

CLOVER CONNECTION

November/December 2020



COMPLETE 4-H ENROLLMENT BY January 1ST!!!!

We encourage ALL 4-H members to complete your enrollment for 2020/2021 by January 1, 2021. Wondering "Why?" Here are the top 5 reasons:

- 1) Members will be covered by our 4-H insurance at 4-H events.
- 2) Families will get the newsletter. (Mailing labels for newsletters are taken from 4-H online)
- 3) Members can receive broadcast emails about 4-H events. (We can broadcast emails through 4-H online)
- 4) Leaders will have a list of all members in the club
- 5) You will not have to worry about enrolling at the last minute and potentially make mistakes that will impact your fair entry.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ENROLLMENT TODAY!!

4-H Online is now open for enrollment. The enrollment guide was attached to last week's email blast. Although the guide may seem long, please be aware there are sections for new families and re-enrolling families, and instructions for volunteers vs. instructions for youth members. If the link in the guide does not work, use this link to enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> Please email Chuck at charles.prissel@wisc.edu or Eileen at eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu if you have problems or questions.

4-H Leaders Board Meeting, Monday November 30th at 6:30 p.m. Agenda, minutes and treasurer's report will be sent to the Club Leadership list. If others wish to join please contact Chuck or Eileen for the information and the Zoom link.



CLUB/GROUP LEADERS SHARE & LEARN MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30-7PM - LEARN ABOUT ZOOM

7PM-8PM - SHARE AND LEARN
come for a discussion with other leaders from clubs and committee groups

**COME FOR 1 SESSION, OR BOTH.
REGISTER HERE:**

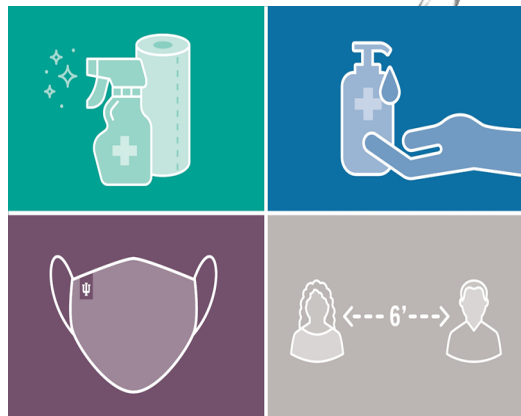
<https://bit.ly/4hleadershare>

4-H Club and Project Meetings:

We truly understand the need for 4-H Clubs, members and leaders to stay connected during this Covid Time. Virtual is the preferred method, but groups can meet in person if they follow the required guidelines. We also understand that 4-H polices can be challenging to navigate and follow while trying to meet and stay connected. Please reach out to Eileen or Chuck for a conversation and to brainstorm ideas that will enable your groups and members stay connected and to obtain the Program Approval Form. Program Approval Forms are required for all in-person groups meetings, participants must wear face-masks and following Covid Protocols.

Here are a few ideas: For the time being, groups need to be 10 people or less. Up to five groups or "pods" can meet at the same time. Each Pod needs to be in separate rooms or if outdoors twenty feet apart.

- Organize your larger clubs into age groups and meet separately.
- Use indoor space that has separate space or rooms for each "pod".
- Organize groups around project interest – revitalize the Project Meeting idea!



Annual Leader Training:

At least one Volunteer from each club is required to attend one of the following:

(This year's topics are great for new and existing clubs- you will want to attend all three!!)

Session 1: Leading Club Meetings (business in 4-H clubs and groups) **November 23, 2020, 7:00-8:00pm** (zoom platform) Register here! <https://bit.ly/34S9F3c>

Session 2: Learning in Club Meetings (education in 4-H clubs and groups) **December 1, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm** (zoom platform) Register here! <https://bit.ly/3dpsjTU>

Session 3: Laughing in Club Meetings (recreation in 4-H clubs and groups) **December 10, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm** (zoom platform) Register here! <https://bit.ly/3jYFpd6>

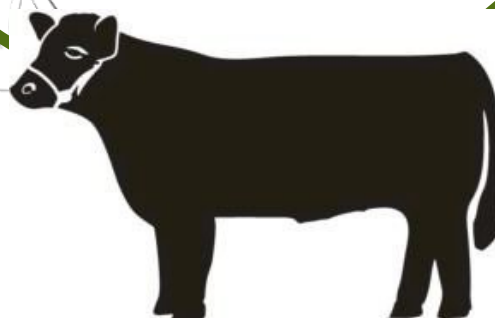
Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

Leadership

Beef Committee Meeting
December 10th at
7:00 p.m. Join
Zoom Meeting

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/91937100819?pwd=TmZ0TS9JSFZ6bG84bzRvY3o4bndYUT09>

Meeting ID: 919 3710 0819
Passcode: 008309
Phone- 1-312-626-6799





Join Chippewa, Dunn,
Eau Claire, Jackson, St. Croix, Pepin,
Pierce, Polk and Trempealeau County
4-H Programs for:

International Cookie Mini Camp

December 1, 8, 15, 22
6:30 PM via Zoom



True friendship, according to the Cookie Monster, is sharing your last cookie! Join 4-H via Zoom starting December 1 for an International Cookie Mini Camp to bake (and share) some cookies! Cookies include: Berlinerkranser, Gingerbread, Polvorones Rosa and South African Chocolate Pepper.

The program fee is \$15 and includes a clover cookie cutter, Measuring Cups/Spoons, Shortening, Molasses and Chocolate. All other supplies will be provided by the family. Registration can be found here: <https://forms.gle/Ba9WpebBP a7gB8uTA>

ZOOM 4-H ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE: The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation has purchased three Pro-Zoom Accounts for Polk County 4-H use. These accounts can be used for Club virtual meetings, county-wide project meetings, or county committee meetings. To access one of these accounts, please contact Matt Babcock, 4-H Leaders Federation Treasurer at babber85@gmail.com or Chuck Prissel at charles.prissel@wisc.edu.



4-H Sheep Committee Meeting Dec 8, 2020 07:00 PM

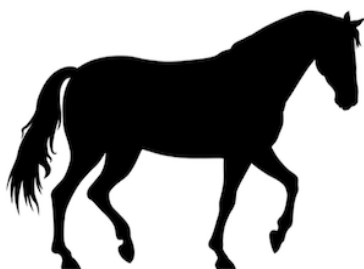
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/91204592638?pwd=Mv90RjJxR3Y3N3F5YnEzbVpNZmJWdz09>

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Passcode: 707681

One tap mobile: 1-312- 626- 6799



2020 Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leader Conference December 5th

A Statewide Day of Learning for 4-H Horse Project Members for Youth (7th Grade & Up) and Adults, Hosted Via Zoom Throughout the Day!

To Register, Please Visit: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8B3zlfpVLbCqxFj

Registration will be Open Through December 3rd

Workshops will be offered throughout the virtual conference by invited instructors and speakers including 4-H youth and adult volunteers. These topics are a mix of horse, youth and leadership related topics. Participants will also benefit from talking with leaders from across the state to gain new ideas and insights into the 4-H Horse Program.

Workshops will include:

Hippology, Horse Judging, UW-River Falls Equine Program Virtual Tour, Equine Nutrition, Horse Quiz Bowl Intro, Drill Team, Horse Project Policy, STEAM Horse Portrait Art, Tales of a working student, Horseless Horse Project, Art of the Horseman, 4-H Movement Rollout, and more!

ENDEAVORS GREENHOUSE SPONSORS 4-H PLANT CHALLENGE!!!!

4-H Clubs or Project member are invited to a "Spider Plant Challenge" Clubs or members can purchase a spider plant for \$10 from Endeavors Greenhouse. The plants are loaded with spider babies right now! Each member can plant their own spider plant and grow it until next spring! Clubs, project leaders or families record how many spider babies were given out and keep track of how many plants are still growing in April.

Endeavors will sponsor awards to be given out to those with the most surviving plants based on percentage, the most spider babies on an individual plant in the spring, and the average number of babies per plant in the spring. Awards will be succulent plants! This would be a great way for youth to learn how to take care of a plant and watch it grow. It also provides the club a way to assist with a differently abled project by supporting the Endeavors Greenhouse which is a worksite for adults with disabilities.

***Please consider bringing your 4-H Club to the Endeavors Greenhouse, after the Covid pandemic, for a tour of our hydroponic tomato operation and succulents. We are open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am to 3pm currently.

Any questions contact Jeanne Alling, Endeavors Greenhouse Coordinator at 715-825-4769 or cell 715-553-2488.



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest

is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically through the 4-H entry portal (<https://forms.gle/ECQSKVBowpru5J7H7>) no later than January 1.

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$100 cash award. The Best of Show entry will receive an additional \$150 cash award.

Although the contest is virtual, **the winning art piece from each category and the Best of Show must be delivered to the nearest 4-H Office or the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. The winning art pieces will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used to raise funds for 4-H arts and communication programs and will not be returned.**

The contest will be broken into eight categories:

1. Drawing Using Any Medium
2. Painting (acrylic, watercolor or oil)
3. Pottery, Ceramics or Clay
4. Photography
5. Paper
6. Fabric, Yarn or Fiber
7. Wood
8. Any Other Media (ex: digital, metal craft, jewelry, leatherwork, wax, eggshells, taxidermy, etc.)



To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4H Online for the 2020-2021 4-H Program Year. Entrants do not need to be enrolled in any specific project to participate.



The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program

in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agriculture and Life Science and Division of Extension, will host a LIVE Virtual Zoom Tour of the brand-new Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building. The tour begins at **7 p.m. on Thursday, December 3rd**, via the Zoom platform. Please register by going to <https://go.wisc.edu/6z663y> to sign up for this event. The connection information will follow through email after you register.

While the building isn't available for in-person tours because of COVID restrictions, Dr. Jeff Sindelar, Extension Meat Specialist, will show you virtually all of this new structure's opportunities and capabilities on Madison's campus. The building serves as a hub for problem-solvers looking to improve the meat industry, animal and human health, agriculture, the environment, and overall quality of life in Wisconsin, the U.S., and beyond.

QUESTIONS? Contact Bernie O'Rourke, borourke2@wisc.edu

For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program.

Website - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/>

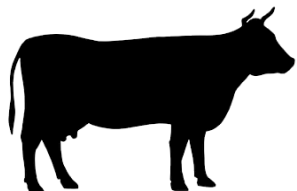
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Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>

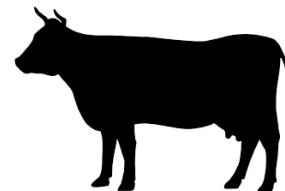
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/wiyouthlvstk/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/wiyouthlvstk>

NOMINATION FOR THE JAMES W. CROWLEY 4-H DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARDS AND NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE



DUE: January 15, 2021



The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of the award. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques plus partial scholarships to the 2020 National 4-H Dairy Conference. In addition, the top two youth in the state competition will each receive \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

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Selection of the Leadership Award will be done by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc. Dairy Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it.
2. Must be in 10th - 12th grades as of January 1, 2020.
3. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

1. NOMINATION

Name of 4-H Member: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____ County: _____

2. MEMBER'S SUMMARY

Please answer the following questions briefly but as completely as possible.

Years in 4-H: _____ Years with Dairy Project: _____ Breed: _____

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Purebred</u>
Number of animals carried this year in the 4-H Dairy Project:	_____	_____

Number of animals owned this year in the 4-H Dairy Project:	_____	_____
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Number of animals in the family-milking herd:	_____	_____
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3. DAIRY ACTIVITIES: Briefly list your involvement in what you consider important dairy activities during the past year (local fairs, breed shows, state fairs, demonstrations, promotional events, etc.).

4. OTHER 4-H PROJECTS: List other 4-H projects you have carried in addition to dairy. How have they helped to increase your interest, knowledge and understanding of the dairy project?

5. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: Describe your 4-H leadership experiences (i.e. project, club, county, district, state).

Describe your school or community leadership experiences.

2021 Polk County National 4-H Educational Experiences and Key Award Application Form

The Following National 4-H Virtual Educational Experiences and Key Awards are being offered in 2021. The application process has changed. 4-H members who are currently a High School Sophomore or older are invited to apply. Please complete this Application Form, a Member Evaluation (M.E.) Form <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/2016-member-evaluation-form-newest-2/> and a Leader Recommendation Form <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/files/2010/08/4-H-Leader-Evaluation-and-Recommendation-Form1.pdf> and send to charles.prissel@wisc.edu by January 4, 2021.

Virtual interviews are being scheduled for Monday January 11 and Tuesday January 12 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please schedule your interview time by clicking here, https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sWXVvdOGr1WRqKleBDQ1iYmro_gWafibcz94fPFny8/edit?usp=sharing

The Following Experiences are being offered. Please check for which experience(s) you are applying. To learn more about these please visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

-Wisconsin 4-H Key Award: () -Citizenship Washington Focus – Virtual:() -National 4-H Conference – Virtual:()
-2021 National 4-H Congress – To Be Determined:() -Leadership Washington Focus – Virtual: ()

Four Polk County 4-H members can receive the Wisconsin Key Award in the Fall of 2021. Youth must be 15 years old as of January 1, 2020, have completed three years of 4-H membership and one year of youth leadership prior to 1/1/2020.

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Grade In School	Number Of Years In	Number Of Years In Youth
Fall Of 2019 _____	4-H counting current year _____	Leadership Prior To 2020 _____

I am making application for:: _____ Citizenship Washington Focus Trip _____ Wisconsin 4-H Key Award
_____ National 4-H Congress _____ National 4-H Conference

Application process for all National Trips and the Key Award requires this signed form, a completed M.E. (Member Evaluation Form) and a 4-H Leader Recommendation Form. Have all completed forms for your scheduled meeting.

National 4-H Trip Agreement Statement

If selected, I agree to conduct myself in an appropriate manner, cooperate with everyone in the delegation and endeavor to learn as much as possible. I realize I will be financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip if I cancel after deadline and a replacement cannot be found or I am sent home for inappropriate behavior.

Applicant's Signature: _____

_____ (name of son/daughter) has my permission to apply to be a delegate for a National Trip under the above conditions. If selected, I will have him/her attend the orientation meeting and meet the agreed upon trip obligations.

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____

Applicants will be interviewed for award opportunities.

Make sure to email this sheet, ME (Member Evaluation) form, and 4-H Leader Evaluation and Recommendation form to Chuck, charles.prissel@wisc.edu, or Kerry, Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu, by January 4th.

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