

True Leaders in Service



Clover Connection

September 2021
Polk County

END OF YEAR FORMS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST

Just a reminder that all Club Forms, Youth Leadership Forms, Record Book Award Forms, and Club Community Pride and Care Forms, etc. are due to the Extension Officer by the end of the office day on September 1st. Packets with these forms were mailed out the week of August 1st.



4-H ENROLLMENT & RE-ENROLLMENT 2021-22 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST!

Enrollment in 4honline 2.0 will open at midnight on September 1st. Please visit <http://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll, or if a new family, to create an account and set-up your family profile. Please visit <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4h-enrollment-information/> for enrollment information or instructions on how to set up a new family profile. If you have questions, please reach out to Kerry Hill at

kerry.hill2@wisc.edu, or 715-485-8600.

CLUB REPRESENTED WHEN THE MONEY GETS SPENT?

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board of Directors is an Important Group for the Polk County 4-H Program. This Board Oversees the Program and Makes Important Decisions About How and Where the Financial Resources of the Program Are Spent. They Also Provide Direction for The Educational Programs. 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.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 7PM JUSTICE CENTER

NOVEMBER 22, 2021 7PM JUSTICE CENTER

JANUARY 24, 2022 7PM T.B.D

MARCH 28, 2022 7PM T.B.D

MAY 23, 2022 7PM T.B.D



4-H ONLINE ACCESS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES & 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.

Annual Leader Training: Leading, Learning & Laughing!!

It is not too late to fulfill this club requirement for the 2021 Charter of having at least one adult attend!! Each year, youth and adult volunteers and leaders from every chartered 4-H club and group are encouraged to participate in Annual Leader Training. The training topic changes each year to focus on subjects of importance to the whole Wisconsin 4-H community. In 2020, the area of focus was the three parts of a meeting: Business, Education, and Recreation, or Leading, Learning, and Laughing. Videos of training sessions and other resources are available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/2020-annual-leader-training-leading-learning-laughing/>

Please visit the website for videos and resources for the three trainings!



THANK YOU FOR 32 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF POLK COUNTY'S YOUTH! YOU WILL BE MISSED!



Dear Polk County 4-H Families

I am not sure how to begin this letter as this will be the last letter I will write and my last edition of the *Clover Connection*. As I sit here and think back on the past 32 years of working with 4-H in Polk County, I am reminded of so many wonderful times, events, fairs, workshops, and more meetings than one could ever count! I have valued working with so many of you through your volunteer roles and I have appreciated getting to know so many of you on a personal level. I have been blessed to be part of your families and to work with you to provide learning opportunities for our youth.

This county is so fortunate in so many ways. It has one of the largest adult volunteer corps in the state of Wisconsin. All of you volunteers contribute in your own way to the many educational experiences that are available to our youth on the county level. Many of you volunteers are connected beyond the county and work with state leadership roles which bring an additional element of experiences for our youth. The commitment of the adult volunteers here is second to none; and one that has made working here so rewarding and enjoyable. I am confident that the strength and commitment of our volunteers will make this transition forward go well.

I want to thank Polk County 4-H for being such an important part of my life. Thank you for allowing me to build multi-generational relationships with so many families in this county. It has been rewarding to watch so many youth gain skills and grow into successful adults and to know that in some way, the work we all do through 4-H contributed to that success. 4-H will continue to evolve and grow, as any successful youth organization should, but one thing that will not change is the core strength of the adult and youth partnership this program provides and has had through its valued history and will continue forward.

As this 4-H year comes to a close and so does my time here, I want to sincerely wish you all well. I will hold in my heart a very special place for Polk County 4-H, and the people I have been blessed to know over the past many years.

Chuck



2021 4-H Awards Program!

THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED TO POLK COUNTY'S 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM!



WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2021
AT 1PM

WHERE: AMERY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, AMERY, WI

WHY: TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF 4-H MEMBERS & LEADERS.

Join us for an afternoon of visiting with friends, surprises and well deserved recognition!



BE THERE FOR THE FUN!



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:

<http://polk.uwex.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.

4-H Calendar Dates

SEPTEMBER

- 1) End of Year Forms are Due to the Extension Office
- 1) 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment Begins
- 3) Registration Deadline for the Sep. 8 VIP In-Person Training
- 8) VIP In-Person Training, 6pm, Baldwin Extension Office
- 24) Registration Deadline for the Oct. 4 VIP In-Person Training
- 27) 4-H Leaders Fed. Board of Directors Meeting. 7pm Justice Center

OCTOBER

- 1) Scholarship Applications due Oct. 1st to the Extension Office
- 4) VIP In-Person Training, 6pm, Baldwin Extension Office

NOVEMBER

- 22) Registration Deadline for both of the Nov. 30th VIP In-Person Trainings
- 22) 4-H Leaders Fed. Board of Directors Meeting. 7pm Justice Center
- 30) VIP In-Person Training, 12pm, Baldwin Extension Office
- 30) VIP In-Person Training, 7pm, Baldwin Extension Office

**INVITING ALL
ADULTS OR YOUTH
LEADERS
INTERESTED IN
HELPING TO
IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE
SHOOTING SPORTS**



PROGRAM. As you may know there have been limited classes provided to enhance the program & involvement in the Shooting Sports project. There are also only a few adult leaders. In order to keep the project going, more assistance is needed. Changes we would like to see added are actual classes held to expand the program and to explore more of the Natural Resources area. Anyone interested or has ideas on how to improve this project, please contact Chad or Stacey Lutsey or UW – Extension office.



The link below is a google form registration for the trainings. **ALL TRAININGS WILL HAVE AN IN PERSON AND ZOOM OPTION.** All in person will be held in Baldwin at the Extension Office.

<https://forms.gle/nJbsSJM6fHbbb7ht6>

- Wednesday, September 8 @ 6:00pm (registration deadline is Sept. 3)
- Monday, October 4 @ 6:00pm (registration deadline is Sept. 24)
- Tuesday, November 30 @ 12:00pm (registration deadline is Nov. 22)
- Tuesday, November 30 @ 7:00pm (registration deadline is Nov. 22)
- Thursday, December 16 @ 5:00pm (registration deadline is Dec. 6)
- Thursday, December 16 @ 7:00pm (registration deadline is Dec. 6)

Please contact Heather Vierling at 715-531-1937 for Questions



OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

your community through a display located in a business window, library or other community venue! During this promotional week clubs are asked to create a display promoting 4-H in your community. Clubs are free to creatively promote the 4-H program incorporating aspects of the theme or other 4-H activities or projects.

Displays must have contact information as a visible part of the display – either your club directly or the Polk County Extension Office. Displays should be in place by Sunday, October 3 and stay up through the week or longer.

Cash prizes from the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation will be awarded to the club as follows: Blue - \$40.00; Red - \$30.00; and White - \$20.00. **Let's have all 22 Polk County 4-H clubs participate this year!!**

Please Take a Picture of your Display and Email it, as a jpeg, to Kerry Hill at kerry.hill2@wisc.edu.

BE CREATIVE!



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021



Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Scholarship Fund Committee announces 2021 4-H scholarship forms are available from the Polk County Extension Office.

Only members who are planning on graduating or have graduated from 4-H at the annual Polk County 4-H Awards and Recognition program in October may apply. Applicants have up to five years af-

ter graduation from 4-H to apply for this scholarship.

Applications will include a one-page application sheet and the completed eight-page 4-H ME (Member Evaluation) form. These are to be submitted by October 1, 2021 and announcement of award will be given at the Polk County Awards Program. Forms are also available on the website at:

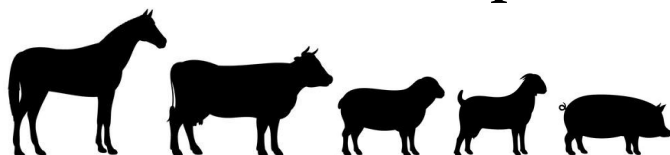
<https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>



DON'T FORGET TO GRADUATE FROM 4-H

As the 4-H year begins to wind down, don't forget to graduate if this is going to be your last year. Youth who graduated from high school in the spring, and who do not wish to be in "Grade 13" for 4-H for one last year, can graduate from the 4-H program. Graduating is easy - just turn in your current year's record book to your club leader, and have him/her turn it in to the county by September 1. Graduating makes youth eligible for county, state, and national scholarships, in addition to being a nice way to end a 4-H career. Become a 4-H alumni!!

2021 Herdsmanship Winners



Large Cattle

1. McKinley Vikings
2. Indian Creek
3. Forest View

Swine

1. Pleasant Lake
2. Forest View
3. Amery FFA

Small Cattle

1. Pleasant Lake
2. Little Butternut
3. Knotty Pine

Goats

1. Deronda Diplomats
2. Beaver Brook Badgers
3. South Milltown

Sheep

1. Knotty Pine
2. Cushing
3. Osceola FFA

Horse

1. Shooting Stars
2. Northern Lights
3. Pleasant Lake

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 Kerry at: kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

THANK YOU RACHEL FOR YOUR HELP THIS SUMMER!



It has been an honor holding the Polk County 4-H Extension Intern Summer position. I have learned and experienced more of Polk County's 4H than I had ever thought. This summer truly flew by as I formed new friendships and memories. I would like to thank all of the staff, leaders, mentors, and volunteers that make Polk County 4-H so great. As I worked with these people within this internship, I got to see the difference that you make in the lives of others. The immense amount of teamwork that is provided throughout the Polk County is unbelievable. Polk County is very proud to have 4-H youth, adults as well as seniors that take the initiative to make Polk County 4-H so outstanding in all of its programing and activities. Thank you all for your support during this summer, it has been an honor to be a part of Polk County's 4-H community. I wish you all the best and keep up the excellent work.



Rachel Nelson

POLK COUNTY AMBASSADOR INFORMATION SHEET

Points of Information



1. The 4-H Ambassador runs on the 4-H Calendar year October 1-September 30.
2. Please fill out the Ambassador Application and bring it to the Ambassador Organizational meeting September 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake.
3. Individuals who are unable to attend the September 27th meeting should have their completed applications to the Polk County Extension Office prior to that date.
4. 4-H Ambassadors are the Teen Public Relations group for the Polk County 4-H Program. Because of this, some or all of the ambassadors are expected to participate in the following:

Polk County Fair Judging Helpers; National 4-H Week Promotion; Day Camps; Area Parades; County and Regional events; Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meetings; Awards Program; Performance Arts Festivals, and other 4-H promotional events. In addition Ambassadors participate in community service and service learning project

5. The Polk County Ambassador Program is really about teamwork among teens to get all of the above tasks completed. Not every individual person is expected to come and help at all of these events but they should try and be at as many as possible.
6. Ambassadors are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings and not to be members in name only. Participation in this program is your opportunity to gain valuable experience about responsibility, commitment, and team work.
7. Ambassadors must be in seventh grade and 12 years old and can be members through grade 13(one year outside of high school).
8. Ambassadors will be given a 4-H Ambassador Shirt and 4-H name badge after selection. Ambassadors are expected to wear these at all 4-H events where they are serving in their public relation role as an Ambassador.
9. A team of Adult Advisors will work with the Ambassadors at meetings and events

2021-2022 Polk County Ambassador Application Form

Bring this form completed with you to the September 27th 4-H Ambassador meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Justice Center in Balsam Lake. 4-H Promotional materials will be provided at that meeting to be distributed to area schools and libraries for National 4-H Week.

Name: _____
(Print name)

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone No.: _____

4-H Club: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Applicant's e-mail: _____

Applicant's cell phone number: _____

Age as of Jan. 1 (Ambassadors must be at least 12 years old and in 7th grade): _____

Grade: _____ Number of Years in 4-H: _____ Yrs. In Youth Leadership: _____

Are You Presently an Ambassador: _____ Yes _____ No

4-H Projects You Are Enrolled In:

Attendance at meetings is expected as well as participation in 4-H Ambassador Activities.

If you cannot attend, and would like to be an Ambassador, please return this completed form prior to the September 27th meeting.



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS & FAMILIES



Wisconsin 4-H
Community
Clubs

Fall is a time of transitions for many 4-H Clubs. Some members graduate and some families may choose to try a new club or new experience. Other families have just learned about 4-H and have chosen your club for their 4-H involvement. Ensuring that these new families and members are welcomed into our clubs is everyone's responsibility. J

Most of us probably remember being new to a group. We probably felt excited to experience new things and meet new people. Often, we felt nervous and worried because we didn't completely understand what was going on. Sometimes, we feel this way for quite a while. We're going to focus on how we can welcome new members and their families by getting better acquainted and sharing information on how 4-H works. Here is an activity to try to welcome new members-

Activity: Across the Line

(Direct club members to stand on one side of the line. If there is enough space, include parents and volunteers. As an option you could have participants stand up and sit down instead of crossing a line.)

This is a get-to-know-you-better game. (Add or change questions to better fit the club). When I make a statement that applies to you, step over the line. Look around to see who has stepped across the line and who hasn't. After we're done with the statement, you will step back across the line before the next one. Step across the line . . .

1. If you like summer
2. If you're wearing red
3. If you ate breakfast this morning
4. If you've been in the 4-H club three or more years
5. If you like winter
6. If you have blue eyes
7. If you've been to 4-H camp
8. If you like mushrooms on pizza
9. If you're in the 4-H Foods project (or substitute a popular club project)
10. If you have a brother
11. If you are a dog person
12. If you play a sport
13. If you've given a talk in 4-H
14. If you've ever been to Washington, D.C.
15. If you've taken a project to the county fair
16. If you're in the 4-H Photography project (or another popular club project)

Did anyone learn something new about someone? How about something new about someone that you've known for a while?

All of us were new to 4-H at one time. We know that it seems like a lot to learn and it can be a bit overwhelming. Our goal is to have fun while learning new skills. It is not our goal to frustrate new people. So, experience 4-H one season at a time. Ask questions. We're glad to have new members and families in our group! You make our club more fun and interesting!

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