Appril is Volunteer Appreciation (Month!

Polk County Clover Connection

April 2022

Polk County Fair Sign Contest 2022

The Polk County Fair Board is sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign must be at least four feet by eight feet (4x8). Each sign must include the Polk County Fair Dates(July 28,29,30,31, 2022) the location (St Croix Falls) and your club name. Signs should be up by July 1st and MUST be placed on private land with permission from landowner.

Submit by mail a color 8x10 photograph of your sign with the location by July 13th to:

Judy Bainbridge 2267 170th St. Luck, WI 54853 Phone: 715-553-0801



Judging will be based on creativity and advertisement

value. Judging will be done by the Polk County Fair Board. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200.00, or the second place award of \$100.00. ALL clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for their one sign.

Signs should be taken down by August 5th

The theme for this years fair is:

160 Years of Polk County

Tradition

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.

MAY 23, 2022 7PM AT THE 4-H BUILDING, POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.



Polk County 4-H is now on Facebook! we

hope to use this page as another way to communicate information and events and keep everyone as up-to-date as possible with all of the

exciting things we have planned. Not only will this be a great communication tool, we hope that you will have the chance to contribute to it as well. Currently, we would like to extend a challenge to you for our cover photo. A theme of "What 4-H Means To Me" is being looked for from youth across our county. Feel free to submit your photos to Lindsay at

lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu anytime before February 25th.

To follow our new Facebook page, go to: https://

www.facebook.com/4HPolkCountyWi/

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH!

Dear 4-H Families,

Think about your own 4-H experience. Who was the most influential person in your life? Did that person inspire you to do



more? Push you to try something new? I guarantee that person also had someone in their own life who molded them into the person they are today. That person did it through the love and goodness of their own heart, and I can bet that they were a volunteer. Volunteers come from the best places inside themselves. They give time, money, love, and effort to build something that they are passionate about. Without them, could we ever be where we are today?

National Volunteer week is April 17-23. We want to honor all the important roles they have played in our 4-Hers lives. Volunteers create learning opportunities to help youth gain leadership skills, improve their decision making, and build career readiness. Through all of the work from the volunteers, youth become more connected, healthier, and civically engaged. The impact that those adults have on our youth is amazing!

There is no way for me to show enough of my appreciation for all the volunteers that keep Polk County 4-H running. I'm in constant awe of their tireless dedication to the youth involved in this great organization. Without you all working so diligently to provide opportunities, we wouldn't have the growing program that we have today. So, thank you, from the bottom of my heart for all you do and keep up that fantastic work!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Spindler Polk County 4-H Program Education <u>lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu</u>

Cell: (715) 501-8984

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

~Author Unknown

April 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	Pitting and Grooming Clinic, 8:30am at Hibbs Farm.
3	4	5 YQCA Training, 6:30pm at the Justice Center.	6	7 Lego Robotics EV3 Workshop, 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Required Volunteer Training MUST be Completed	16
17	18	19	20	21 Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF	22	23 ~Dog Project Meeting Kick-Off, 3-5pm @ Polk Cty Fairgrounds Crop Bld. ~Weigh-In for Goats, Sheep & Swine. 9-11am Fairgrounds
24 ~YQCA Training, 4pm at the Justice Center. Polk County ~Dairy Judging. Lakecrest Farm at 7pm	25	26	27	28	29	~Pur, Fun, Feather: Teaching Show, Sparta WI ~Plat Book Cover Photo Entries Due! ~Performance Arts Festival. Turtle Lake School Starting at 9am

4-H VOLUNTEERS SHAPE YOUTH SUCCESS

8,228

adult volunteers

supported by Extension 4-H staff and training:

LEAD

4-H clubs

TEACH

skills

MODEL

what it means to be an engaged member of the community



Youth who have relationships with three or more caring adults who are not their parents are more likely to develop into healthy, caring and responsible adults themselves, and to be successful in college and career.*

Volunteers guide 4-H experiences for over 41,000 kids each year, in Minnesota counties and tribal nations.

*Search Institute

2: Fitting and Grooming Clinic at 8:30am located at the Hibbs Farm

5: YQCA Training, 6:30pm, Justice Center 7: Lego Robotics EV3 Workshop (Advance Registration is Required) Thursday at 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF

15: James Crowley Award Application Due to the Extension Office

21: Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop (Advance Registration is Required) Thursday at 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF

23: Weigh-In for Goats, Sheep and Swine. 9-11am at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

23: Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting. 3pm-5pm at the Polk County Fair Grounds, Crops Building.

24: YQCA Training, 4pm, Justice Center 24:Polk County Dairy Judging. Lakecrest Farm at 7pm

30: Fur, Fun, Feather: Teaching Show 30: Plat Book Cover Photo Entries Due! 30: Performance Arts Festival. Turtle Lake School Starting at 9am

May

April

1: Horse Project ABC Clinic

5: Lego Robotics EV3 Workshop (Advance Registration is Required) Thursday 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF

7: YQCA Training, 9am, Justice Center

13: Dino Hunt, 6pm-8pm located at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club

16: 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 6pm at the Justice Center

21: Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop (Advanced Registration is Required) Saturday 9-11am, First Presbyterian Church of SCF

23: Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting at 7pm. Location: 4H Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

June

- 11: Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop (Advanced Registration is Required) Saturday 9-11am at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 15: Area Animal Science Days, Sheboygan, More Information to Follow
- 17: Area Animal Science Days, Chippewa, More Information to Follow
- 18: Polk County Pre-Fair Shoot starting at 9am at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club
- 23: Modeling Workshop on Thursday. Time and Location TBD
- 23: Clothing Review on Thursday. Time and Location TBD
- 25: Pre-Fair Robotics Run-Off! Saturday at 1pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF (All Entrants Need to Register In-Person at 12:30)
- 30: Pullorum Typhoid Testing. Polk County Fair Grounds, 4pm-8pm.

July

1: Fair Signs need to be up on private land with owners permission

10: Pullorum Typhoid Testing . Polk County Fair Grounds, 4pm-8pm

28-31: POLK COUNTY FAIR!

Attention ALL Photographers!

It's that time again to put out a new plat book.

As many of you know, this is a major fundraising opportunity for Polk County 4-H, and we are looking for some truly fantastic photos to choose from for our cover photo. Any enrolled 4-H member, either youth or adult volunteer, is eligible to submit photos, so break out those cameras!

Please submit your entries to pocowiphoto@gmail.com by

April 30th to be considered for our cover photo.

Good Luck & Have Fun!

FITTING & GROOMING CLINIC (DATE CHANGE!)

This qualifies as an educational event toward the Quality Meats project. This is an interactive event – questions/ answers, fitting, trying different techniques.

Who: All beef exhibitors interested in learning more about fitting and grooming.

When: April 2, 2022

8:30am-9am: Arrival and set up of show chutes

9am-11:30am: Speaker and demonstration by Brooke Brantner – Show Fitting and Grooming

techniques and tips

11:30am-12:30pm: Lunch will be provided

12:30pm –? Break-out session – Fitting and clipping your animal with the techniques learned in the morning session. Brooke will be on hand to help all kids. Bring your show animal (heifer or steer), show chute, and clippers. Power will be supplied.

(If you need an animal and/or chute to practice with at the event, please reach out to Jordon Hibbs at 715-651-6516 or by e-mail at jhibbs4141@gmail.com)

Where: Hibbs Farm -2796 60th Street, Frederic, WI 54837 – Will be held indoors in pole shed.

RSVP: Jordon Hibbs at jhibbs4141@gmail.com or

text 715-651-6516.



June 30, 2022 4-8pm July 10, 2022 4-8pm

Polk County Fairgrounds

This is mandatory for all poultry older than 4 months of age except turkeys.

Questions? Please contact Tina Memmer tm.memmer@gmail.com (715) 553-0913

Polk County Ambassador Meeting! May 16th, 6pm! located at the Justice Center in the Community Room.

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR CLUB?

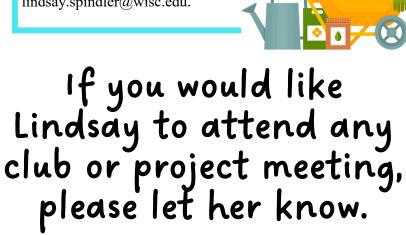
Would you like your Club featured in the next Clover Newsletter? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your clubs story please email Kerry at: kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

Service Opportunity for Clubs

The Polk County Fair is looking for one or two clubs or groups that would be interested in design, planting, and tending to an 18 foot garden on the east side of the crops building. This would be a great opportunity for any youth involved in the plant and soil sciences project area to explore more into the planning and care of a garden (and can be used

as a project under the self-determined section!) If your club or group is interested in this opportunity, please contact Lindsay at the Extension office for more details or email

lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu.



You can reach her at, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

REQUIRED Volunteer Training

All volunteers should have received an email on March 14 coming from the state 4-H office through 4-H Online. All volunteers are required to complete the Title IX training about keep youth safe. If you have not done so, go to https:youthtraining.compliance.wisc. edu/ to complete the training and follow these steps.

To take the training:

~Click on the following link, https:// youthtraining.compliance.wisc.edu/.

~COMPUTER USERS: Use "CLICK HERE TO START" in the Training Instructions or "Section 1" on the red bar at the top of PHONE OR TABLET USERS: Click on "Menu"

in the red bar at the top of the screen.

~Sign up using the name and email that you use in 4HOnline.

~For "What program are you seeking certification for?" type "4-H". Do not type in your county, club, project, or role. Only type in "4-H."

~Leave the NetID field blank.

~To complete requirements for 4-H, you must **finish Section 1 and Section** 2. Do NOT complete **Section 3.**

All volunteers **must complete this** by April 15. No further action will need to be completed and the state 4 -H office will be automatically notified of your completion by the program. If you have any questions contact Lindsay at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu.

Attention Goats, Sheep, and Swine Exhibitors!

Saturday April 23rd will be weigh-in for Goats & Sheep and Swine Tag distribution.





Where: Polk County

Fairgrounds

When: April 23rd 9 to

l 1am

Swine exhibitors remember to bring \$7 per hog for DNA kits to be paid at tag distribution Saturday morning. Do Not bring your hogs to this tag distribution.



ATTENTION HORSE PROJECT

MEMBERS! May 1st is the ABC Clinic at Laughing Horse Ranch, Deer Park WI. The clinic will start at 1:30pm and go until 4:30pm. This MAJOR clinic is in-



tended for New/beginner horse project members. Usually 1st/2nd year. Basic horse handling, safety & riding are covered. **Pre-signup required!** This is also a 2nd Chance for Safety clinic credit IF missed at the horse kickoff meeting.

Join us for an in person YQCA training at the Polk County Justice

Center on the following dates to fulfill your Quality Meats requirements for this year's fair. In order to attend these trainings, you must pre-register at yqcaprogram.org and pay \$3 in advance of taking the class. You may also choose to do a web-based training for \$12 instead of coming to an in person training. Please use the new website yqcaprogram.org to do so.

April 5th at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Justice Center April 24th at 4pm in the Community Room at the Justice Center May 7th at 9am in the Community Room at the Justice Center

Contact Lindsay at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu with any questions.





KICK-OFF MEETING

Saturday April 23rd 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Crops Building We will be discussing:

• Getting equipment out of storage and setting up the building for classes

- Classes offered & schedules (Classes will start the first week of May)
- Necessary equipment
- Meeting instructors

Please bring a copy of your dog's shot records, and please DO NOT bring dogs to this meeting

We look forward to seeing all returning and new project members and parents!

The 2022 Polk County Dairy Judging year will kick off with the first practice on Sunday, April 24th at 7 pm at Lakecrest Farm, hosted by the Christenson Family Located at 717 130th -County Road F-Amery WI.

We will be competing at the Area Animal Science contest on Friday, June 17, 2022 in Chippewa Falls.





The 2022 Performance
Arts Festival is an event where
youth are invited to perform in speaking,
reading, demonstration, and music
categories as individuals, or drama and
musical performance categories with
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as fair entries, meaning you earn fair ribbons and fair premiums. All 4-H members are invited to share their talents at the Performance Arts Festival, and families and friends are invited to be in the audience! *Cloverbuds can participate in the 4-H Pledge, and club performances, see event descriptions for age categories.*

The 4-H Performance Arts Festival will be held Saturday, April 30th at Turtle Lake School starting at 9am

Registration Forms are Located in the back of this Newsletter



WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

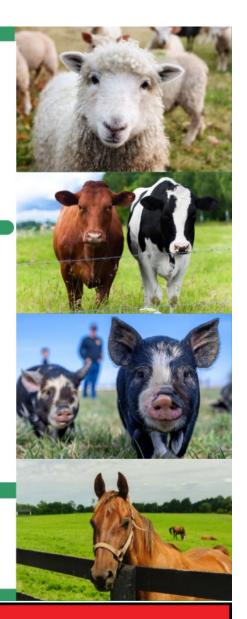
SHEBOYGAN - JUNE 15TH

CHIPPEWA - JUNE 17TH

REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON!







Then Join us for the FUR, FIN, Feather: Teaching Show!

Monroe, La Crosse, Richland and Vernon County 4-H Present:

FUR, FIN, FEATHER: TEACHING SHOW
Barney Center, Sparta WI
Saturday, April 30th All Day!

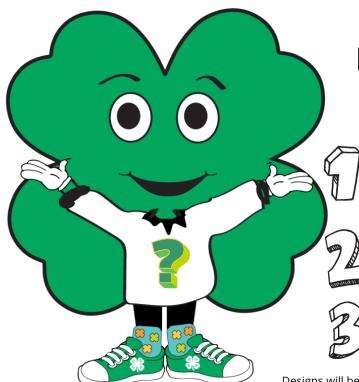


Showbill and Registration info: https://go.wisc.edu/55e321

Open to ALL youth in Wisconsin - need not be in 4-H

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4-H is for YOU!



Chris Clover Shirt **Design Contest**

We want to share what's important to you with others!

Design a shirt that represents a cause, history, a project, anything important to you.

Write about your shirt and where to learn more.

Submit at cc.wi4h.org or http://bit.ly/wi4hmovementpic

Designs will be used to promote 4-H and may be modified/edited

Can you see yourself here?



















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#WI4Hmovement

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

The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. As of 1989, the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund assumed sponsorship of this award. Participating counties will present an engraved medallion to one outstanding 4-H dairy project member for their accomplishments. County award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. Award plaques will be given to the top fifteen and the top three youth will each receive \$1000 cash awards. Youth that have received a plaque only are encouraged to apply again. Additionally, the top 4-H member that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2022 will be offered a \$5000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences. This scholarship is funded by another donor, but the winner is identified through the same process.

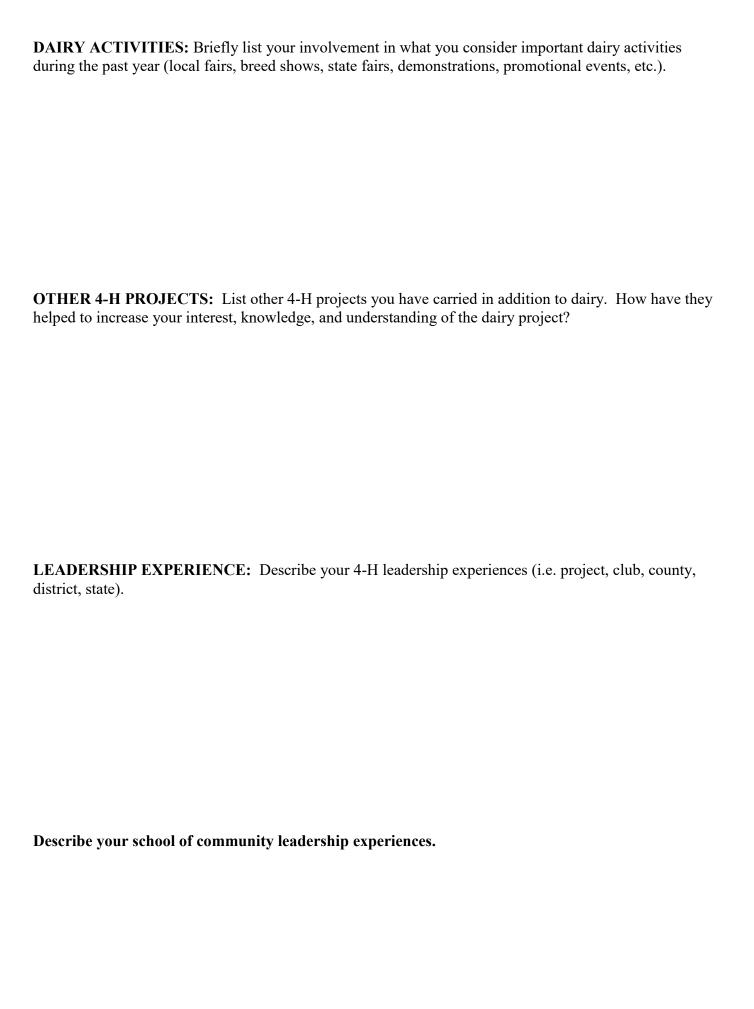
SELECTION

Selection of the Leadership Award will be done by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc. Dairy Committee. **Deadline is April 15th, 2022.** Please return to Polk County Extension office, either by email to lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu or mail: 100 Polk Plaza Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.

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 13th grades as of January 1, 2022.
- 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:		
	Grade	Purebred
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:		





Performance Arts Festival April 30, 2022

What is it?

The Performance Arts Festival is an event where youth are invited to perform in speaking, reading, demonstration, and music categories as individuals, or drama and musical performance categories with their 4-H clubs. Judges provide feedback and placings and most categories count as fair entries, meaning you earn fair ribbons and fair premiums. All 4-H members are invited to share their talents at the Performance Arts Festival, and families and friends are invited to be in the audience! *Cloverbuds can participate in the 4-H Pledge, and club performances, see event descriptions for age categories.

When is it?

The 4-H Performance Arts Festival will be held Saturday, April 30 at Turtle Lake School beginning at 9AM.

What can you do?

Individual music, speaking, reading and demonstration can be performed and judged as a fair entry. See your county fair book for requirements. If you are entering any of these areas, you will need to put them on your fair entry registration form in order to receive your premium.

On-Stage Drama, Mini-Drama and Group Musical Performance are all ways for your 4-H club to have a great time learning and performing together! If you need ideas for performances, contact your Extension Office where play books are available to borrow. An internet search will also reveal plays and skits for download and use. These group performances are not fair entry categories, but are for fun, entertainment, and building your skills!

Read the entry forms for specific information about length of performances and other things you need to know. For all individual and club performance, judges will talk with performers and help reflect upon what went well and possible improvements. Please see Event Descriptions and Scoring Guides on your Extension website: polk.extension.wisc.edu or barron.extension.wisc.edu.

Registration | Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2022 at 4PM

Register Online (preferred): wi.4honline.com (sign in and click events, look for the image above.) If you would like to send a paper copy, please mail to: Extension Barron County 4-H, 335 E. Monroe Ave Room 2206, Barron WI 54812 or E-Mail to: sara.waldron@wisc.edu

If you have any questions about the Barron-Polk 4-H Performance Arts Festival, contact Sara (715-537-6253 or sara.waldron@wisc.edu) or Lindsay (715-501-8984 or lindsav.spindler@wisc.edu) We hope to see all 4-H members showing their talents on April 30!



Registration Form 2022

Youth may enter this event and <u>receive fair premium</u> 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.

Name:	Club:		
County: Barron Polk			
Grade: Phone:	Email:		
**If team, please attach a list of others involved with a send in this form for each team entry.	bove information. Only one person needs to		
Entry 1 Original Speech 4-H Pledge (K-4) FFA Creed (6-9) Interpretive Reading Formal Demonstration Check one: Individual Team	 □ Action Demonstration □ Vocal □ Dance □ Instrumental-List □ Piano 		
Title:			
Entry 2 Original Speech 4-H Pledge (K-4) FFA Creed (6-9) Interpretive Reading Formal Demonstration	 □ Action Demonstration □ Vocal □ Dance □ Instrumental-List □ Piano 		
Check one: Individual Team			
Title:			
Entry 3 Original Speech 4-H Pledge (K-4) FFA Creed (6-9) Interpretive Reading Formal Demonstration Check one: Individual Title:	 □ Action Demonstration □ Vocal □ Dance □ Instrumental-List □ Piano 		

Register Online (preferred for team/individual) for : wi.4honline.com (sign in and click events, look for the image above.)
-or- Mail to: Extension Barron County 4-H, 335 E. Monroe Ave Room 2206, Barron WI 54812



Saturday, April 30, 2022 **Turtle Lake School**

Group Musical Performance Entry

Clubs may have multiple Group Musical performances. Group Musical performances are not a fair entry; there is no premium. (For music fair entries, see the Musical Performance Entry form.)

- Performances may include vocals, instrumentals, and/or dance. Pantomiming or lip synching to recordings is not permitted.
- Performances must include five or more performers.

- All props will be the responsibility of the performers/directors.
- All performers and directors must be currently enrolled Barron or Polk County 4-H members/volunteers.
- No hay bales, straw bales, candles, real fires, liquids, or weapons of any kind (real or fake) will be used in performances.
- Performances should be no longer than 15 minutes in length, including set-up and take-down.
- Accompanists or directors will not be allowed to sing along with their group's presentation.
- Groups should give a brief introduction to the musical performance to set the stage.

Name of Club:		County: 🗖 Barron 🗖 Polk
Title of Performance:		
Director(s):		one:
Email:		
Names of Participants:		
1.	6.	11.
2.	7.	12.
3.	8.	13.
4.	9.	14.
5.	10.	15.

Extension Barron County 4-H, 335 E. Monroe Ave. Rm. 2206 Barron, WI 54812 or sara.waldron@wisc.edu



Saturday, April 30, 2022 Turtle Lake School

Drama Entry

Clubs may have multiple on-stage and mini-dramas. Drama performances are not a fair entry; there is no premium.

- All props will be the responsibility of the performers/directors.
- All actors and directors must be currently enrolled Barron or Polk County 4-H members/volunteers.
- No hay bales, straw bales, candles, real fires, liquids, or weapons of any kind (real or fake) will be used in performances.
- Performances must include two or more actors.

On Stage Drama

• Performance length can be up to 30 minutes, including set-up and take-down time.

Mini-Drama or Skit

- Mini-dramas and skits can be performed at or in any place (setting) without a stage and might include puppetry, creative dramatics, etc.
- Mini-dramas may use props and costumes. Skits use minimal or no props and costumes.
- Performance length can be up to 15 minutes, including set-up and take-down time.

Check category:	On Stage Drama	Mini Dram	na or Skit		
Name of Club:				County: 🗖 Barron 🗖	Polk
Director(s):			Phone: _		
Email:					
Cast:					
Char	acter Name		4-H M	ember Name	
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Continue Cast on Back or Separate Page

Drama and Musical Group Entries can be mailed or emailed to:

Extension Barron County 4-H, 335 E. Monroe Ave. Rm. 2206 Barron, WI 54812 or sara.waldron@wisc.edu

Character Name	4-H Member Name

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