vice President Cindy Luzzatto-Gitchee Gumees, Treasurer Dede Maki-Friendly Valley, Secretary Maria Renz-Drummond Explorers, Extension Office Ian Meeker and Kaylie Lucas, Christine and Avanna Beeksma, Chalee Luzzatto, Carol Nichols

Secretary's Report – Maria Renz

Cindy made a motion to approve September and October's meeting minutes as provided, seconded by Avanna. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report- Dede Maki

Dede reported the checking balance as of 11/18 is \$9,066.25 and the savings balance is \$19,002.22. Dede provided a quarter report reviewing the revenues and expenses for this year thus far. Caloney is going to look into the swine donation from Market Sale.

Committee Reports & Correspondence

Market Sale: The new Chair is Stephanie Lulich and Co-Chair is Brielle Mesik. They increased the amount of money seniors will receive in scholarships. Kaylie would like to know who the officers are and is requesting minutes.

Equine Council: The council held a fundraiser at Misty Meadows and made \$170 from the tack and pie sale. They donated \$20 from the funds raised to the Ashland County K9 fund. The next meeting will be via zoom to recap the fundraiser and plans on Sunday the 24th.

Canski: Dave Allman and Melissa Fishbom will be coaching the middle school team. There will be a gear checkout, and skiing will start in January. 150 possible members.

Old Business

Awards Dinner: took place on November 10th at 4pm. Everyone who was in attendance agreed the dinner went well with a decent turnout. Everyone enjoyed the pulled pork. 20 pounds were used and came from the food booth remainder. It was suggested to use a roaster next time. For the next awards dinner, they would like to include a fun activity, and to develop a bank of award ideas. Other ideas included exhibiting the senior essays at the fair and maybe add a cookie bake off to the dinner. Since Avanna was present for this meeting, Cindy presented Avanna with the Key award. Ian brought up the need to figure out a time for Chanz Green to come and present the Legislative award to her. Ian thought it would be nice to create a history book per club and committee. He suggests everyone finds people who are alumni and ask questions. Create a standard form for people to fill out. Oulu heritage club has a 4-H exhibit. Caloney thought about a club record book for each year.

Kaylie went to fall forum with Brooke Benson. Kaylie would like to go with more youth and leaders next year. They want to put together information to share to gain more interest. They had teen fun nights and lots of activities. There were workshops for leaders. They will be alternating between Steven’s Point and Green Lake. It’s open to 7th grade and up, something to consider. Avanna suggests opening OMA to 7th grade so they could also attend Space Camp.

New Business

Bylaws – vote/approve: No changes have been made.

Election of Officers:

President: Cindy nominated Caloney, nomination declined. Caloney nominated Maria, nomination accepted. No other nominations. Maria approved as President through unanimous ballot.
Secretary: Open. Kaylie will take notes until the position is filled.
Member-at-Large: Cindy nominates Caloney, nomination accepted. No other nominations. Caloney approved as Member-at-Large through unanimous ballot.

2025 Calendar - review/approve: March will be changed to April and April will be open to all. Hold a cookie party. Nix the host club and locations will rotate between Iron River and Eileen.

Committees: Cindy will sign up for ARR, OMA, Fair. Caloney will be in Fair, Dede will be in ARR, OMA, Food Booth. Maria ARR and OMA, CAF, Project Day. Christine Fair and fundraising and OMA committee. Avanna and Chalee teen event. Caloney and Chalee Little Britches. Ask Becca, Kelli, Glory about OMA. Caloney asked about the fundraising committee and thought of hosting a craft fair and charge per table. Add Caloney to fundraising committee. Carol in Cloverbud day camp.

Other:

Topside: Ian brought up the contract from 1965 where the property goes back to the county if there is no plan for Topside. Forestry said the county would like to update the property. The original plan was to build a camp there but that has not been accomplished. No electricity and well and no plans. The deed would go back to the county, but leaders’ association will still have access. Caloney would like for Jason to come and present.

Mini grant: Erik would like to have a woodworking project that they would create a covered
Cindy made a motion to approve the mini grant proposed by Erik Maki to create the covered shelter that will hopefully go in the County Fairgrounds. Seconded by Caloney, motion carried.

Closings:

Next meeting executive only on 1/20 at 6:30 via zoom

Adjourn: Caloney adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm

Minutes Submitted by Maria Renz

**Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Executive Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2024, 8:00pm
Iron River Community Center**

President Maria Renz called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm

Bank account and CD names changes:
Dede made a motion to add Maria Renz’s name to the CD, checking and savings account. Seconded by Cindy. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the 4-H Leader’s Association Executive Board, President Maria Renz adjourned the meeting 8:22 pm.

Top Projects in Bayfield County 4-H ~ 2025

- 1. Cross Country Skiing** 
- 2. Arts & Crafts**
- 3. Photography**
- 4. Horse**
- 5. Beef**
- 6. Drawing & Painting** 
- 7. Cloverbuds**
- 8. Woodworking**
- 9. LEGOS**
- 10. Gardening (Plant & Soil Science)** 
- 11. Foods & Nutrition**