



Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Spring is finally here after what seemed like a winter that would not end, and soon it will transition into the warm summer months!! With summer comes a calendar full of 4-H educational events and activities you will not want to miss! One of those opportunities for youth is 4-H Summer Camp! Let's explore a little more what youth gain from the summer camping experience!

4-H Camp: More Than Just Fun & Games: *Hiking! Swimming! Campfires! New Friends!*

PO-CROIX-BAR 4-H Camp Association offers a combined camping experience for youth in grades 3-7 on June 18th – 20th!!!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 18th!!!- SPACE IS LIMITED- DON'T DELAY!!!

If you or your child has never experienced the joys of 4-H Camp, you may be asking yourself:

- "Is 4-H Camp fun?" --> *Most Definitely!*
- "Do we play a lot of games at 4-H Camp?" --> *Of course we do!*
- "Does 4-H Camp teach life skills?" --> *Absolutely!*

Research shows that like other projects and activities, 4-H camp is centered on the idea of providing youth a fun, hands-on environment to build and strengthen valuable life skills. According to a large research study by the American Camp Association, summer camps positively affect children in the following ways:

- Ø *Children become more confident and experience increased self-esteem.*
- Ø *Children develop more social skills that help them make new friends.*
- Ø *Children grow more independent and show more leadership qualities.*
- Ø *Children become more adventurous and willing to try new things.*

A Virginia Tech study suggests that a primary benefit of 4-H Camp participation is related to Responsibility.

- Ø Youth report: "becoming more independent and capable of self-care."
- Ø Adults report: "youth taking care of their own things, sharing work responsibilities, and taking initiative on their own."

Enroll your child in 4-H Camp today! SPACE IS LIMITED!!

See you at summer camp!!

Sincerely-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Prissel".

Chuck Prissel

4-H Youth Development Agent

MAY Calendar – 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park</p> <p>Horse Education Team, Gov. Ctr. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>UW-Extension All Staff Conference-</p>	<p>2 UW-Extension All Staff Conference-</p>	<p>3 Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5- 8 p.m.</p>	4	5
<p>6 Rabbit Workshop 2:00 p.m. Rabbit Barn Fair Park</p>	<p>7 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park</p>	<p>8 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park</p>	9	<p>10 State 4-H Wisline, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5- 8 p.m.</p>	11	<p>12 Art Bench Kick-Off- 10-noon N. Park Service St. Croix</p>
13	<p>14 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park</p> <p>Horsemanship Clinic, Polk County Fair Park – 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park</p>	16	<p>17 Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5- 8 p.m.</p>	18	<p>19 Shooting Sports Dinosaur Hunt, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.</p>
20	<p>21 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park</p> <p>4-H Leaders Fed. Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Fair Park</p>	<p>22 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park</p>	23	<p>24 Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5- 8 p.m.</p>	25	26
27	28	<p>29 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park</p>	30	<p>31 Dog Project Class – Makeup for Memorial Day – Missed Class 6:00 p.m., Fair Park</p> <p>Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5- 8 p.m.</p>		

JUNE Calendar – 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Camp Counselor Training Camp Kiwanis	2 Camp Counselor Training Camp Kiwanis
3	4 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park Quality Meats Committee Mtg., 7:30 p.m., Polk Co Gov. Ctr.	5 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	6	7 Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5-8 p.m.	8	9 Aerospace Fly-off, 8 a.m., Polk County Fair Park
10	11 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park Horsemanship Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	12 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park . Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	13 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park	14 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5-8 p.m.	15 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park	16 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park Pre-Fair Shooing Sports Shoot 9:00 a.m.- noon – (.22, trap, muzzle, air rifle and archery)
17 Good Sams Camperee at Fair Park	18 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park 4-H Summer Camp 4-H Horse Camp	19 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park 4-H Summer Camp 4-H Horse Camp Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	20 4-H Summer Camp 4-H Horse Camp	21 Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5-8 p.m. 4-H Horse Camp	22 Interstate Livestock Show AASD- Clark County 4-H Horse Camp	23 Interstate Livestock Show Aerospace Fly-off, 8 a.m., Polk County Fair Park
24	25 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park State 4-H Conference, Madison	26 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park State 4-H Conference, Madison . Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	27 State 4-H Conference, Madison Pullorum Test Date, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Poultry Bldg., Fair Park	28 Polk County Clothing Revue, 6:00 p.m. State 4-H Conference, Madison Jumping Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 5-8 p.m.	29	30

JULY Calendar – 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park	3 NO DOG CLASS Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Archery Pre-Fair Shoot 9:00 a.m.- noon, F. P. Cat Show; Pet Pals and Cavies Show- Trap shoot Pre-Fair Shoot @ Osceola Gun Club, 9:00 a.m. noon
8	9 Dog Obedience, 6:00 p.m., Fair Park Horsemanship Clinic, Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	10 Dog Agility/Rally, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park Farm-Tech Days Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m. State 4-H Plant Science Day- Wautoma	11 Farm-Tech Days	12 Farm-Tech Days	13	14 4-H Dog Show Aerospace Championship Fly-off, 8 a.m., Polk County Fair Park Mock Show, Polk County Fair Park Arena, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
15	16 Fair Set-up 4-H Ambassador Mtg. 4-H Leaders Fed. Mtg.	17 Gymkhana Clinic – Polk County Fair Park, 6-8 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Fair Set-up
22	23 Fair Set-up	24	25 Polk County Fair- Entry Day	26 Polk County Fair	27 Polk County Fair	28 Polk County Fair
29 Polk County Fair	30	31				

AUGUST Calendar – 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Wisconsin State Fair Quality Meats Carcass Show	3 Wisconsin State Fair	4 Wisconsin State Fair
5 Wisconsin State Fair	6 Wisconsin State Fair	7 Wisconsin State Fair	8 Wisconsin State Fair	9 Wisconsin State Fair	10 Wisconsin State Fair	11 Wisconsin State Fair
12 Wisconsin State Fair	13	14	15	16	17	18 District Gymkhana – Polk County Hosting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Club Represented When the Money Gets Spent?????

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board of Directors is a very important group for the Polk County 4-H program. This board oversees the program and makes very important decisions about how and where the financial resources of the program get spent. They also provide direction for the educational programs. Is your club being represented?? Each club can send one adult and one youth member as representatives to the board. Youth have an equal voice at the table. The board meets six times a year and the meeting dates for this 4-H calendar year are:

- May 21, 2018 7:00 p.m. Fair Park**
- July 16, 2018 7:00 p.m. Fair Park**
- September 24, 2018 7:00 p.m. B.L.**
- November 26, 2018 7:00 p.m. B.L.**

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

4-H Volunteers are valued partners in working with our youth and help make 4-H possible. In order to volunteer, previous 4-H Youth Development experience is *not* necessary. The most important qualification is a desire to work with young people and help them grow through educational experiences and gain positive life skills. Please consider sharing your time and talents!

Adult volunteers working together with youth make a difference in the lives of young people. Volunteers work with UW-Extension professionals to develop the life skills of youth members, thus benefiting the state, employers, and the economy. Volunteers extend the resources of UW-Extension as they work with staff to deliver educational programs. Volunteering is a privilege.

How does one become a volunteer?

If you have not already done so, go to Wisconsin 4HOnline and create a family profile. Instructions can be found on the <http://polk.uwex.edu> website under the 4H

enrollment tab. If your family is already in the system, **do not** create a new family profile, just make sure you are entered into your family account and check that you want to be a 4-H volunteer.

A background check will be conducted on you by the state **and you will be contacted by GIS through e-mail requesting additional information needed in order for the state to conduct the background check and begin your Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) process.**

Another step in the process, you can take the **Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers.** Please see the informational sheet included in the November 2017 Clover Connection or visit the <http://polk.uwex.edu> website. You can also contact the Polk County Extension Office at 715.485.8600 for assistance.

Once the background check is successfully completed and you have completed the Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers, **there is one more important step in the process; taking the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training!** Trainings will be offered at the Polk County Government Center on the following dates and times:

June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Colleen at 715.485.8600 or colleen.noonan@ces.uwex.edu to register for the classes. Registration is required to ensure we have enough handout materials and to be able to contact you in case the class is cancelled due to weather or low enrollment.

Name: _____

Club: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____



**Needed!!
Teen Volunteers to Work with
National Park Rangers on Art and
Nature Experiences for the
Community**



This summer and fall, National Park Rangers will be offering hands-on activities exploring art, nature, and environmental science at more than a dozen community events in the St. Croix River Valley. Polk County 4-H Teen volunteers, in grades 7-12, are invited to support the Rangers at these events by interacting with the youth and families who participate in these “drop-in” hands-on programs. These free experiences will take place at the art benches on the Art Bench Trail (www.artbenchtrail.org) and each event will run between two and three hours.

Teen volunteers can sign up for one or multiple events, which are scheduled between May 22 and October 7. Sign-ups will be accepted on a first-come basis, with a maximum of three teen volunteers at each event. An end of summer kayak trip with a National Park Ranger will be your reward for volunteering your time and talents!

Events will take place in Osceola, St. Croix Falls, Somerset, Hudson, and Prescott in Wisconsin, and Carpenter Nature Center/Hastings, Bayport, and Marine on St. Croix in Minnesota.

For a complete schedule, to learn more, and to sign up, contact Anastasia Shartin at The Phipps Center for the Arts, ashartin@thephipps.org, 715.386.2305, ext. 103.

Art Bench Trail – Explore the St. Croix Valley Bench-by-Bench

www.artbenchtrail.org

Explore the St. Croix Valley Bench-by-Bench. Visit these unique works of art, each created by local youth and community partners



The Polk County Fair Board is again sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign must be at least four feet by eight feet (4x8). You must include the Polk County Fair dates of July 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2018, St. Croix Falls, and your club name must appear on the sign.

The signs should be up by July 1st. The sign needs to be on private land - and not on the road right of way. Please contact landowners for permission.

Submit a color 8x10 photograph of your sign and the location by July 20th to:

Judy Bainbridge
2267 170th Street
Luck, WI 54853
Phone: 715.553.0801

Or
Gerianne Christensen
P.O. Box 435
Clear Lake, WI 54005
Ph: 715.553.0801

gerriannemchristensen@gmail.com

Judging will be based on creativity and advertisement value. Judging will be done by the Polk County Fair Board. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200.00 or the second place of \$100.00. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for one sign. Sign should be taken down by August 5th.

The Fair theme for this year's fair is:
**“What's ‘Grown’ on at the
Polk County Fair”**



New For 2018- Fair Entry Online Registration System!!
Exhibitors at the 2018 Polk County Fair will be able to submit their Fair Entries online!! Please see complete details elsewhere in this newsletter and also on page 1 of the Polk County Fair Book. Mailed paper entry forms will still be accepted as in the past. All Entries are due June 13, 2018!!!

Polk County Fair Books Available April 24th!!

2018 Polk County Fair Premium Books will be available starting April 24th. Books will be sorted by club and should be picked up and distributed at the next club meeting. As in the past, the 2018 Fair Book is also available on-line at <https://polkcountyfair.com/fair-book/>. **Exhibitors can complete online entry forms this year. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter more information or page 1 of the Fair Book.** All paper entry forms must have the Club Organizational leader's signature on the forms prior to being submitted. Youth must be enrolled in a project in order to show entries in related lot numbers.

Books will also be available from the Extension Office and area banks.

School entries are also due June 13th, along with Open and Senior Entries.

All entries (except Cloverbuds) should be sent to:

**Michelle Peterson
471 Random Drive
Amery, WI 54001**

The dates for the Polk County Fair are July 25-July 29, 2018. Some events will be held ahead of time. Please see the following websites for updates and information:

<http://www.polkcountyfair.com>; or
<http://polk.uwex.edu> or the "Clover Connection" for more details.

All Cloverbud entries (paper with your child's picture) should be sent to:

**Diane Kuhl
298 30th Street
Clear Lake, WI 54005**

These are also due by June 13th, 2018.

NOTICE TO DAIRY EXHIBITORS

All exhibitors showing a purebred animals must submit all pedigree and identification information for each purebred animal to be shown. Exhibitors using the Online Entry System will not need to complete an additional paper form as the on-line system will capture this information. **Exhibitors using a paper mailed in form will need to send with their fair entry form this information on the supplemental form (PINK) provided.** Exhibitors of grade animals must fill out the form to the best of their knowledge.

Any changes must be completed by the change deadline – July 11, 2018. This includes changes or completion of pedigree and identification information for purebred classes.

The dairy committee reserves the right to verify that the correct animal is exhibited as entered. NO SUBSTITUTIONS shall be allowed.

Registration papers will be checked at the fair.

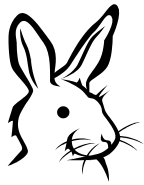
Clothing Revue

June 28, 2018

7:00 p.m.

**Polk County Government Center
Balsam Lake**

Be sure to mark this day on your calendar. The Clothing Revue will take place on June 28th at the Government Center in Balsam Lake. More detailed information is being included in this month's Club Organizational Leader mailing of the "Clover Connection". Be sure you are enrolled in at least one of the following project areas: Cloverbuds, Exploring, Clothing, Crocheting or Knitting.



Rabbit Workshop
May 6, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Polk County Fair Park
St. Croix Falls

We will talk about rabbit hygiene and medication; how to handle rabbits; look at their teeth and cutting nails.

We will talk to anyone interested in rabbit agility.

Any questions, please contact:

Becky Larson - 715.294.2830

Or

Carol Suckut - 715.410.5078

STEM Orientation Workshop at
Upham Woods

May 7, 2018

The Statewide STEM Team is hosting an orientation workshop on a variety of STEM related topics on Monday, May 7th, at Upham Woods. Club organizational leader packets included the flyer and more information. If any Polk County 4-H Volunteer is interested in going, please contact Chuck at Charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu by May 4th for more details and possible carpooling.

Tractor Supply Company Mobile Fair Tour Announces "Great Neighbor Essay Contest"

TSC is searching for 4-H and FFA "Great Neighbors" at each of their mobile fair stops this summer and fall. Tractor Supply Company's Great Neighbors Essay Contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H and FFA members who plan to be at Wisconsin State Fair August 2nd through August 5th, winners are required to be present.

To enter, write an essay on the topic: Choose one memorable 4-H experience and explain how that experience has influenced your development as a great neighbor in your community.

Some of the details:

- Essays accepted until 4/29/2018
- Essays have a 250-word limit
- Essayists must be at least 8 years old
- Winners will be presented with a plaque and TSC gift pack

For complete information, and how and where to apply, visit TSC's page:

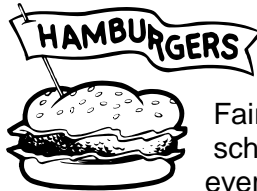
https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_events_fair-tour

Included in this month's organizational leader mailing are the following . . .

- 2018 4-H Style Revue Registration Info and Forms
- STEM Orientation Workshop Flyer
- Making Polk County Beautiful 2018
- Sign Maintenance Survey
- Dairy Promotion Grants Available
- 2018 Area Animal Science Days information



**2018 Polk County Fair
4-H Food Stand Schedule**



Please sign up NOW for the Food Stand for the 2017 Polk County Fair. We want to get the schedule made out so everyone gets a copy in the July newsletter.

Everyone taking a 4-H sponsored trip must take a shift at the Food Stand either with your club or as an individual.

We need at least eight youths per shift. You must also send three adults for your club's shift. If there are younger kids than older kids, we need additional adults.

When your club decides which shift you would like to work, please contact Colleen at the Extension Office, 485-8600.

Individuals should also register if not part of your club.

Also, if you would like to donate hamburger or pork for the 4-H food stand, please contact the Extension Office.

All shifts are asked to report 15 minutes early for on-the-job training. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office, at 485-8600.



**2018 Polk County Fair
4-H Food Stand Schedule**

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 (Only 1 club needed per shift)

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1.

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

1.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

1.

Thursday, July 26, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

1. Bone Lake Beavers

2.

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (depending on clean-up)

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Friday, July 27, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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2.

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (depending on clean-up)

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Saturday, July 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (depending on clean-up)

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Sunday, July 29, 2018 (Only 1 club needed per shift)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

1.

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Pre-Fair Events Scheduled

see the Polk County Fair Premium book for cage dimensions and more details. **Also, Pet Pals and Cavies will be judged this day also, beginning at noon.**

Pullorum Testing

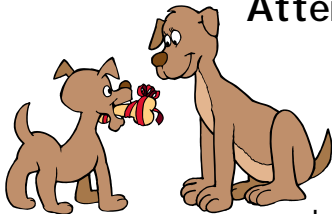


As in the past, there will be NO Pullorum Typhoid testing done during the county fair and all poultry are required to have this test. Animal Health Regulations from the state require testing to be completed within 90 days prior to the arrival at the exhibition or fair. Please see the 2018 Polk County Fair Premium Book for more information. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with rules and regulations for their animal exhibit.

Testing date will be Wednesday, June 27th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Polk County Fair Park Poultry building. For more information, please contact Superintendent Yvette Tourville, 715.338.5508.

Attention!

Dog Project Members



The Polk County Pre-Fair Dog Show will be held two weeks before the fair, on Saturday, July 14th, at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and judging begins at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars now for the pre-fair event.

Attention

4-H Cat Project Members; Pet Pal & Cavy Project Members!



This year the Polk County Fair Cat Show will be held prior to the Polk County Fair, on Saturday, July 7th.

All cats will be vet checked at 10:00 a.m. and all cage decorating will be done by show time. Show time is 10:30. Cats are to be left in cages until show is done. Please

Aerospace Pre-Fair Flying/Launching Dates



To receive premiums and ribbons in lot numbers 1-17 and 23-28, flying and launching sessions will be held at the Polk County Fair Park on Saturday, June 9th and June 23rd, 2018. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and flying and judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. for rockets and airplanes. Championship session will be held July 14th at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Flying and judging will follow, must register to fly. If you have questions, contact Mike Wallis – 715.755.2632.

To qualify for the championship model airplane and model rocket fly-off in lots 1-17 you must fly three categories: hand launch, catapult launch, and rubber powered. Lots 23-28 must fly two categories; target accuracy and parachute duration, an exhibitor must have attended one of the first two sessions and earned at least one blue ribbon in any of the model airplane or model rocket lots numbers from 1-17 and 23-28.

4-H Shooting Sports Event Scheduled



The 4-H Pre-Fair Shooting Sports Events is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th from 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club, at Lykens. All Shooting Sports categories – including archery will compete. An additional **archery shoot** will be held at the Polk County Fair Park on Saturday, July 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. An additional **Trap Shoot Only** will be held July 7th, time 9-noon, Osceola Rod and Gun Club.





You may shoot at one or both of the pre-fair shoots for archery only. Your best score will be used for ribbons and premiums. Follow the signs at the fair park entrance to the shoot. Bring your bow and at least 5 practice arrows.

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Shooting Sports Committee will host the annual Shoot-Off. The event is open to all project members' grades 4 and up (not Explorers). These events are pre-fair events, meaning that participants are eligible to receive fair premiums if they include the correct lot number on their fair entry form. These forms are due June 15th to Michelle Peterson, 471 Random Drive, Amery, WI 54001

You must be enrolled in a shooting sports project unit in order to shoot at these events for premiums.

However, because of the educational value of this event, participants can shoot even if they are not participating for premiums in lot numbers. Shooting pointers will be given to participants along with safety education.

In addition to the lot numbers for the shoot-off, on pages 94-96 of the fair premium book, lot numbers 1-11 can be entered on the entry form and you must bring these items to the fair on Wednesday, July 25th. These entries will be judged on Friday, July 27th.

Youth should be ready to compete on time at these events. Events will conclude promptly at the designated time. Events include: Air Rifle, .22 Rifles, Trap Shooting, Archery, and Black Powder (Muzzleloaders) **NO SCOPES ALLOWED.** Please read and follow instructions on pages 94-96 of the 2018 Polk County Fair Premium Book prior to this event.

If you have any questions on the pre-fair shoot, please contact Chad or Stacey Lutsey at 715.268.4241 (rifle events); or Dave and Carolyn Peterson at 715.857.5897 for archery events.

PARENTS – please look over the guns and bows your youth will be using to make sure they are in good working order.

- Please make sure the ammunition your youth brings is correct for their firearm.
- Please note: ammunition and arrows are not provided.



Work Days Set for 2018

The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days for 2018. **PLEASE NOTE TIMES AS THEY HAVE CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.**

Work date will be the two Mondays prior to the fair July 16th and 23rd, and Saturday, July 21st, as work/set-up days. Times will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. With the new hours, no lunch will be provided.

It was discussed that it is too difficult to know how many people to plan lunch for and by changing the hours it eliminated that problem. Also, this leaves the afternoons for groups/clubs to meet as needed without disrupting the work days.



Exhibitors Entering Plant Soil Projects

Linda Owens will answer questions for anyone with questions on preparing crops or vegetables for display at the fair. If you have questions, please contact Linda at 715.653.2663.



Dinosaur Hunt



Because dinosaurs are such a terrible threat to the agriculture industry in Polk County we are offering all Polk County 4-H'ers ages eight (Explorers) to 12 and do not have a Hunter's Safety Certificate the opportunity to participate in Polk County's 4-H Shooting Sports Dinosaur Hunt.

Where:

Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club,
Balsam Lake

When:

Saturday,
May 19th, 2018

Time:

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.



How Long:

We will be done by 11:00 a.m.



The 4-H Shooting Sports Program will supply the B.B. guns and ammunition for this event. There will also be an Archery Event.

If you have questions about the Dinosaur Hunt, please call Chad & Stacey Lutsey at 268.4241; or Dave & Carolyn Peterson at 857-5897. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

Presented By  U.S. Cellular

Dear Junior Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Exhibitors,

NEW FOR 2018! Wisconsin State Fair is pleased to announce implementation of a new national certification program available for youth. Completion of this informative and educational program, “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” (YQCA), will be required for all youth who exhibit animal projects (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows. This interactive program will reinforce current animal industry best practices and awareness of critically important animal messaging. This special program features interspecies information designed to supplement project education for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors.

YQCA was developed and funded by national livestock industry professionals, extension specialists and livestock show managers. YQCA certification is rapidly being endorsed and implemented for exhibitors at Fairs and animal exhibitions across the country. It replaces the National Pork Board’s Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program and Wisconsin’s Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) program.

Course content includes an age appropriate module from each of the following program areas:

- Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.).
- Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.).
- Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

YQCA certification is offered in two formats to meet varied learning styles and active schedules:

- Online – Fee: \$12/exhibitor/year Available 24/7 at www.yqca.org

-OR-

- Face-to-Face/Trainer-Led – Fee: \$3/exhibitor/year

To find a list of face-to-face/trainer-led sessions in Wisconsin, create an account on www.yqca.org.

Under the appropriate age in “Course List” choose “Instructor-Led Training”. A drop down box will list all current available options for Wisconsin.

Both certification types (Online and Face-to-Face) must be paid online with a credit card. The nominal course fees (\$12/\$3) ensures the course content/learning platform stays current.

Annual certification should take approximately 60 minutes. After viewing each module, the exhibitor must successfully pass a quiz which demonstrates content mastery. Youth wishing to exhibit in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows **must** provide his/her YQCA certification number when entering by the entry deadline on **June 6, 2018**. Youth who do not provide a YQCA certification number, or did not pass the YQCA modules for the current calendar year will not be eligible to participate in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows.

If you have any questions about the YQCA registration process, please email help@yqca.org. If you have any questions related to Wisconsin State Fair please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com. We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair, August 2 – 12!

Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department

2017 Polk County Fairest of the Fair & Junior Fairest of the Fair

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT CORONATION CEREMONY JULY 30, 2017

1. Fairest of the Fair winner will receive \$250.00
2. Fairest of the Fair Attendant will receive \$150.00
3. Junior Fairest of the Fair will receive \$100.00
4. Junior Fairest of the Fair Attendant will receive \$100.00

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FAIREST OF THE FAIR

1. Must be a former or current exhibitor at the Polk County Fair.
2. Must be no younger than 18 on January 1, 2017.
3. Participate in the contestant judging process which will be held July 14, 2017 at the Polk County Fair Park.
4. Be at the Polk County Fair as much as possible July 26-30 to assist with Fair events as assigned on judging day.
5. Attend the Queens Tea on Sunday @ 12:00 in the Dance Pavilion.
6. Be at the coronation ceremony at the Polk County Fair Sunday, July 30 @ 2 p.m. on the Main Stage.

JUNIOR FAIREST OF THE FAIR

1. Contestant must be 9-10 as of January 1, 2017.
2. Must be a former or current exhibitor at the Polk County Fair.
3. Contestant will answer a question on stage, and a name will be drawn out of a bucket.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE 2017 POLK COUNTY FAIREST OF THE FAIR WINNERS

1. Represent the Polk County Fair at events and activities in Polk County from July 2017 until the 2018 Fairest of the Fair winner is named. A list of events provided by the committee.
2. Participate in the State Fairest of the Fair Contest at the Wisconsin Association of Fairs' Convention in Wisconsin Dells, January of 2019. Expenses will be covered by the Polk County Fair Society **(Fairest Only)**
3. The winner of this state contest will become a full-time 2019 summer employee of the Public Relations Department of the Wisconsin State Fair. **(Fairest Only)**

For more information contact: Amy Strobach – 715.491.0342

2017 Polk County "Fairest of the Fair & Junior Fairest" Entry Form

Send to Amy Strobach, 471 County Line Ave., Clear Lake, WI 54005 by Friday, June 9th. Detailed information regarding judging date, time, place and process will be sent to all contestants.

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Junior Fairest Age 9-10
(Please Print) Fairest of the Fair

Address: _____
(Street/Box No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number: _____ Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Year(s) I have exhibited at the Polk County Fair: _____

E-mail Address for information: _____



We are switching over to an online entry system for all fair entries. Step by step instructions are listed below. We will still accept "mailed" in forms, however, we highly encourage you to use the online system as it will prevent you from making any duplicate entries, you can make your own changes (if necessary) and you can save a stamp and pay online.

Important Reminders

- Be sure to complete your entry (including the final "Submit" step) no later than June 13th.
- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

1. Go to <http://www.fairentry.com> and click "Find Your Fair".
2. Filter by your state, click Search, and then click on Polk County Fair.
3. (First time) Click on the link to create a FairEntry Account. *(After that, if you are logging back in, enter the email & password that you created and click the Sign in link.)*
4. Enter your email address twice and click Create Account. **IMPORTANT:** *This must be a valid email address, so that you can receive the necessary confirmation messages.*
5. On the Account Creation page, enter information into the fields (all are required). Account Name, Phone, Password (enter twice to confirm).
6. Click Create Account.
7. Click "Begin Registration"

Exhibitor Information.

1. Click on the appropriate choice for your entry.
2. Enter the information into the four fields—all fields are required. Click Continue when all information is entered.
3. *(If you entered/spelled something incorrectly on the previous screen, you have the option to Delete this Exhibitor on this screen.)* Enter the information on the Contact Info screen—the only required field is the top Home Phone Number. You can use the same email address that you used to create the account, or an alternate one. If you wish to receive text messages, enter your cell phone number and carrier. That number can be the same as the Home Phone Number entered above, or different. Click Continue when you are finished entering data.
4. Enter your mailing address. All fields, except Address continued, are required. As the on-screen help states, the address entered here will be used for mailing premium checks, etc. Click Continue when all information is entered correctly.
5. If your fair set up custom fields/questions for you to answer, those will be step 4 on the progress bar at the top. Answer any questions, and click Continue.
6. Review your exhibitor information. If any information is incorrectly, click the green Edit button in the appropriate group to change it. When all information is correct, click Continue to Entries.

Creating Entries - Each exhibitor can have multiple entries. One entry must be made for each item, animal, class, etc. For example, if an exhibitor is bringing 2 photographs, two entries into the photography class must be created. If an exhibitor is showing one horse in 5 events, five class entries must be created. Once all entries have been created for the first exhibitor, you have the choice of creating another exhibitor in this family (and entries) or proceeding to check-out (submitting the entries, whether or not fees are charged).

1. Click Add an Entry beside the correct exhibitor (if more than one has been created).
2. Click Select beside the first department you wish to enter. Any departments that are not available for entry will be noted as "Not Available" with a short explanation.
3. After you select a department, you will see a list of divisions to select from, and then a list of available classes. *Also notice that there are blue "Change" links in case you mistakenly select an incorrect department, division, or class.*
4. After you have selected the class, click the green Continue button.
5. If this is an **animal class entry**, you may be required to specify which animal will be exhibited in this class; that may be optional; or you may NOT be able to specify the animal at entry time. If you are able to do that, you will see the option to "Add an animal".
6. Fill in all of the fields with information about the animal you intend to exhibit. Click Create and Add Animal when finished.
7. If the animal information was entered incorrectly, you have the option to either Remove From Entry (creating a new animal) or Edit Animal Details. When it's correct, click Continue.
8. Any questions related to entry in this class will be next. Click Continue after answering those questions.
9. The Review screen allows you to double check this entry for accuracy, and make any changes necessary. When the information is correct, click Continue and that class entry is complete.
10. When each class entry is complete, you have 3 choices for what to do next:
 - a. If all class entries have been completed for one exhibitor, you can **Register another Exhibitor** in this family.
 - b. If this exhibitor has more class entries to make, you can **Add another Entry for this Exhibitor**.
 - c. If all entries for all exhibitors in the family have been completed, **Continue to Payment** to finalize and submit your entries.
11. Review your entries for completeness and accuracy. *Notice the Summary and Detail buttons at the top of the list on the right.* If there are errors, click on the green Entries section at the top of the page. Click Continue when all information is correct.
12. Read the payment instructions and select your method of payment. You may either mail a check or pay with a credit card. **NOTE: Even if you owe no money (no fees are charged) you must click Continue to the last "Confirm" step to submit your entries.**
13. Read the information in the "After you Submit" section. You will have to check a box to "Agree to Terms". Click Submit to finalize the entries for the exhibitors in this family. **After you click Submit, no changes are possible to these entries.**



4-H Camp will be held at the beautiful Camp Kiwanis on the St. Croix River, just ten miles north of Stillwater, Minnesota. This site has all the accommodations for an exciting camping experience: well-maintained buildings, spacious lawns, ample equipment, accredited staff and a safe environment away from major highways.

Recreational facilities at Camp Kiwanis include: 30' x 60' outdoor swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, sand volleyball court, tetherball area, canoeing, large campfire circle, craft building, wilderness hiking trails, and softball diamond.

PO-CROIX-BAR 4-H Camp features:

- Fellowship and friendship from a four-county area
- A 1/7 counselor/camper ratio. Counselors are high school youth who have been screened and trained
- Terrific food
- An adult staff of Extension agents, volunteers, and college students

Sessions of PO-CROIX-BAR 4-H Camp:

- **All Camp:** (For campers presently in grades 3-7) **June 18-20 (Mon - Wed)** Cost: \$100.00

Parents: Enroll your children in camp according to their current grade in school. Camp space is limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis – no later than May 18. Don't delay!



Transportation to Camp: Several bus stops will be available. The bus cost is included in the camp fee. A letter containing transportation information and preparation details will be sent from the UW-Extension Office prior to the start of the camp program

Camp Location:

Camp Kiwanis
15987 St. Croix Trail North
Marine On St. Croix, MN 55047

For questions contact:

Barron County: 715-537-6250
St. Croix County: 715-531-1930
Polk County: 715-485-8600

<http://camp.northernstarbsa.org/kiwanis-scout-camp>

4-H Camp Registration Form



Name: _____

Male Female

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____ County: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

I would like to stay in the same cabin as: _____
(Your request will be honored to the best of our ability.)

If your child has special dietary needs, please describe here to help your child have a more positive overnight experience: _____

Select your bus pick up and drop off location (please check one stop)

Amery

Baldwin

Balsam Lake

Four Corners (Hwy 63, 64, & 46)

New Richmond

Barron

Turtle Lake

Registration forms are due Friday, May 18, but remember camp is first-come, first-served so register early!

Make checks payable to: PO-CROIX-BAR 4-H Camp

Polk County 4-H members pay ½ of the \$100 camp fee. The other \$50 is generously contributed by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation. Please remit \$50 per camper. Use a separate form for each camper.

Information on Health Forms, transportation and what to bring to camp will be mailed to you.

Mail completed form and registration fee to:

**UW-Extension Polk County
100 Polk Plaza Suite 190
Balsam Lake, WI 54810**



Position Description For Youth Volunteers Ages 12 - 18

Term

May 29 through October 13, 2018

Expectations

- Attend a training session on Tuesday, May 29, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Visitor Center, 401 N Hamilton St., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024. Pizza will be served. (Note: if you are unavailable on this date, a separate training can be scheduled.)
- Under the supervision of a National Park Ranger and/or Phipps Center for the Arts staff, interact with the general public, assisting them with free, drop-in art and nature activities.
- Be prepared; obtain and review materials prior to event.
- Be on time and dress for the weather.
- Arrange for transportation to and from event.
- Provide feedback on your experience to help strengthen/improve the experience for other youth volunteers in the future.

Dates, Times, Locations, and Events

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for one or more of these opportunities which will take place at the Art Benches. To learn more about the Art Bench Trail, go to www.artbenchtrail.org.

Sat., June 2, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Osceola, Wis. (Rhubarb Days)

Mon., June 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Somerset, Wis. (Books & Benches)

Wed., June 13, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Bayport, Minn. (Books & Benches)

Mon., June 18, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Somerset, Wis. (Books & Benches)

Mon., June 25, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Somerset, Wis. (Books & Benches)

Wed., July 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Hudson, Wis. (Books & Benches)

Tues., July 17, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Lakefront Park, Hudson, Wis. (St. Croix River Fest)

Sat., July 21, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., St. Croix Falls, Wis. (Wannigan Days)

Fri., July 27, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Prescott, Wis. (Books & Benches)

Fri., August 24, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Bayport, Minn. (Fair Day)

Fri., September 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., The Phipps, Hudson, Wis. (Opening Reception for “Heart of the River: Celebrating the First 50 Years of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway”)

Sat., October 13, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m., Carpenter Nature Center, Hastings, Minn. (Apple Fest)

Why volunteer?

This is a great opportunity to teach kids and other members of your community about nature through hands-on artmaking experiences. It is also a chance to work with a National Park Ranger to be a part of an effort throughout the St. Croix River Valley to engage residents and visitors through art and nature.

High school students can receive community service hours if approved by their school, all youth volunteers will earn a Junior Ranger badge, and a special reward for all youth volunteers will be an end-of-summer kayak trip with a National Park Ranger on the St. Croix River.

To Sign Up

Sign-ups will be accepted on a first-come basis with up to three volunteers for each date. To sign up, e-mail the following information to Anastasia Shartin, visual arts director at The Phipps Center for the Arts, ashartin@thephipps.org:

Youth's name and age: _____

Youth's school: _____

Youth's mailing address: _____

Youth's e-mail address: _____

Youth's phone number to receive text messages: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's e-mail address: _____

Parent's phone number: _____

Yes, I can attend the training on Tuesday, May 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m. _____

No, I am unable to attend the training on Tuesday, May 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m. _____

Date(s) signing up to volunteer:

This youth volunteer program is a partnership of The Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, Wisconsin, and the National Park Service, with assistance from UW-Extension Polk County.



This program received funding from St. Croix Master Watershed Stewards/Tropical Wings in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.



**4-H & Polk County Historical Society
Sign Maintenance Survey**

Please return form to David Knutson, 106 2nd Avenue,
Balsam Lake, WI By: **June 15th, 2018.**

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Name of Person Completing This Survey: _____

Phone Number of Person Completing This Survey: _____

Check All Boxes By Statements That Apply

Our club has not done any historical sign maintenance.

Our club would like to find out what is expected in the historical sign maintenance program.

Our club has done historical sign maintenance for _____ years.

Our club did maintenance of historical signs in 2017.

Please list names of signs your club is maintaining
and plan to maintain in 2018.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

**Polk County Historical Society
Balsam Lake, WI**

Dear 4-H Club Leaders and Members,

Subject: Historical Sign Maintenance Program

This is a 4-H program that you report on the 4-H Community Pride & Care Report.

There are over 400 Historical signs in Polk County and the maintenance of these signs is very important so that future generations will know about these historical sites. We need at least one club in each township to maintain these signs. Townships have about 15 signs on the average, but not all signs need maintenance annually. Most signs need maintenance about every 3 or 4 years.

Here is what has to be done:

1. Check the signs in the spring and list the signs that need maintenance.
2. Cut down tall brush and weeds that obstruct the view of the sign.
3. Report any signs that have been damaged or that are missing to David Knutson at 715.485.3244 so that they can be repaired or replaced.
4. When weather permits, stain the front of the sign with redwood stain and wipe the stain out of the letters with a damp cloth. (Water base stain and paint may be furnished).
5. After the letters are dry, paint them with white paint. If it looks like rain before the sign dries, cover with plastic.
6. Make your report by September 1 by using the Community Pride & Care Report included in your club's secretary's book.

Thanks for making your community look better and for maintaining the heritage of your area so that future generations will know the location of the historical sites.

If your club has not already agreed to maintain historical signs, please consider doing so this year. If you wish to know the sites in your area, please contact David Knutson, 715.825.3244 for a map and a list of your sites. In some cases sites in a township may be divided with adjoining clubs. Paint, stain and brushes may be furnished to your club. Contact David Knutson, 715.825.3244 to inquire about paint, stain and brushes.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

