

February/March 2021  
Polk County



# Clover Connection

## 4-H COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

County-wide Project Committees are encouraged to meet in February or early March. Committees are also encouraged to work with Chuck or Eileen to provide some sort of virtual experience during these winter/spring months. Committee Chairs please reach out to Chuck or Eileen for assistance with scheduling your committee meeting.

## PROJECT LEADERS WANTED TO TEACH AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE ON COUNTYWIDE ZOOMS!!

Would you like to help youth learn a skill or enhance their project knowledge during this virtual time? Many youth are seeking your expertise and knowledge and now is perfect time to help them gain skills and abilities. There are county-wide zoom accounts to help you achieve this outreach. Please reach out to Chuck and Eileen for assistance with promotion and scheduling.

## ZOOM 4-H ACCOUNTS

**AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CLUB MEETINGS OR PROJECT OFFERINGS!!** 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](mailto:babber85@gmail.com) or Chuck Prissel at [charles.prissel@wisc.edu](mailto:charles.prissel@wisc.edu)



## COVID 19 PROGRAM POLICIES: *The following policies are currently in place through March*

“Virtual/Online” programming will still be the preferred program delivery method.

**However, 4-H programs can meet in Small Groups of 10 or less with a UW-Madison Approved Plan.** (Plan attached to this e-mail) Please reach out to Chuck or Eileen if you have the need for an in-person, less than 10 people educational activity. However, before you do Please watch this video: <https://youtu.be/QLUd9lyMGO8>

For Updates and answers to COVID 19 4-H FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) please see information at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

## ATTENTION!

**THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVE NOT RE-ENROLLED IN 4-H ONLINE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE 2.0 SO YOU CAN KEEP RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTERS AND WEEKLY EMAIL BLASTS.**

## Dear Polk County 4-H Families and Friends,

We are hoping this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the last weeks of winter! Spring is on its way and even during these challenging times 4-H is here and providing experiences to enhance your child's growth and development. Please look through this newsletter and continue to read the weekly e-mail blasts. We will continue to communicate with our Polk County 4-H families through these tools during these times. Also, do not forget the website, <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/> as updates from committees such as Quality Meats and partnering groups such as the Polk County Fair, <https://polkcountyfair.com/> are communicated there as well as programs and information that may be too long or have missed our e-mail blasts.

Please continue to reach out to us if we can be assistance as you and your family may need. Although summer programming will not look the same as summer programs from 2019, we are intending to offer as many learning experiential opportunities as possible and support the knowledge growth of 4-H members.

Be well-  
Chuck, Eileen, and Kerry-



## Calendar of Events and Deadlines

### February

- 6: Watch bald eagle events online via Zoom
- 11: Virtual UW– Madison Livestock Educational Programs- Feeding & caring for Swine without Ractopamine starting at 7pm
- 15: Registration Due for Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest
- 15: 4H Horse Committee Zoom, 6:30pm
- 17: Registration Due for Breads and Spreads
- 20: Watch bald eagle events online via Zoom
- 23: 4-H Photography Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30pm
- 23: Arts & Crafts Mini Camp Via Zoom, Discuss Symmetry While Making Paper Snowflakes, 6-7pm
- 23: Summer Camp Counselor Training– Summer Camp Story Sharing, via zoom 7-8pm
- 24: 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Zoom Meeting, 6:30pm

### March

- 1: STEM Enrollment Due
- 2: Arts & Crafts Mini Camp- make a pinch pot and discuss texture (we might be making our own air-dry clay with glue and cornstarch) 6-7pm
- 2: Photos due for the Photography Winter Show March 2nd
- 4: Breads and Spreads– Quick Cheese Bread, 6:30-8pm
- 9: Arts & Crafts Mini Camp- make felt stuffies (design your own animal plus sew your felt stuffie) 6-7pm
- 11: Breads and Spreads– Irish Brown Rye Soda Bread, 6:30-8pm
- 11: Virtual UW– Madison Livestock Educational Programs- Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary Products, 7pm
- 15: Applications for the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- 16: Arts & Crafts Mini Camp- explore elements of design and paint over a wax crayon design, 6-7pm
- 18: Brads and Spreads– Refrigerator Rolls, 6:30-8pm
- 25: Breads and Spreads– Bagels, 6:30-8pm
- 27: Summer Camp Counselor Training- Counselor Training Discussion Session, Saturday 3-5pm

### April

- 8: Virtual UW– Madison Livestock Educational Programs- Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras, 7pm
- 17: Summer Camp Counselor Training- Counselor Training Discussion Session, Saturday 3-5pm

### May

- 8: Summer Camp Counselor Training– Parent Q&A, Saturday 10-11am
- 13: Virtual UW– Madison Livestock Educational Programs– Meet Science Cookery, 7pm

## 4-H Online Access Updates for Families and Leaders

Families with approved enrollment can now edit their project selections. Click on "View" near the member's name on the "Family Member List" Screen. In the column on the left side of the screen, click on "Projects". There is now an "Edit" button on the projects page. Clicking on Edit will open a window similar to the add projects screen which was completed during enrollment. Be sure to ADD and Save changes.

As updates are made to the new 4honline for access for families and club leaders we will continue to share when available.

### 4-H Photography Committee Meeting; Tuesday February 23; 6:30 p.m.

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/95521213946?pwd=MUSzd2tqVXZUUDhpY3BINHElMGpXdz09>

Meeting ID: 955 2121 3946  
Passcode: 898815  
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### 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Meeting; Wednesday February 24; 6:30 p.m.

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/99842617985?pwd=b1NoT2dJOHFWVzZtZUY3U25taFErQT09>

Meeting ID: 998 4261 7985  
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## Club Leaders!

**If you have not done so, please cash any outstanding checks you may have!**

## SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING 2021

This year Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is partnering with other UW—Madison Extension colleagues to offer a **virtual Camp Counselor Training Program**. This training is intended to be applicable for both beginning counselors (as participants) and experienced counselors (as leaders) to prepare youth to excel in their counselor role during Summer Camp 2021. This opportunity is open to all experienced

counselors, whether your group camps at Upham Woods or elsewhere. It is also open to adult volunteers and extension staff.

### Synchronous Sessions:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7-8 PM- Summer Camp Story Sharing  
Saturday, March 27, 2021 3-5 PM Counselor Training Discussion Session  
Saturday, April 17, 2021 3-5 PM Counselor Training Discussion Session  
Saturday, May 8, 2021 10-11 AM Parent Q&A

### Summer Camp Story Sharing (optional)

We are hosting a fun, virtual ice breaker to start the conversation about camp by sharing summer camp memories and stories. This session on **February 23**, will be open to all Summer campers, counselors, and adult leaders. We will share stories, songs, skits, and hopes for the coming summer.

### Counselor Training Discussion Sessions (required)

Each certified Summer Camp Counselor through our training program will complete a **Camp Counselor Workbook** that follows asynchronous, pre-recorded training videos based on training topics. Counselors will connect with each other, discuss the topics, and ask questions during one of the synchronous, discussion sessions on **March 27 or April 17, 2021**. Virtual attendance at one of these sessions is required for all counselors. The workbook should be finished before counselors-in-training attend a synchronous training session.

### Parent Q & A Session (optional)

An optional synchronous session is the **Parent Q&A on May 8**. Have you ever wanted to learn more about camp from a parent's perspective? Are there questions you have for the parents of the campers that you connect with during summer camp? This session is designed to connect youth leaders with parents of campers. The session is designed for counselors, adult leaders, and parents to exchange questions and ideas about Camp 2021.



Here is the link to register: [https://www.regpack.com/reg/templates/build/?g\\_id=100901680](https://www.regpack.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100901680)

**4-H ONLINE IS NOW OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT. PLEASE ENROLL NOW!** New email and mailing lists will be used soon and if you are not enrolled, you will not get the newsletter or the weekly email blast. A huge thanks to those who have already re-enrolled in 4-H for the upcoming year. For those who haven't there is still time but re-enroll today so as to not miss updates and newsletters which very soon will be using the new 4honline 2.0 e-mail and mail addresses. Projects can be added or deleted until April 15th.

Club Leaders please reach out to last year's members and encourage families to re-enroll. We know that 2020 was a difficult year, but we have learned much and have every confidence that you can have a great 4-H experience in 2021. Please reach out to new families and encourage them to enroll.

If your club needs a program for a Virtual meeting, please contact Chuck or Eileen. We can help brainstorm ideas, suggest topic speakers, or facilitate a program for your club. If you would like to observe a virtual (Zoom) meeting from another club, please contact Chuck or Eileen and we will help you arrange that.



## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO TO GET OUTSIDE AND MAYBE EARN A PATCH?

Polk County Shooting Sports is teaming up with Wisconsin DNR to provide a fun way to learn about and explore the Outdoors and learn about Nature.

- You DO NOT need to be signed up in Shooting sports to participate. Just download the booklet or ask that one be printed for you and do the activities! This is a great way to do nature activities, scavenger hunt, games, hikes and crafts to help you explore Wisconsin's outdoors
- There are three age levels in the Wisconsin Explorer program (3-5 years, 6-8 years and 9 years and up). Three themes help kids explore different parts of the great outdoors. With nine booklets, a three-year-old can begin the program this year and participate until age eleven without repeating a booklet.
- The program is designed to be completed by an individual youth with an adult to help, if you want to earn a patch from the DNR. Groups can do the activities together but cannot earn patches this way.
- Older youth who want to work with younger youth or siblings & teach the activities, could do this in a Leadership role. It is suggested the groups be no larger than 5.
- During Covid-19, the DNR contact person is working from home. To avoid multiple calls and out of courtesy to the program director, please text (preferred), call 715-541-4242 or email: Stacey.Lutsey@gmail.com if you have any questions. Questions will then be addressed, and your calls returned. We also have a copy of the patches if you want to see them.

Booklets can be found at: Wisconsin Explorer Program and choose the tab that lists the program for the age levels of (3-5 years, 6-8 years and 9 years and up.)



## 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2021. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 15, 2021.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; 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 2021-2022 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page resume and a one page cover letter, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job. Cover letters and resumes must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to [scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org). For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit [www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships).





The Polk County 4-H Horse Project Committee will meet on **Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**. To connect to this meeting please use the following link and information:  
Charles A Prissel is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/97368991725?pwd=VTFRVHZGODN1MzJ0Vmx3TUdEYVVrUT09>

Meeting ID: 973 6899 1725

Passcode: 1234

One tap mobile: +1-312-626-6799,,97368991725#

The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the Facebook 4-H Horse & Pony site before the meeting.

## **Virtual Programs Now Available!**

### **VIRTUAL UW-MADISON LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.

For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events, please go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>. On this webpage you can also complete an educational verification form and turn it into your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

**February 11** - Feeding & caring for Swine without Ractopamine

**March 11** - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products

**April 8** - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras

**May 13** - Meat Science Cookery

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu).

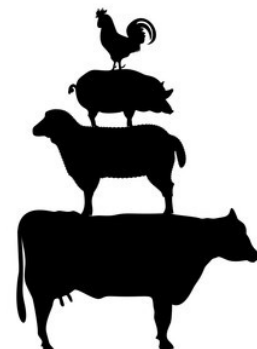
**For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program**

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

**YouTube** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mPVKo63rmBr5s3kFyvX9g>

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

**Instagram** – <https://www.instagram.com/wiyouthlvstk/> Twitter - <https://twitter.com/wiyouthlvstk>



### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS MINI-CAMP!**

**(REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED!)**

- via zoom from 6-7PM, Tuesdays Feb 23-March 16

**Feb 23**- discuss symmetry while making paper snowflakes

**March 2**- make a pinch pot and discuss texture (we might be making our own air-dry clay with glue and cornstarch! Stay tuned...)

**March 9**- make felt stuffies (design your own animal plus sew your felt stuffie)

**March 16**- explore elements of design and paint over a wax crayon design



### **ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS CAMP!**

SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED (EXCEPT FOR SCISSORS). PLEASE CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 715-485-8600 OR EMAIL [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) TO SET UP A TIME TO PICK UP YOUR ART SUPPLIES.

## BREADS AND SPREADS:

"Good bread is the most fundamentally satisfying of all foods; and good bread with fresh butter, the greatest of feasts." No better smell is that of freshly baked bread in your home. Join educators and volunteers from around the area as they guide you each week of the Breads and Spreads Mini Camp.

Each Thursday night starting March 4, youth participants in grades 6 and up will learn the fundamentals of bread making for not only quick breads but yeast breads as well. Hands-on learning will be encouraged during the sessions!

**Breads included in the program are: Cheese Quick Bread, Irish Style Brown Rye Soda Bread & Reuben Dip, Refrigerator Rolls & Honey Butter and Bagels & Cream Cheese.**

The cost to participants is \$12 (max of 12 if your Leaders aren't contributing). Your local county will be issuing an invoice and directions for payment. Supplies that will be mailed to you are a bread making cookbook and instructions for each week. All other supplies will be the responsibility of the participant.



**Registration remains open through Wednesday, February 17 and can be found here: <https://forms.gle/Fi3bRk9hBFg6kxnL6>**

## NATURAL SCIENCE

### WATCH BALD EAGLE EVENTS ONLINE ON FEB. 6 & 20, 2021

Sauk Prairie's Bald Eagle Watching Days, Wisconsin's longest-running bald eagle watching extravaganza, is going virtual for 2021! Watch these and other exciting events from the comfort and safety of your own home during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Release of a rehabilitated bald eagle back into the wild
- Nose-to-beak learning with education eagles and other raptors
- "Eagles In Native American Culture"
- Live reports on eagle viewing spots along the Lower Wisconsin State River way and a new self-guided tour directing you to them.

These and other events and presentations are recorded in advance or presented live and streamed over the Internet on Feb. 6, 20. Watch all programming via [www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org](http://www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org)

For those live events, only the presenter and technical staff are allowed on site but virtual participants can ask questions of the presenters. Programs will be archived for later viewing but some events are available for a limited period.

In addition, a self-guided tour, accessed through [www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org](http://www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org), will help you view eagles along the Lower Wisconsin River on your own in a COVID-safe manner. While touring for eagles we invite you to enjoy what this area of Wisconsin has to offer.

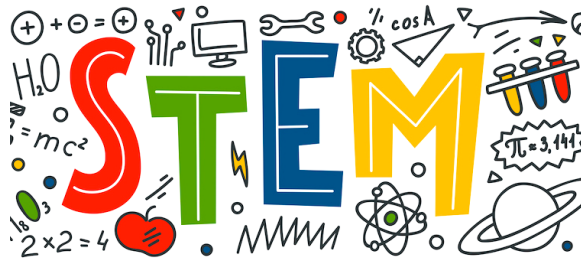


### NOSE-TO-BEAK LEARNING WITH EDUCATION EAGLES AND OTHER RAPTORS

• "Eagles In Native American Culture" • Live reports on eagle viewing spots along the Lower Wisconsin State River way and a new self-guided tour directing you to them. These and other events and presentations are recorded in advance or presented live and streamed over the Internet on Feb. 6 & 20. Watch all programming via [www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org](http://www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org) For those live events, only the presenter and technical staff are allowed on site but virtual participants can ask questions of the presenters. Programs will be archived for later viewing but some events are available for a limited period. In addition, a self-guided tour, accessed through [www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org](http://www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org), will help you view eagles along the Lower Wisconsin River on your own in a COVID-safe manner. While touring for eagles we invite you to enjoy what this area of Wisconsin has to offer.

### WINTER WILDLIFE WHEP & FORESTRY 4-H ART CONTEST (FORM ATTACHED)

Registration is required by mailing the form that is attached to this e-mail by February 15<sup>th</sup>! Full details for this multi-faceted Art and Craft, and Photography event is contained in the attached Form- Check it there is something here for everyone!



Join us for an exciting exploration of STEM! This mini camp is geared towards 5th-8th graders (older youth are welcome). Workshops will take place on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, March 16—April 20.

Workshops will include:

- Robotics
- Space
- Electricity
- Food Science
- Hydroponics
- 3-D Printing

Workshops will be taught via Zoom and most supplies will be provided through your county's 4-H staff. Supply costs will be \$20 per youth. A video recording of each workshop will be sent out after the meeting for those who cannot attend on Tuesday nights.

Enrollment closes on March 1, 2021. To enroll, go to <http://forms.gle/Pi2gsbvN7JxPAQi7>

## **~FUTURE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS: (COMING SOON)~**

**STEM: Starting the end of March/April**

**Gardening: Let's Get Growing, Starting May**



# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Grace Haase, Ella Williamson, Courtney Glenna,  
Katherine Elwood and Hailey Clausen for winning first  
place at the first North American Dairy Educational  
Experience!**

It was another national team victory for five young ladies from Polk County 4-H. They topped the first North American Dairy Educational Experience (NADEE) last month. The contest was developed to provide a dairy learning experience in the advent of the in-person National 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest being canceled.

Instead of asking specific questions about the dairy industry and the science behind concepts, NADEE had the participants evaluate a set of written, farm-based mini-scenarios. The youth worked in small teams (3 to 5) to evaluate the strengths and opportunities for improving management practices discussed in the scenario. The subject areas covered housing, calves, nutrition, reproduction, and animal care.

The 4-H members on the team could communicate with each other in person, on the phone, or electronically. They could use written sources (books and magazines) to support their suggested improvements to the farm scenarios. However, they were not allowed to consult advisers, other 4-Hers, or industry professionals, when evaluating the farm scenarios or when providing feedback. They had one week to review the scenario and prepare their feedback. A two-page letter was written to the hypothetical farm owner detailing their evaluation of the farm, including management steps that could be taken to improve the operation. They received a new scenario every two weeks, so the contest was spread over a three-month window.

Each state was allowed to enter one team. 4-H youth that participate in this year's dairy educational

experience did not use their eligibility to compete at future North American 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl contests and previous participants could also participate as long as they meet the eligibility rules of age and completion of college courses. Glenna, Elwood, and Haase were on last year's National winning 4-H Dairy Bowl team.

Fifteen states participated (Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin). Four other teams from Georgia, Maine, New York, and Pennsylvania also had a second team of youth indicate they participated at their local level.



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## ttention Photographers!

Do you have some awesome pictures? Maybe you didn't get to share them with everyone at the Fair and wish you had an opportunity to have them looked at? Maybe have the chance to get some great feedback? Well, Now's your chance!

Introducing the Photography Winter Show!

Send 2 of your best photos (1 Winter Scene and 1 Other) to **POCOWIPHOTO@GMAIL.COM** by March 2nd, 2021 (3/2/2021) and be a part of the Winter Show. Please send photos in .JPG format along with a note that lists your name, age, club and how many years you have been involved in the photography project. You don't have to be signed up for the Photography project to participate. Your notes should also include any information that you think it might be important for a Judge to know about your photo! We also ask that you answer 2 questions when you send your photos in.

1. Are you willing to discuss your photos as a group? In a group?
2. Are you willing to have your photos displayed/posted on-line?

There will be 5 age categories for this show. 9 and under, 10 to 12, 13 to 15, 16 to 19, and an Alum class. The Alum class is for those Mentors that make it possible for the youth to get out and take those awesome shots. (We know you like to share, too!) The chance for some cool prizes is in the balance, so make sure you select your very best shots!

The idea behind the Winter Show is to foster involvement in, and discussion of, photography – throughout the year. Discussion in the group can include topics like Composition, Technique, Tips & Tricks, Challenges and how to overcome them, etc. Youth (or Mentors) that have a passion for certain areas are encouraged to get in touch with us to talk about a way to share your knowledge with the group. (Youth, think Leadership possibilities...) Discussion topics can also include 'Manipulation' i.e.; Cropping, Sharpening, Colorization or Desaturation (B&W). We have no plans on focusing on specific software, programs, or techniques at this point. The Winter Show may become part of an ongoing series depending on the response.



Please be aware that you are acknowledging that "...by submitting photos, you are hereby giving permission for said photos to be displayed - electronically, and in a public space..." Youth, please speak to your parents about your photo choices, to make sure that they are appropriate for a public venue. We look forward to seeing you're awesome photos at **pocowipphoto@gmail.com** by 3/2/2021 and we will be in touch via email about setting up a group discussion over Zoom. Potentially the week of 3/15/2021. Stay tuned to the weekly email blasts from the Extension office for any updates or changes and let's make the Winter Show phenomenal! If you have any questions, please email them to the above address.

Keep your lenses clean!!

Chad and Stacey Lutsey



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

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.

## SELECTION

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 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of January 1, 2020.
3. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

## NOMINATION

Name of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:	_____	_____
Number of animals in the family-milking herd:	_____	_____

**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.).

**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?

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

**Describe your school or community leadership experiences.**

# Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest

## 2021 Registration Form



Registration is required by mailing this form & payment by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will email you a photo submission form upon receipt of your registration & payment. Your completed submission form must be emailed by February 28, 2021.

**This 4-H activity open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project to participate. See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules for all classes.**

**"Brief Description Required" – All items must have completed the "story telling" description area (counts 30% toward award) explaining your item and its wildlife or forestry connection. Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. No commercial craft kits or similar are allowed. Judges will use their own discretion and no challenges are allowed.**

**Limit - THREE ITEMS.**

### Separate Classes & Current Grade (January 2021): K5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**1-Nesting Structure or Feeder for Bird, Bee, Butterfly, or Bat House, etc.** – The structure meets specific requirements for the named critter. Include - overall size, shape, and hole diameter or opening, etc.. (Ornamental bird houses, etc. must be entered in crafts.) Include your story telling description.

**2-Craft** – Craft item has wildlife or forestry connection. Examples: leather craft, stitchery, clothing, sculpture, wildlife folk art, plaster tracks, quiver, etc. Craft items must be made by exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (Do not use "put together craft kits" or similar items.)

**3-Drawing** – Drawing can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife, forestry, or wildlife habitat connection. Drawing can be pencil, ink, charcoal, chalk, pastel, colored pencil or similar on any surface. Drawing will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.

**4-Invasive Plant or Weed** – Poster, display, or dried example of an invasive plant or weed (immature and mature if possible). Include item name, your description, and control measures. Also, include date & location where found for each item for actual collections. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year. Examples: purple loosestrife, ragweed, etc. Include your story telling description.

**5-Orienteering & Geocaching** – Poster or display on Compass, GPS, or Topographic Map Use. Items will be judged on their relationship to wildlife or forestry applications. Poster or display related to geocaching. Include your story telling description.

**6-Painting** – Your painting can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Painting can be acrylic, watercolor, oil, or similar on any surface. Painting will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness and your description.

**7-Photo Black & White** – Your black & white photo or silhouette photo (one photo only) can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description. No people allowed.

**8-Photo Color** – Your color photo (one only), any size, and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description. No people allowed.

**9-Recycle** – Any item related to wildlife, forestry, or for wildlife use. Example – bird nesting material. Item will be judged on "story telling ability", practical usefulness, neatness, and your brief description.

**10-Taxidermy** – Item or display made 4-H member during the current 4-H year. Include date, location, and county where critter was obtained. Also, include a description of the critter and of your taxidermy work.

**11-Trail Camera Photo – Large / Small Mammal** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera's owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.

**12-Trail Camera Photo – Upland Bird, Backyard Bird, Waterfowl, or Raptor** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera's owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.

**13-Tree or Shrub** – Item, poster or display of a tree or shrub, parts, measurements, related insects or diseases, etc. Include the tree/shrub name and description. Also, can be with an animal, insect, bird, or critter that makes their home in, on, or near a particular tree or shrub species. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.

**14-WHEP or Forestry Concept** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP or forestry Concept (or part of a concept) from the current national manuals. Include the concept name and a description. Examples: habitat requirements, stages, food chain, etc.

**15-WHEP Foods** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP foods (or part of a food group) from the current national WHEP manual. Include the food group name and a description. Examples: aquatic plants, grains, soft mast, hard mast, etc.

**16-WHEP or Forestry Management Practice** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP Management Practice (or part of a management practice) from the current national WHEP Manual. Include management practice name and your. description Examples: planting trees, fish or wildlife survey, create snags, wildlife damage management, recreational uses, products, tools used, etc.

**17-Wildflower** – Dried or pressed wildflowers, poster or display of wildflowers or parts of a wildflower. Include name, date, location (county) where found and your description. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.

**18-Wildlife/Forestry Game** – Individual or group game or learning activity related to wildlife or forestry. Include name of game, supplies, rules, and ages for participation. Also, briefly describe what will be learned by the participants. Include a picture of the game being used if possible. Your item can be a 4-H youth leader activity from the entire preceding year.



## Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest Entry Form:

**My current (January 2021) grade is \_\_\_\_\_**

1 <sup>st</sup> Item _____	Class # _____	Grade _____	Class Item _____	\$3.00
2nd Item _____	Class # _____	Grade _____	Class Item _____	\$3.00
3rd Item _____	Class # _____	Grade _____	Class Item _____	\$3.00

EXAMPLE: Class # 2 Grade 5 Class Item Craft

**\$3.00 registration fee for each item is required.**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check out to: Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports**

## **Remember to mail your registration & payment by February 15, 2021.**

We will email you a photo submission form upon receipt of your registration & payment. Your submission form will be emailed to you and it must be emailed back by February 28, 2021.

### Washington County 4-H Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Art Contest Rules

- All entries are the property of Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H Forestry and may be used for promotional purposes.
- No people are permitted in photos of all entries in this contest. Such entries will be rejected.
- Only North American wildlife (including migratory critters), plants, habitat, etc., especially those in found in Wisconsin can be used in this contest.
- Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. (See listed exceptions.)
- All 4-H wildlife artwork must be done by the participant and not previously exhibited at a Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Art Contest.
- Mountings or frames on photos, drawings, paintings, etc. for the submission photo is not required.
- No composed or altered pictures are permitted. Judges will use their own discretion and no challenges are allowed.
- No commercial craft kits or similar are allowed. Judges will use their own discretion and no challenges are allowed.
- **Your Wildlife or Forestry Description is Required and counts 30% toward an award" - 75 words maximum.**  
**Your description includes the correct critter name or names. You can include habitat information (diet, water & cover), and other interesting comments that tells the story about your item.**
- Youth are limited to one entry in a class for your grade and three entries total.
- Your division is determined by your current (January 2021) grade.
- Judges will award: blue, red, white, or green ribbon certificates in each class and in each age division.
- Any entry not meeting all contest requirements and rules will not be eligible for an award.
- Check your email for award listings after March 31, 2021.
- +++ An incomplete registration form will not be accepted. +++

## **Mail in REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly)

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**Permission Statement:** I grant permission for my child to participate in the Winter Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Art Contest. I release the hosting facility, their employees, UW Extension employees, volunteers, and donors from any financial responsibility. I authorize the use of my name and photographs at this event for educational or media purposes.  
I have read and understand the contest rules regarding participation.

Signature: Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form & payment to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 PH: 262-677-2379





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