



## CLOVER CONNECTION

January 2019

Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

**Happy 2019 and Best Wishes for a healthy and productive year ahead!!** A new year brings a new opportunity to learn and grow through 4-H!! Thanks to all the volunteers who met at our committee meetings in November to plan the educational calendar for 2019, your work is most appreciated and makes our program strong. Be sure to read the "Clover Connection" from cover to cover so you do not miss important information and deadlines!! This month I want to highlight the importance of project meetings in the 4-H experience.

**January is Project Meeting Focus Month:**

**Project Meetings are an Important Part of the 4-H Experience for Youth!**

Project meetings are an important component of the educational experience for 4-H kids. Adult and older youth leaders enhance learning for members through sharing their knowledge and experiences. Meetings can be scheduled throughout the year, and the number will vary depending upon the project area and what you are wanting to accomplish. Winter months can be a good time to bring kids together for fun and learning. Members' interest is most ready to learn when they are signing up for projects and when they get their project literature. Club organizational leaders should let project leaders know which projects club members are enrolled in early in the year.

Let members know the meeting schedule as far in advance as possible. Here are some tips for successful meetings:

- Find out what the members want to learn and accomplish in their projects. *(The literature can be an excellent source for ideas.)*
- Review any safety measures that members will need to follow **upfront**.
- Do an introductory activity related to the project so that members get to know one another.
- Have something for the members to complete at the meeting and take home.
- Talk about what supplies will be needed and how the project meeting supplies will be paid for **upfront**.
- Assess when members are available for additional meetings, and the number of meetings they want. Ask members or parents to bring calendars to aid decisions.
- Encourage parents to participate in meetings.

If you are leading beginning level projects, ask older members in the project to help you. This is a great leadership experience for them! Parents are another excellent source of help. Don't hesitate to ask them to stay for the meeting and be actively involved in their child's project work. We all have talents to share with youth. Sharing knowledge and making the experience fun will encourage youth to continue to come back to the next meeting. Above all, make sure the learning experience is fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Chuck Prissel'.

Chuck Prissel  
4-H Youth Development Agent

## JANUARY Calendar – 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day – Extension Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 4-H Ambassador Meeting 9:30 a.m. Christian Community Home Osceola
13	14 Horse Committee Mtg 7pm	15 Leaders Federation Finance Committee 6:30pm	16	17 Volunteer V.I.P. Training 6:30pm Gov. Center Balsam Lake	18	19 Cultural Arts Day – UW-River Falls
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 4-H Leaders Fed. Mtg. 7pm Gov. Center	29 Club Organizational Leader Training 6:30- Baldwin	30	31		

## February Calendar – 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Club Organizational Leader Training 6:30 Balsam Lake	8	9
10 4H Rabbit Kick-off mtg. 2pm Justice Center	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Dog Project Committee Mtg. 6:30pm – Dresser Pizzeria	20	21	22	23 Youth Robotics Workshop 9-12
24	25 Camp counselor Interviews 5pm	26 Annual Volunteer Training "All together-Not All the Same" 7pm Gv't Center	27	28		



## March Calendar – 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Sheep Project Kick-Off 1pm-3:30pm Justice Ctr	4	5	6	7 Volunteer V.I.P. Training 6:30pm Polk Cty Gv't Ctr	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Science Saturday UW-Eau Claire Barron Cty
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Ambassador Mtg 6pm Gv't Ctr 4H Leaders Fed. Mtg 7pm Gv't Ctr	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## April Calendar – 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Performance Arts Fest – Turtle Lake HS
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Cloverbud/Exploring Event 9am-1pm
14 Rabbit Wrkshp 2pm Justice Ctr	15	16 Volunteer V.I.P. Training 6:30pm Gv't Ctr	17	18	19 Good Friday-Extension Office Closed	20 Dairy Judging Contest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dog Kick-off 2-4pm Sheep/Goat Weigh-in
28	29	30				

## May Calendar – 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Dog Obedience Class	7 Dog Agility/Rally Class	8	9	10 Shooting Sports-Dino Hunt 6-8pm Balsam Lake Rod & Gun club	11
12	13 Dog Obedience Class	14 Dog Agility/Rally Class	15	16 Photo Wkshp 6-8pm Polk Cty Gv't Ctr	17	18
19	20 Dog Obedience Class 4H Amb. Mtg 4H Leaders Fed. Mtg	21 Dog Agility/Rally Class	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day – Extension Office Closed Dog Obedience Class	28 Dog Agility/Rally Class	29	30	31 Camp Counselor Training	

## June Calendar - 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Camp Counselor Training
2	3 Dog Obedience Class	4 Dog Agility/Rally Class	5	6	7	8
9	10 Dog Obedience Class	11 Dog Agility/Rally Class	12	13	14	15 Shooting sports – Pre-fair shoot 9-12 District Holstein Show
16 District Holstein Show	17 Dog Obedience Class 4H Camp	18 Dog Agility/Rally class 4H Camp	19 4H Camp	20 4H Camp	21 Interstate Livestock Show 4H Camp	22 Interstate Livestock Show
23	24 Dog Obedience Class  State 4H Conference	25 Dog Agility/Rally Class  State 4H Conference	26  State 4H Conference	27 Clothing Review 7pm  State 4H Conference	28	29
30						

## July Calendar - 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Dog Obedience Class	2 Dog Agility/Rally Class	3	4 Independence Day – Extension Office Closed	5	6
7	8 Dog Obedience Class	9 State 4-H Plant-Science Day Dog Agility/Rally Class	10	11	12	13 Dog Show 8am-3pm
14	15 4H Ambassador Mtg	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Polk County Fair Entry Day	25 Polk County Fair	26 Polk County Fair	27 Polk County Fair
28 Polk County Fair	29	30	31			

## August Calendar - 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 WI State Fair Quality Meats Carcass Show	2 WI State Fair	3 WI State Fair
4 WI State Fair	5 WI State Fair	6 WI State Fair	7 WI State Fair	8 WI State Fair	9 WI State Fair	10 WI State Fair
11 WI State Fair	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	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:

- January 28, 2019 7:00 p.m. B.L.**
- March 25, 2019 7:00 p.m. B.L.**
- May 20, 2019 7:00 p.m. Fair Park**
- July 15, 2019 7:00 p.m. Fair Park**

**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 December 2018 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:

- Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

Please contact Chuck at 715.485.8600 or [Charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Charles.prissel@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: \_\_\_\_\_



### It's Winter Again!!

Yes, it is that time, again!! Winter weather can be very unpredictable and due to that some UW-Extension programs may have to be cancelled without much notice. All 4-H meetings and activities that have to be cancelled due to weather will be announced at:  
<http://polk.uwex.edu/office-information/meeting-notification/> or you can call 715.485.8610 for a recorded message. Evening program cancellations will be done by 4:00 p.m.

### Youth Leaders -



### How About Being a Camp Counselor?

Have you ever thought about being a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor? It is a great youth leadership experience working with campers and other teens, plus it is FUN!! Counselors need to be at least a freshman in high school, and be interested in working with other kids. Counselor applicants fill out the application at the end of this newsletter, and attend a short interview on Monday, February 25 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension in the Polk County Government Center. Counselors are selected for a combined camp of 3-7<sup>th</sup> graders June 17-19. Call if you have questions at 715-485.8600 or email Chuck at [charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu)



### 4-H forms available on the web!

Did you know that 4-H forms, such as M.E Forms, Record Book Forms, Club financial Records, etc., are all available right on your own computer? They are all PDF's and are all printable or writeable. For your convenience, there is also a link to make sure you have the most recent Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer. Just follow the link: <http://polk.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>

### ATTENTION SHEEP PROJECT MEMBERS



Plan now to attend the **Sheep Project Kick-Off meeting on March 3, 2019 from 2-4 pm at the Polk County Justice Center.** Youth leaders and members of the sheep committee will be on hand to present information relating to choosing sheep for the project and pointers on showing and caring for your sheep. Information will also be provided about the Sheep Premier Exhibitor Contest. The sheep committee members will meet with parents to answer questions relating to the project including classes and fair registration. Pre-registration is not necessary, however, if you are participating in the Quality Meats Program this does count as one of your educational events.

### Rabbit Kickoff Workshop

Sunday, February 10, 2019  
 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
 Community Room at the Polk County Justice Center, Balsam Lake

Some of the things we will talk about:

- Care of the rabbit during the fair and the 4-Hers responsibility to the rabbit.
- Purchasing a rabbit and what to look for in breeds.

We will have a speaker; Chris Gibbons. She will be explaining a new policy on exhibitors exhibiting other people's rabbits and the managerial agreement required for those exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Becky Larson – 715.294.2830  
 Or Carol Suckut – 715.410.5078



**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](http://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 mid-May through September. 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](mailto:ashartin@thephipps.org), 715.386.2305, ext. 103.

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

[www.artbenchtrail.org](http://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 with a local artist.



**Polk County Quality Meats  
Announces 2019 Program  
Requirements**

Youth wishing to participate in the 2019 Polk County Quality Meats Program must meet the following program requirements:

- Complete the YQCA “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” online or classroom training. Club organizational leaders and co-leaders have more information on YQCA.
- Attend a Polk County Quality Meats kick-off meeting
- Attend an educational event or sessions

**YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**

- **ALL** Quality Meats Exhibitors **must** bring their **printed certificate** to paperwork check-in Wednesday at the Fair in the livestock show barn office. Check-in concludes at 6pm.
- To complete the online course go to [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) and follow directions to register and take course – cost is \$12.
- Classroom training is available at a cost of \$3 at various locations in other counties. Register for these classroom courses at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org).
- Questions can be directed to your species chair or vice chair.

**Polk County Kick-off meeting** – Watch the Clover Connection, Quality Meats web page; <https://polk.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/quality-meats/>, and your email for a date coming in March.

- Chair – Craig Scholz, Deer Park – 612.751.3236 – 4-H Beef Committee Chair  
Vice Chair – Tim Swenson, Amery – 715.491.8161 – 4-H Pork Committee Chair  
Secretary – Pam Garvey, Centuria – 715.825.3229 – 4-H Goat Committee Vice-Chair  
Brian Johnston, Milltown – 715.825.4496 – 4-H Sheep Committee Chair  
Amy Lee, Dresser – 715.557.0758 – 4-H Sheep Committee Vice-Chair  
Barry Black, Deer Park – 715.607.1108- 4-H Beef Committee Vice-Chair  
Barry Elwood, Amery – 715.554.3783 – 4-H Pork Committee Vice-Chair  
Tammy Brackee, Amery – 715.948.2475 – 4-H Goat Committee Chair



## Wisconsin 4-H License Plates Available

**The 4-H Plate is here!**  
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We wanted you to know: The Wisconsin 4-H license plate is available through the Wisconsin DMV, as of September 1, 2018. We will officially launch the plate later this fall and will be providing every county with information about how proceeds from the sale of every plate will be shared with the county in which the plate was purchased.

That means money coming to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and to county 4-H programs. A marketing tool kits will be distributed to every county to help in marketing the plate through 2019.

If you have preliminary questions, please ask. And stay tuned for more information.

Please visit the Wisconsin DMV for pricing and more information:  
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/4hf.aspx>



## Host Families Sought for 4H International Programs

It is not too early to be thinking ahead to next summer. Families are needed to host International exchange students, ages 12 to 18, for four weeks next summer as part of an exchange program sponsored by 4-H.

The program is open to 4-H & Non- 4-H families living in Wisconsin with children between the ages of 10 and 18. Families without children in this age range can be considered as hosts for the adult chaperones for two-week periods. You only need a willingness to share your home and your world. There is no need to know the language. The students have all studied English and are anxious to use it.

The 4-H States Exchange program is one of the largest exchange programs in the world. Since it began in 1972, some 45,000 students have stayed with families in 51 states and provinces including Wisconsin and more than 7,000 American students have made reciprocal visits to Japan & other participating countries. "The program gives host families a chance to share their culture, friendship and family life with an exchange student and at the same time learn about Japanese or South Korean everyday life," said Kay Hobler, retired Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Specialist. "The home-stays only last a month during summer vacation, but the effects last a lifetime."

Host applications and brochures about the program are available through the county 4-H office and at [wi4hinternational.org](http://wi4hinternational.org). Any questions can be e mailed to Nancy Burman, International County Coordinator at [music\\_mommy@hotmail.com](mailto:music_mommy@hotmail.com)





**Belong, Mastery, Generosity and Independence are the 4 Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development that are focused online 4-H Youth Development.**

Would you like to learn more and how they relate to your role as a leader working with youth?

Check out how you as an adult volunteer or youth leader can foster the development of these elements in the youth. You will have an opportunity to:

- ü Learn about each element in relation to different age youth from kindergarten to high school.
- ü Consider how you can develop life skills in youth
- ü Build on what you know to foster the growth of these elements in young people

Each module is about 7-10 minutes in length. You move through the modules at your own pace. It will take you about 30-45 minutes to complete all four modules.

For more information on how to access these training opportunities in 4Honline, please visit: <https://4h.uwex.edu/files/2018/08/4HOnline-Essential-Elements-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf>

**WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Period: 12/1/2018-3/15/2019**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2019. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 15, 2019, 5:00 pm.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

How to apply and more information is available at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Questions? Contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation office at 608.262.1597 or

[Info@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:Info@Wis4HFoundation.org)

**Help Beautify Polk County through planting trees!!**

My name is Gloria Lansin; I chair the Amery Woman's Club Recycling and Environmental Education Project. Since the project's inception in the fall of 2011, we continue to work on improving our life through education concerning our environment. Next year our plans involve planting trees in Polk County as part of the national General Federation of Women's Club's Grand Initiatives for 2018-2019.

The Amery Woman's Club would be responsible for getting the trees and we need help planting them. We would like each 4-H Club to plant trees in their area. Each club would decide where the trees should be planted. Amery Woman's Club would coordinate the project. We are contacting the U.S. Forestry Service, the WI DNR Reforestation Service, Arbor Day Foundation, and Polk County Forestry to request the trees needed. Letters will be going out to Randy Goglin who is the head of Polk County Sportsman's Club, Amery Lions Club, Polk County Master Gardeners, Amery Community Club, Amery VFW, and American Legion to help with this project. The Club will do news releases to the press in Polk County. We would also like to have signs put up where the trees are planted.

I know when I drive by the trees that I helped plant when I was young, it instills pride that I helped our environment. Your clubs probably have decided on projects for the coming year, but please consider taking a day to plant trees. I know how important 4-H is since I was a member of the McKinley Vikings 4-H and my parents were leaders. Thanks for all you do!

Gloria Lansin: [glorlansin@aol.com](mailto:glorlansin@aol.com) 715-554-7585.



## **2019 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl**

The 2019 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Sewell Social Sciences Hall on the UW-Madison Campus. The Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl encourages 4-H members to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest is designed to provide an educational dairy experience for all 4-H Dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal while also providing opportunities for 4-H members to develop alertness and self-confidence. The Dairy Bowl is a “quiz bowl” competition where all questions focus on dairy topics. Teams of four 4-H members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner. The registration deadline is January 18, 2019 and there is a \$20 fee per team.

More information can be found at:

<https://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyouth/2019-dairy-quiz-bowl-contest-rules-and-entry-information/>

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kalyanna (Yanna) Williams, MS

Dairy Youth Outreach Specialist

Office: 608-263-9409

Work Cell: 608-720-9889

Fax: 608-263-9412

[Kwilliams32@wisc.edu](mailto:Kwilliams32@wisc.edu)

## **INDIANHEAD SHEEP & GOAT BREEDERS CONFERENCE**

The Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeders Association will have their conference on Saturday February 2nd, 2019 at WITC IN Rice Lake. Registration starts at 8am, the program starts at 9am, each program is 50 minutes, and they will be giving out awards at some point during the day. They do not have the agenda together yet but should have that up on their website in the near future. [www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org](http://www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org)

***There will be youth educational component to this event and this will count as a qualifying Educational event for your Quality Meats Participation.***

## **Organizational Leader Training**

Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 P.M., Baldwin Ag Center

Thursday, February 7, 6:30 P. M., Balsam Lake Government Center, Conference Room AB

Are you a new Organizational Leader? Would you like a refresher course on your role as an Organizational Leader? Or would you like some new ideas? This series of trainings is designed to help you navigate your roles and responsibilities as a 4-H Organizational Leader. The first training will cover: State 4-H Policy, 4-H Charters and Financial Records, Planning the Club Meeting and Planning the Club Year. Bring your questions and we will problem solve together.

Please register by Monday, January 28 for the Baldwin Class or Tuesday, February 5 for the Balsam Lake Class so we have adequate materials prepared. Register by calling the Extension Office or Email Eileen at: [eileen.vandyk@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:eileen.vandyk@ces.uwex.edu). Please indicate which class you will be attending.



## 2019 WI 4-H State Teams Info and On-line Application is Ready to Go!

Attention all youth grades 9-13...

Do you love the “ARTS?” Are you interested in further developing your artistic talents and your leadership skills? If you said yes to the above questions...then consider applying to participate in one of our Wisconsin 4-H State Art Teams in 2019! The Wisconsin 4-H Art Team, 4-H Communications Team, and 4-H Drama Company can all be applied for on-line. Application deadline is January 20, 2019. **IMPORTANT: Please read ALL of the information at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-group-application-info/> (Application Information, State Group Job Descriptions, and Application Instructions) BEFORE completing the online application at <http://wi.4honline.com>**

Our Wisconsin 4-H State Art Teams create a supportive and positive environment for youth leaders to gain confidence, develop valuable life skills and cultivate friendships and relationships with positive adults to last a lifetime! Consider applying today. Adult Advisors are also needed to support the positive development of our youth leaders. If you are a Volunteer Leader interested in the arts, consider applying today in 4H Online under “Events.”

Team Descriptions, Adult Advisor Information, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on our website at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>.

The on-line application and additional application materials (**see each teams’ requirements**) are **due January 20, 2019**.

Please feel free to call or e-mail Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist, at 608-262-1557 or [amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu) with any questions or for more information.

### **Please Welcome our new 4-H Coordinator, Eileen:**

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

I am excited to start my new role as 4-H Coordinator in Polk and St. Croix Counties. As 4-H Coordinator, I will be working with 4-H Online enrollments, providing support for 4-H Charters and financial records, participating in training for 4-H Leaders, helping with 4-H Camps and coordinating with selected 4-H Committees. This role will evolve over the next year so please be patient as Chuck and I work out the details.

I grew up on a dairy farm outside of Amery at Deronda and was a member of the Little Falls Livewires 4-H Club. My favorite 4-H Projects included the Family Living Projects and Dairy. As a 4-H Leader in St. Croix County for 30 years, I have served as an Organizational Leader, President of the Leaders Association, and a Project Leader. My children and grandchildren have participated in 4-H in St. Croix County. In addition, I have served as 4-H Program Advisor in Pierce County for the past three years.

The great memories of Polk County fairs, 4-H trips, 4-H Softball and lifelong 4-H friends make me excited to once again be part of the 4-H program in Polk County. Currently, I plan to maintain office hours in Polk County on Wednesday, St. Croix County on Monday and the other weekdays will be flexible depending on county programs and activities. If you need to reach me, please call the Extension Office or email me at: [eileen.vandyk@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:eileen.vandyk@ces.uwex.edu).

Sincerely; Eileen Van Dyk – Polk/St. Croix 4-H Coordinator



## ***Annual 4-H Volunteer Leader Training “All Together, Not All the Same”***

As part of the 4-H Club Charter process, each county will be offering annual volunteer leader training. Each club is asked to have one participant attending these annual trainings to bring the information back to the clubs. The training will be valuable for all youth and adult leaders, and anyone is welcome to attend. This year’s training will be “All Together, Not All the Same” and will be offered **Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Balsam Lake.**

This training focuses on diversity and inclusion and the need to ensure that all young people and adults feel they are welcome and belong in the program. It helps participants explore the diversity that exists in their community, recognize their own cultural lens, and how it impacts the way they relate to others. Participants will also learn tools and strategies for working across difference in 4-H.

“Belonging” in one of the four Essential Elements and this training will focus on creating inclusive safe learning environments for members and families in our 4-H programs. It will highlight ways caring adults can build positive relationships with young people enhancing the 4-H experience for all participants.

The evening will be a fun opportunity to interact with other leaders as well as gain answers you may have about the 4-H program. To register for this workshop, please fill out the following information, e-mail Chuck at [charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu), or contact the Polk County Extension Office at 715.485.8600.

### **“All Together, Not All the Same”**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_



Return to the Polk County Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

# Po-Croix-Bar 4-H Camp

Camp Counselor Application Due: February 25, 2019

(Must currently be in grades 9-12 to apply)

Please bring completed app. to Interview Feb. 25 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. @ Gov. Center Balsam Lake

Name		Current Age		Birth Date		Male		Female		
Address				City				Zip		
County		Club		Grade in School		Years in 4-H				
Cell Phone		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  T-shirt size		Small		Medium		Large		X-large
Email										
Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?										
If so, when and where?										
Do you want to be considered for a junior director's position?						Yes		No		
What skills would you bring to this junior director's position?										
List camps (4-H and non 4-H) which you have attended:						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  camper or counselor				
Camp				Year		Camper		Counselor		

<b>Please hold these dates. Counselor numbers directly impact the number of campers we can host.</b>			
4-H Camp	Grades 3-7	June 17-19, 2019	<b>Camp Counselor Training Dates May 31- June 1 at Camp Kiwanis</b>

<b>Camp Activities</b>			
Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Please check all that apply.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	archery	<input type="checkbox"/>	games & recreation
<input type="checkbox"/>	arts & crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	music
<input type="checkbox"/>	backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	campfire programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	nature activities (other than water)
<input type="checkbox"/>	canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	relay games
<input type="checkbox"/>	drama activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	science discovery activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	singing
<input type="checkbox"/>	flag ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	swimming
<input type="checkbox"/>	foods & nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	other (describe)

**Describe your experiences with 5 of the camp activities you identified on the front page.**

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**Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.**

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**What do you want to learn from your experiences as a camp counselor?**

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**If you have special dietary needs, please describe.**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date completed)

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# Horse Camp Counselor Application 2019

June 10-14 2019

Youth 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and older may apply

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE 4H HORSE PROJECT**

**As a counselor it is critical that you commit to be present for the entire camp**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PREMISE ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Age (As of 1/1/19): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level for 2018/2019: \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female (Circle One)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Horse Youth Leadership Project \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL

**Why do you want to be a Horse Camp Counselor/group leader?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Any Additional Horse Project Leadership Roles/Volunteer Positions (Food Booth, Clinics, etc.) that you have helped with?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Training** (Describe/list any leadership training in which you have participated. Either 4H or other.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* By my signature, I attest that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

\* Applications will be accepted for both Junior and Senior Counselors. Positions will be determined based on Age, Experience, Need and Space by the Horse Camp Planning Team.

\* Camp Counselor Training Retreat / ABC Clinic is Tentatively Scheduled for April

**\* Accepted Counselors will be expected to attend the Retreat Weekend.**

I understand that this is an **application only** and that I will be contacted upon acceptance as a 2018 Camp Counselor.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by: February 25, 2019 to:  
Teresa Halstrom – Polk County Horse Project  
2355 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Dresser WI 54009

4H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse that will be used for Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been riding this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

**All horses attending camp must have a current Negative Coggins. Coggins must be submitted prior to camp and the original will be verified upon check in.**

Parent(s) Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents & Guardians are welcome to visit during camp. But all adults intending to stay on fair park grounds overnight MUST attend the 4H Adult Volunteer Training and have a background check. For more information please contact the Extension Office**

**Per 4H Policy, boys and girls that are not in the same family are NOT allowed to stay in the same accommodation without direct onsite parent/guardian supervision**

Where will the 4H Camper be staying? (Choose One)

Tent City \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

If camper choice is a travel trailer, do you require electrical access? (\$15 additional/\$5 per night x 3 nights)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Whom will 4H Camper be staying with? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please see note above concerning adults on Fair Park Grounds after hours)*

Counselor Registration Fee \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Electric (for Travel Trailers and Campers only, \$5 per night x 4 nights = \$20): \_\_\_\_\_

Only one Electric Fee Per Trailer Camper +\$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Each Parent/Non-Camper Staying on-site (\$15.00 includes all meals)

– Volunteer Card Required for Overnight Stay # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to Polk County 4H Federation**

(Checks will not be cashed prior to March 15th.)

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

4H Medical Release: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





December 14, 2018

Contact: Mandy Masters  
608-723-7551

### **WPA Offers Youth Pig Project Scholarships**

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is once again offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2019 pig project. Scholarships will be awarded in three age divisions, as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2019). Thanks to support from pig breeders throughout the state, at least twenty \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded this spring.

Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at [www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project](http://www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project) or call the WPA office at 800-822-7675 to have a copy mailed. Completed application forms must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 1, 2019.

The 2019 Youth Pig Project Scholarships are being made possible in part by the following sponsors: ACJ Farm; Goplin Show Pigs; George Holst; Jake's Pig Palace; Keel Show Pigs; Krebs Farms; Magolski Farms; Walsh Family Farm; and Wehrle Farms. WPA is still accepting program sponsorships through February 1, 2019. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should contact the WPA office at 608-723-7551 or email [mmasters@wppa.org](mailto:mmasters@wppa.org).

*The Wisconsin Pork Association's mission is to insure the future success of the Wisconsin pork industry. WPA represents the interests of the pork industry members with a strong emphasis on social issues, public and government policies, environment, animal welfare and safety.*

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