

# The Clover Connection

Polk County 4-H



December 2021

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>



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**

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

We encourage ALL 4-H members to complete your enrollment for 2021/2022 by **January 1, 2022**. Wondering “Why?” Here are the top 5 reasons:

- Members will be covered by our 4-H insurance at 4-H events.
- Families will get the newsletter. (Mailing labels for newsletters are taken from 4-H online)
- Members can receive broadcast emails about 4-H events. (We can broadcast emails through 4-H online)
- Leaders will have a list of all members in the club
- 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 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](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu), or 715-485-8600.

## Attention Market Steer Exhibitors

Fall Steer weigh-in for Quality Meats will be held Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 10 am.

Preregistration is required for the fall weigh-in. Registration will begin November 15<sup>th</sup> and will close December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please use the Google form <https://forms.gle/FRpTSF6u2dwzAemDA> or go to the Quality Meats Webpage on the extension website <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/quality-meats/>

All steers should be halter broke, de-horned, and castrated. Castration should occur at least 1 week prior to December 4<sup>th</sup> weigh-in. Start halter breaking your steers NOW, makes for better leading project animals come July.

We anticipate weigh-in this fall to be a normal weigh-in with animals being led on to the scale. If you have any questions please reach out to Beef committee via text or call:

**Craig Scholz 612-751-3236**

**Jake Loen 715-557-0138**

## Horse Project Meeting!

Thursday, December 9th starting at 6:30pm located at the Justice Center in the Community Room. If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Belisle at 715-222-5711.



## 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.

## 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](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)

## 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.



**JANUARY 24, 2022 7PM T.B.D**

**MARCH 28, 2022 7PM T.B.D**

**MAY 23, 2022 7PM T.B.D**



**YQCA Trainings are now being offered in St. Croix and Pierce County.**

December 12th, 2pm at the Ellsworth High School  
January 3rd, 6pm at the St. Croix County Extension Office

January 15th, 9am at the Ellsworth High School  
February 21st, 5:30pm at the Ellsworth High School  
February 22nd, 7pm at the St. Croix County Extension Office

March 5th, 9am at the St. Croix County Extension Office

**All Youth MUST register and pay through the YQCA website.**

# Statewide Educational Programs Update for 2022

As we look forward to fall and winter, we'd like to share some educational program plans and updates.

Considerations included: staff vacancies, changing COVID situation, and overall program priorities.

## 4-H ARTS (YOUTH GRADES 9-13)

**State Art Teams (Arts and Drama)** – Applications for the Drama Company and Art Team will be available mid-October through 4H Online. Think about young leaders you work with who may be interested in furthering their leadership and artistic skills as members of our State Teams. **Polk Co. 4-H:** when you register online Please send an email to [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) with your name & what you are applying for & contact information for you so we can plan for any possible financial assistance for you.

**State Arts Camp and ArtBEAT!** – Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer a State Arts Camp in October. With the COVID Restrictions at Upham Woods at the end of the summer and our current state staff situation, the timeline for training counselors and planning for camp made it prohibitive for 2021.

## STATE & NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

### Youth Conference (*Tentative 2022*) (Youth grades 7–10)

For the past several years, there has been a lot of discussion around WI 4-H & Youth Conference. A team of staff members, youth leaders and volunteers will develop new goals for an educational experience built around youth sparks and connected to Post-Secondary Pathways.

We are hopeful that in 2022 we will be able to offer a youth conference back on the UW-Madison Campus with a renewed focus and direction. **Polk Co. 4-H:** when you register online Please send an email to [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) with your name & what you are applying for & contact information for you so we can plan for any possible financial assistance for you.

### National 4-H Congress (*In-Person November 2021*) (Youth grades 10-12)

We are excited youth leaders will travel to Atlanta, GA in November. We will learn from this in person overnight experience as we plan for 2022. **Polk Co. 4-H:** when you register online Please send an email to [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) with your name & what you are applying for & contact information for you so we can plan for any possible financial assistance for you.

### National 4-H Conference (*Spring 2022*) (Youth grades 10-12)

National 4-H Conference will happen in the spring of 2022; we do not have details. Applications for National 4-H Conference will be available soon through 4H Online, with selection in early 2022. Youth in grades 10-12 can apply. **Polk Co. 4-H:** when you register online Please send an email to [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) with your name & what you are applying for & contact information for you so we can plan for any possible financial assistance for you.

### American Spirit (*Tentative 2022*) (Youth grades 8-10)

The American Spirit experience is an educational experience largely planned and facilitated by a group of volunteers and staff. State staff will be meeting with the American Spirit Planning Committee to review options.

Information regarding American Spirit 2022 should be ready by late October. of our State Teams. **Polk Co. 4-H:** when you register online Please send an email to [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) with your name & what you are applying for & contact information for you so we can plan for any possible financial assistance for you.

### Space Camp (*Not Offered in 2022*) (Youth grades 6-8)

WI 4-H will not be offering Space Camp in 2022. We evaluated the educational impacts on many levels, and although the program meets a variety of youth development needs and engages middle school youth in meaningful and powerful ways, we are looking at how and if it fits with our overall STEM programming goals and objectives.

### Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) (*In Person Summer 2022*) (Youth grades 10-12)

National 4-H Council plans to hold a Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in Washington DC next summer.

# Statewide Educational Programs Update for 2022 Continued

Wisconsin tentatively plans to travel with delegations during (June 4-12, 2022) and (July 2-10, 2022). Registration for CWF should open in November for eligible youth. Check the [CWF website](#) details. **Polk Co. 4-H:** when you register online Please send an email to [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) with your name & what you are applying for & contact information for you so we can plan for any possible financial assistance for you.

## WI STATE FAIR YOUTH EXPO EXHIBITS

There have been many questions about the process for nominating and selecting exhibits for WI State Fair. Youth Expo is run by the WI State Fair. We understand participating in the Youth Expo has provided recognition and acknowledgement of outstanding 4-H project work statewide.

If you are interested in being part of a team of youth leaders, adult volunteers and staff to meet with WI State Fair Staff e-mail Amber Rehberg at [amber.rehberg@wisc.edu](mailto:amber.rehberg@wisc.edu). We believe ALL of these educational programs are valuable and make a difference in the lives of the participants and the WI 4-H Program. Unfortunately, our current situation does not allow us to offer some of them in 2022. As new state staff are hired, programs will be re-evaluated based on program direction, priorities, and staff capacity.

Many young people were selected to represent Wisconsin 4-H during COVID. We want to honor commitments and we need to be sensitive to specific program goals and objectives. As programs are planned, we will be clear with age and participation plans.

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## Congratulations to our 2021 Ambassadors, Key Award Winner and Kjar Scholarship Winners!



### The Polk County 2021 Ambassadors



**Key Award Winner (Pictured Left)**  
**Ann Boland**

**Kjar Scholarship Winners (Pictured Right)**  
**Maggie Conlan & Nathan Garvey**







# 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)

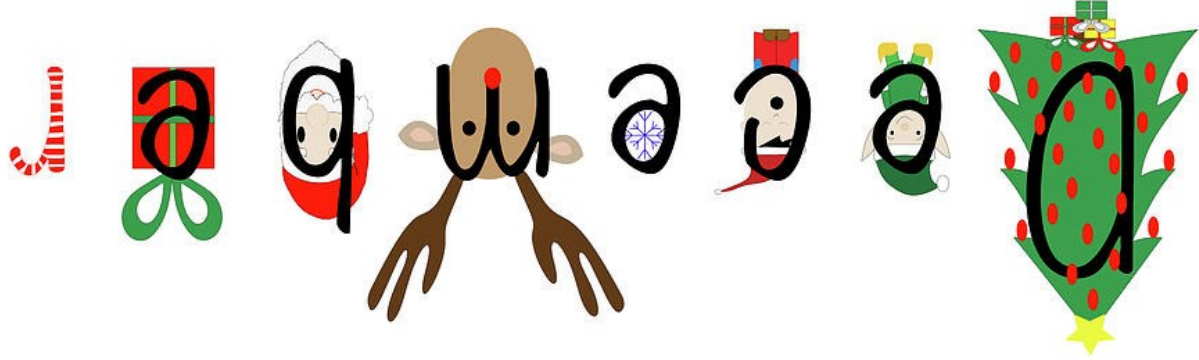
Did anyone learn something new about someone? How about something new about someone that you've known for a while?

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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