

Clover Connection

JANUARY 2020 EDITION



“A LOT OF GROUPS GO OUT THERE
AND TALK ABOUT IT—WE GO OUT
THERE AND **ACTUALLY DO IT.**” 

4-H FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB!!

Did you know that more 4-H forms, such as M.E. forms, Record Book Forms, Club Financial Records, etc., are all available right on your own computer? Just follow the link:

<https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>

Select the category and print out what you need! These forms are still available from the Extension Office for your convenience.



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:

Jan. 27th, 2020 7pm at B.L.

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Mar. 23rd, 2020 7pm at
B.L.

May 18th, 2020 7pm at
Fair Park

July 20th, 2020 7pm at
Fair Park



January



- 1- HAPPY 2020!!! Extension Office Closed
- 5- Quiz Bowl Practice, Polk County Justice Center, 2pm-4pm
- 6- Horse Project Committee Meeting, 6:30pm at Government Center
- 9- 4-H Program Area Zoom
- 11- Trail Bike Ride, Woolly Mammoth Trail in S.C.F, 10am
- 12- Quiz Bowl Practice, Polk County Justice Center, 2pm-4pm
- 16- 4-H Town hall Zoom, 7pm
- 23- V.I.P New Leader Training, 6:30pm Government Center
- 23- Fair Board Meeting, Government Center
- 26- Quiz Bowl Practice, Polk County Justice Center, 2pm-4pm
- 27- Ambassador Meeting, 6pm Government Center
- 27- 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27- 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meeting, Government Center, 7pm

February



- 9- Rabbit Kickoff , 2pm at the Justice Center
- 15- Robotics Workshop, Saint Croix Falls School, 9am-1pm
- 18- Dog Project Meeting, Village Pizzeria in Dresser, 6:30pm
- 24- Camp Councilor Interviews at 5pm
- 25- VIP Training, Balsam Lake Government Center, 6:30pm

- 2- Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 14- Science Saturday at UW-Eau Clair in Barron County
- 23- 4-H Ambassador Meeting, Government Center, 6pm
- 23- 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meeting, Government Center, 7pm
- 29- Photography Workshop, Amery Community



April

- 11- Dairy Judging Contest
- 16- V.I.P Training at the Gov. Center, 6:30pm
- 19- Rabbit Workshop, 2pm at the Justice Center
- 25- Goat and Sheep Weigh-In
- 25- 4-H Dog Kick-Off/Move Equipment, 2pm-4pm
- 27- 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship
- 28- 4-H Dog Agility/Rally



CLOVER CONNECTION

January 2020

Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Happy 2020 and Best Wishes for a healthy and productive year ahead!! A new decade and a new year brings opportunities 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 2020, 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 and enthusiasm about a project is usually high shortly after project enrollment 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. **Project leaders can be given access through 4honline to see enrolled members- contact the Extension office to be given this access.**

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,

Chuck Prissel
4-H Youth Development Agent

Youth Leaders! How About Being A Camp Counselor??

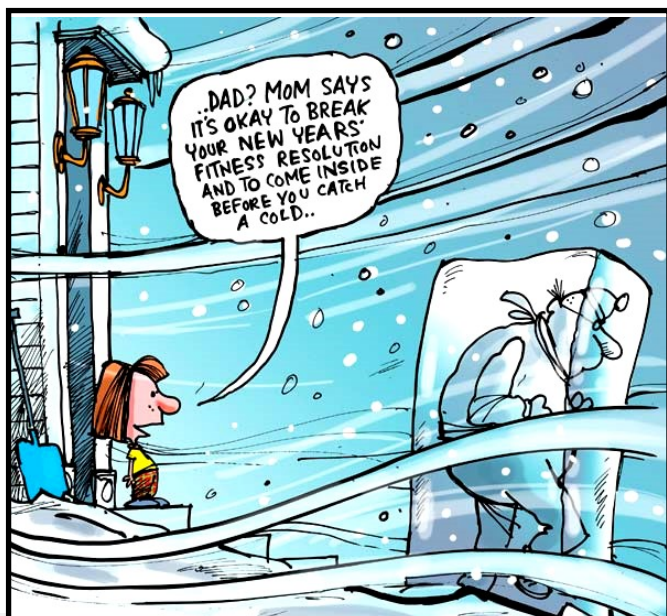


Have you ever thought about being a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor? It is a great youth leadership experience working with campers and other teens, plus it is FUN!! Counselors need to be at least a freshman in high school, and be interested in working with other kids. Counselor applicants fill out the application at the end of this newsletter, and attend a short interview on Monday, February 24 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension in the Polk County Government Center. Counselors are selected for a combined camp of 3-7th graders June 15-17. Call if you have questions at 715-485.8600 or email Chuck at

charles.prissel@wisc.edu

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR CLUB?

Would you like your Club featured in the next Clover Newsletter? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your clubs story please email me at: kerry.hill2@wisc.edu



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

It's that time of year again where winter weather can be very unpredictable. Due to any unforeseen weather conditions some UW-Extension programs may cancel without notice. All 4-H meeting and activities that have to be cancelled due to weather will be announced at:

<https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/office-information/meeting-notification/>

Evening program cancellations will be done by 3:00 p.m.



Interested in learning about livestock, want to have FUN, and compete at the same time then Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon are for you. Practices will be held on Sundays from 2-4 pm at the justice center in Balsam Lake. Snacks and drinks will be provided at the practices. Participants will also receive credit for their educational requirement for the Polk County Quality Meats project.

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages 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. The contest will be divided into junior (grades 3-8), senior (grades

9-13) divisions and a mixed team division where the team must contain at least one youth in each age division.

Participating 4H members are eligible to compete in the state competition on a

Saturday in early March, date has not been set by the state at this time. Please contact Craig Scholz for more information or if you are interested in participating.

Craig Scholz
polkcountyqualitymeats@live.com
612-751-3236

Quiz Bowl practice will be located at the Polk County Justice Center on Sundays, 2pm-4pm on the following dates:

December 29
January 5, 12 & 26

**These dates may
be subject to
change!!**

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:

* Learn about each element in relation to different age youth from kindergarten to high school.

- * Consider how you can develop life skills in youth
- * 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.extension.wisc.edu/files/2018/08/4HOnline-Essential-Elements-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf>

CLUB MANAGERS & ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

If you are the club manager/organizational leader who is responsible for confirming your club members you must:

Follow the “4Honline – Club Managers guidelines included with this newsletter in the club organizational packets.

1. Log in following directions using the password that is listed on the directions.
2. Check your membership and make sure that each of your members is enrolled in the correct categories (such as: **Cloverbuds – K-2 ONLY; Exploring – 3rd graders - (unless you are in 4-H for the first time as a 4th graders) – you would then also be an EXPLORER (if you are in 5th grade you must choose projects).**
3. Delete old projects or check with your member – (if Exploring still shows up and your member is now a regular 4-H members – **delete exploring for the current year.**)
4. After you have gone through the membership – then confirm each member/leader.

If you do not confirm your members at the club level, the county cannot confirm them in your club and they will not receive any mailings or newsletters until they are confirmed.

REMINDER – If you are changing clubs you cannot change them yourself – you MUST call Eileen at the Extension office at 715.485.8600 to have it changed.

OFFICE TRAINING MATERIALS



Now is the time for new officers to brush up on their leadership skills and to learn the responsibilities of an officer. Listed here are descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of each of the 4-H club officers. These resources should help club members perform their officer duties effectively and improve their leadership skills. Officer materials are available online at Wisconsin 4-H Community Club Central at the following link:

[https://](https://fvi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/4-h-club-and-groupcommittee-management/4-h-club-officer-and-youth-leader-training-resources/)

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President – Agendas & Facilitating Group Discussion

Vice President – Creating Club Calendar & Committees

Secretary – Meeting Minutes

Treasurer – Checkbook Balancing Basics and Financial Responsibility

Reporter – How to Write a Press Release

The 4-H program encourages members to use basic parliamentary procedures for their club business meetings. The Parliamentary Procedures brochure, also available online, defines parliamentary procedures and the steps in making club decisions.

Each club members – not just the officers – need to become familiar with the basics so they can contribute to their clubs business meetings effectively. If you have questions regarding Parliamentary Procedure or Officer Duties contact Chuck Prissel at charles.prissel@wisc.edu

ATTENTION 4-H Horse Project Members! Horse Camp—Save the Date!!!

**We are beginning plans for
Horse Camp 2020!!!**

When: June 23-26 2020
(Counselors will arrive June 22th)

Who: All 4H Horse and Pony Project Members that are 4th grade and older will be welcome to apply – applicants must be signed up for the 4H Horse Project in 4H-Online. In addition, those that plan to attend camp will need be able to fully care for their horse, including feeding, grooming and saddling AND be able to ride their horse independently. Watch for the camp application & more information to be in the March 2020 clover connection!



Horse Project Youth that are 7th grade & older - you will be able to apply as potential counselors! Please make sure you are signed up for Horse/Youth Leadership in 4H-online. Watch the February Clover Connection, Facebook, or email for more camp details and The Horse Camp Counselor Applications at that time. Counselor Applications will be due February 28, 2020



There will be a Rabbit Kick-Off on Feb. 9, 2020 at 2p.m.

Rabbit Kick-Off!

We will meet at the Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake



Our title for this Workshop is:

"You're Enrolled in the Rabbit Project, Now What?"

Think about this title and bring ideas!
Please do not bring rabbits.

Thank You!

Any questions please call: Becky Larson: 651-278-2830 or Carol Suckut: 715-410-5078

Woolly Mammoth Trail Ride!!

What: Mountain Biking Event

When: January 11, 2020 starting at 10am

Where: Woolly Mammoth trail head in St. Croix Falls, WI (Lincoln Dr., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024)

Who: Anyone who owns a fat tire bike is welcome to come for a fun day of trail riding

Why: A great opportunity to meet new friends that share the same interest as you!

Please Contact Chris Boland for More Information! 715-472-4166



HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS IMPORTANT DATES!

January 6th Committee Meeting 6:30pm Polk County Government Center Youth Leaders Please attend this meeting we have a lot of planning to do.

March 2nd Kick Off Meeting Please note in order to show at fair this meeting is mandatory!!

June 23-26 is Horse camp for 2020 Counselors will arrive on June 22.

Let's make this a great year! We are still looking for adult leaders to help

**Teresa Halstrom-Chair
Jessie Baillargeon-Vice Chair
Ashley Bengston-Secretary
Karin Sandberg-Treasurer**

Indianhead Sheep & Goat Breeders Conference

The Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeders Association will have their conference on Saturday February 1st, 2020 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

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



WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Period: 12/1/2019-3/16/2020

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 16, 2020, 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 2020-2019 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



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 Extension professionals to develop the life skills of youth members, thus benefiting the state, employers, and the economy. Volunteers extend the resources of 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 polk.extension.wisc.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 4hvolunteers@ohr.wisc.edu 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 required **Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-**

H Volunteers. Please visit the <https://polk.extension.wisc.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 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Chuck or Kerry at 715.485.8600 or Charles.prissel@wisc.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: _____



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OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December, 2019

Contact: Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Specialist

Email: joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu **Phone:** 608-262-9605

WI State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl is scheduled for April 4, 2020

(Madison) The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday April 4, 2020 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI.

The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science.

Teams of four 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.

Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of Jan.1, 2020. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2020. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges.

The cost is \$20 per team due at the time of registration.

Registration starts at 9 a.m., competitions start at 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for registration is March 14, 2020, 5 p.m.

Please register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/20204HDairyBowl>

For more information and registration information, please contact Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Specialist at (608) 262-9605, joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu or at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/dairy/> You can also "like" Wisconsin Dairy Youth on Facebook as well.

Cattail Clovers

In December the Cattail Clovers 4h Club went on their annual caroling outing to 15 local houses. They sang a few traditional songs and ended with We wish you a Merry

Christmas! The club gave each house that they visited some goodies which included frosted sugar cookies, Russian tea mix, and an ornament that they made at their November meeting. All of the members and parents had a lot of fun spreading Christmas cheer!!



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