

Polk County

The Clover Connection

February 2020



**“ A LEADER IS
ONE WHO
KNOWS THE
WAY, GOES
THE WAY AND
SHOWS THE
WAY.”**

~JOHN C. MAXWELL

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:

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

**May 18th, 2020 7pm at
Fair Park**

**July 20th, 2020 7pm at
Fair Park**



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



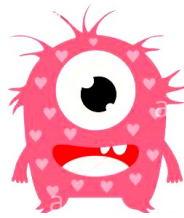
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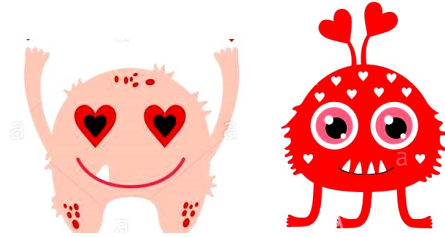
AMBASSADOR CORNER

Why should you be an ambassador? The Polk County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of youth leaders who help organize and run county-wide events. As an ambassador, you'd get to help at the county performance arts festival, the annual Northwest 4-H Golf Classic, and at the county fair. You'd also be able to participate in a number of recreational and community service activities throughout the year. The Ambassador program is an awesome way for you to grow as a youth leader, build your resume, and be more involved in the Polk County 4-H program. We're looking for youth 7-12th grade to help make 4-H in our county happen! info to join]

February



- 3- Horse Project Comm. Mtg., 6pm at the Government Center
- 9- Rabbit Kickoff , 2pm at the Justice Center
- 13- 9am WI 4-H Program Zoom
- 15- Robotics Workshop, Saint Croix Falls School, 9am-1pm
- 18- Dog Project Meeting, Village Pizzeria in Dresser, 6:30pm
- 24- Camp Counselor Interviews at 5pm
- 27- VIP Training, Balsam Lake Government Center, 6:30pm



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- 2- Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 14- Science Saturday at UW-Eau Clair in Barron County
- 19- Organizational Leader Training, 6:30pm at the Gov. Center
- 23- 4-H Ambassador Meeting, Government Center, 6pm
- 23- 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meeting, Government Center, 7pm
- 28- Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camp, 9:30-12 at Frederic High School
- 29- Photography Workshop, Amery Community Center, 2-4pm



April

- 11- Dairy Judging Contest
- 14- 4-H Town Hall Zoom at 7pm
- 16- V.I.P Training at the Gov. Center, 6:30pm
- 19- Rabbit Workshop, 2pm at the Justice Center
- 23- Foods Revue, 6:30pm, Polk County Gov. 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



- 4- 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship
- 5- 4-H Dog Agility Classes
- 8- Shooting Sports Dino Hunt at Balsam Lake Rod & Gun, 6pm-8pm
- 11- 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship
- 18- 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship
- 18- 4-H Leaders Meeting at 4-H Building in Fair Park at 7pm
- 18- 4-H Ambassador Meeting at 6pm
- 19- 4-H Dog Agility Classes
- 26- 4-H Dog Agility Classes

Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

The winter is in full swing with the month of February and with it brings many 4-H events and activities at the club and county level. As we work to plan and engage youth through youth development learning experiences, volunteers and staff need to be mindful of the foundation of the 4-H experience, the Essential Elements. In 4-H, the critical components of a successful learning experience are Belonging, Independence, Mastery, and Generosity; the 4-H Essential Elements. These elements should be embedded throughout the learning experience, and appear in 4-H Curriculum Leader Guilds as a reminder to us to foster growth of these elements through the learning experiences we teach and share with youths.

Belonging

A Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult

A caring adult acts as an advisor, guide and mentor. The adult helps set boundaries and expectations for young people.

An Inclusive Environment

An inclusive environment is one that creates a sense of belonging, encouraging and supporting its members with positive and specific feedback.

A Safe Environment

Youth should feel physically and emotionally secure while participating in 4-H experiences.

Mastery

Opportunities for Mastery

Mastery is the building of knowledge, skills, and attitudes and then demonstrating the competent use of these in the manner of a proficient practitioner.

Engagement in Learning

Engagement in Learning helps youth build relationships and connections to develop understanding of the subject area. Engaged learners are more self-motivated and creative.

Independence

Opportunities to See Oneself as an Active Participant in the Future

To foster young people's hope and optimism toward shaping their life choices and the world around them.

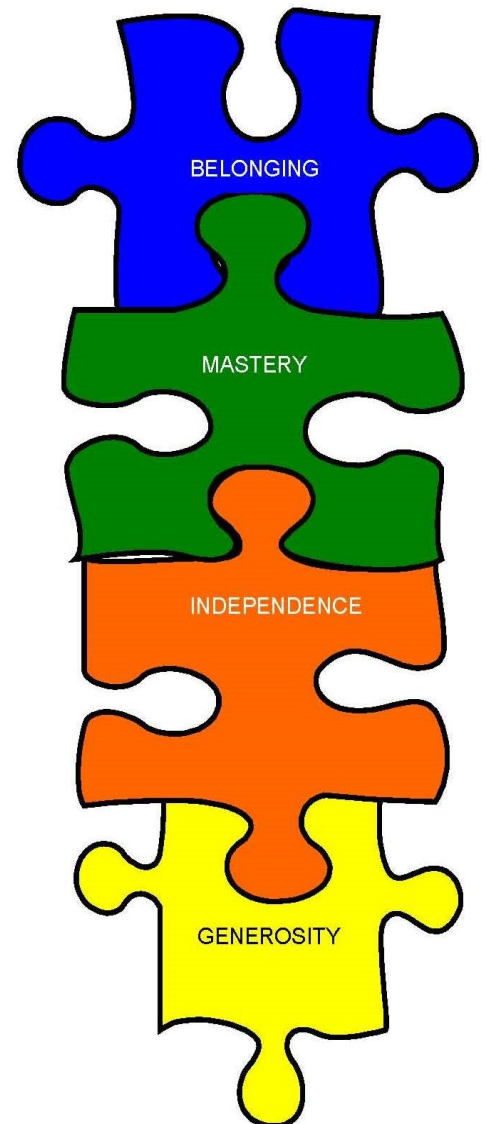
Opportunities for Self-Determination

Allow youth to influence their lives and realize their potential to become self-directing, autonomous adults.

Generosity

Opportunities to Value and Practice Service to Others

Give youth experiences to find themselves through giving time and talents to others. Through service, members gain exposure to the larger community and the broader world.



Working together we can ensure these elements are embedded parts of the 4-H experience our youth are provided.

Sincerely-

Chuck Prissel
4-H Youth Development Agent

It's That Time of Year Again!

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/>



**4-H CAMP
COUNSELORS
APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW
AVAILABLE!**

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 Office 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

Cloverbud 4-H Leaders Training

Are you working with our K-3rd grade 4-H Cloverbuds and Explorers and looking for some great new ideas? Plan to attend the upcoming Cloverbud Leaders Training. Wisconsin 4-H has come out with 3 years of new curriculum and activities for this age group and we will be trying it out at this hands-on learning day. *Volunteers who attend will receive a hard copy of all activities to take back and use at your Club.*

Sunday, February 9th, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Seyforth Building, Pierce County Fairgrounds, 364 North Maple Street, Ellsworth, WI (Please register by Thursday, February 6). Registration is REQUESTED so that we can have adequate activity materials for the day. Register by calling the Extension Pierce County Office at 715-273-6781 or e-mailing Frank Ginther, Pierce County 4-H Youth Development Agent at: francis.ginther@wisc.edu to let us know how many to expect from your Club. See you soon for this fun day of learning together!

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://fvi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/4-h-club-and-groupcommittee-management/4-h-club-officer-and-youth-leader-training-resources/>

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 Horse Project Members! Horse Camp &

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 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

Important Dates!

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

Robotics Workshop

The Robotics 4-H club will be hosting a hands on workshop in which you will get the opportunity to assemble, code and operate Lego EV3 Robots!

Where: SCF High School Tech Lab
When: Saturday, February 15th, 2020 at 9:30am-1:00pm
Who: All 4-H Youth, 4th Grade and Up

There are 10 spots currently available; THIS IS FIRST COME BASIS! Please Register by **February 7th** with Shirley at smillerfrey@gmail.com. Please register: Name of each youth, Youth age, Club Name, Parent Name, whether a parent will be joining the youth and a Contact Number. If you joined us in the past, we can build on what you have already learned.



Rabbit Kick-Off!

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

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.

When: March 21st at 8:30am

Where: Hibbs Farm, 2796 60th St. Frederic, WI 54837

ATTENTION QUATLITY MEATS MEMBERS!

Feeding, Fitting and Grooming Clinic!

Clinic Information: Fitting and Grooming with Brooke Brantner

- Feeding Presentation and Clipping Demo in the Morning
- Break for provided lunch
- Animal Clipping to Follow

Qualifies as Educational Credit (Must Attend Full Event to Receive Credit)

Clinic Information: Quality Feeding with Brady Klatt

- Show Chute
- Clippers
- Clean Calf for Fitting
- Calf MUST be Chute and Clipper Ready

If Any of the Supplies Above are Needed, Including Animal, Please Contact Jordan

For Questions, Please Contact Jordon Hibbs at 715.651.6516



Performance Art Festival Date Set!

Once again, Polk and Barron Counties are joining up to host a Performance Art Festival on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Turtle Lake High School. Like the last several years, this event is a combined pre-fair performance opportunity for premiums (like the Music, Drama and Dance Revues of the past) and a club performance opportunity for no premiums (like the Talent Explosions of the past) all rolled into one performance arts extravaganza! Registration forms for pre-fair performances are available in this newsletter and registration forms for club performances are in the Club Organizational mailing. Youth wishing to have their individual or duet music, dance or speaking events as part of the 2020 Polk County Fair will in addition to registering for the April event, need to include it on their fair entry form due in June. For more information, see the Polk County website or your club leader. If you have questions, please contact Chuck at Charles.prissel@wisc.edu or call at 715.485.8600

POLK COUNTY FAIR SIGN CONTEST

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, July 30 & 31 and August 1 & 2, at St. Croix Falls, and your club name must appear on the sign.

The sign needs to be up by July 1, the sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way, and you must get permission from the landowner. By July 20, please submit a color 8inx10in photograph of your sign and the location to,

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

Judging will focus on creativity and advertisement value, and the Polk County fair board will do all judging. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200, or the second place of \$100. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50 for one sign. All Polk County signs are to be By August 5.

The theme for this year is:

A GOAT LOAD OF FUN!



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](mailto:Info@Wis4HFoundation.org)

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER TRAINING

**When: Thursday, March 19th at
6:30pm**

**Where: Polk County Government
Center**

This training is designed to introduce club leader to resources that can make club meetings fun, educational and youth led. We will work to “Create a Welcoming Environment,” “Involve Adult Volunteers,” and create opportunities for “Youth Leadership.”

New and experienced leader will find this workshop helpful!



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, February 27, 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: _____



Saturday, April 18, 2020

Turtle Lake School

Demonstration Entry

Youth may enter this event and receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-31 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.

Formal Demonstration – An individual or team showing and telling an audience how to make or do something. Presents information through actions with an explanation. Has an introduction, body and conclusion followed by a time to answer questions. Open to all youth grades 3 and up. Select a topic of interest to you. Props and visual aids are encouraged. One 8-foot table will be provided. Easels and other equipment will not be provided. **TIMES:** Grades 3-5: 4-7 minute demonstration; Grades 6-8: 5-8 minute demonstration; Grades 9-13: 8-10 minute demonstration.

Action Demonstration – An individual or team sharing ideas or showing how to do a skill in an informal way. The audience may participate and ask questions throughout the demonstration. The demonstrator(s) converses with audience members who are standing around the table/area. The audience participates by talking with the demonstrator, trying things, doing, tasting, asking questions, etc. Handouts, posters, pictures can be used. Open to all youth grades 3 and up. Select a topic of interest to you. One 8-foot table will be provided. Easels and other equipment will not be provided. Youth must interact and have enough supplies for the audience to take part in the demonstration. **TIMES:** Action demonstrations for all age groups should be up to 20 minutes.

Name: _____ Club: _____

County: ☐ Barron ☐ Polk

Grade: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

If team demonstration, please attach a list of others involved with above information.

Check all that apply:

Formal Demonstration

Check one: ☐ Individual ☐ Team

Title: _____

Action Demonstration

Check one: ☐ Individual ☐ Team

Title: _____

Mail to: Extension 4-H Youth Development, 100 Polk Plaza; Suite 190; Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Or email to: charles.prissel@wisc.edu

Deadline to register: April 1, 2020



Saturday, April 18, 2020
Turtle Lake School

Musical Performance **(Vocal, Dance, Instrumental)**

Youth may enter this event and receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-18 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.

4-H members may enter in more than one category. Each participant should bring a copy of their music for the judge. A piano is not available in the instrumental room.

Name: _____ Club: _____

County: Barron Polk

Grade: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please attach a list of others involved in performance with above information.

Check all that apply:

☐ **Vocal**, emphasis on vocal qualities and delivery

Check one: ☐ Solo ☐ Duet

Title: _____

☐ **Dance**

Check one: ☐ Solo ☐ Duet

Title: _____

☐ **Vocal and Dance** – emphasis 60% on vocal qualities and 40% on interpretation and choreography

Check one: ☐ Solo ☐ Duet

Title: _____

☐ **Instrumental-Other than Piano** Instrument: _____

Check one: ☐ Solo ☐ Duet

Title: _____

☐ **Piano**

Check one: ☐ Solo ☐ Duet

Title: _____

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Saturday, April 18, 2020

Turtle Lake School

Speaking/Interpretive Reading Entry

Youth may enter this event and receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-31 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.

Original Speech - Open to all youth. Talks should be developed by the member who is presenting it. No posters or props may be used. The youth may speak about any topic of interest to him/her. **TIMES:** Grades 3-4: 1-2 minutes; Grades 5-6: 2-3 minutes; Grades 7-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

4-H Pledge - For youth Cloverbud up to Grade 4. Cloverbuds will not receive a fair premium. Pledge must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

FFA Creed - For youth in Grades 6-9. Creed must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

Interpretive Reading - Open to all youth, individual or team. Selections may be prose or poetry, original or selected reading. If not an original, the author must be credited. Include a short introduction to your reading. Reading should NOT be memorized. Use full-sized copies of selections (not note cards). No podium will be provided. **TIMES** (Individual or Team): Grades 3-4: 1-2 minutes; Grades 5-6: 2-3 minutes; Grades 7-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

Name: _____ Club: _____

County: ☐ Barron ☐ Polk

Grade: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

If team interpretive reading, please attach a list of others involved with above information.

Check all that apply:

☐ **Original Speech**

Title: _____

☐ **4-H Pledge**

☐ **FFA Creed**

☐ **Interpretive Reading**

Check one: ☐ Individual ☐ Team

Title: _____

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