

September 2022

Clover Connection

**Thank You For
Another Great Fair!
See You Next Year!**

**4-H ENROLLMENT &
RE-ENROLLMENT FOR
2022-23 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 Lindsay Spindler, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu, or Kerry Hill, kerry.hill2@wisc.edu, or you can call the office 715-485-8600.



**NEW
OFFICE
LOCATION!**



**Our new office suite
number is G600.**

You might be wondering, “Well how do I find you now?” When you walk through the main doors of the building, take an immediate right and go down a level. Our office is the first door on the left; there will be a sign up on our door. Feel free to come on in if door is open!

**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 club's story please email Kerry at:

kerry.hill2@wisc.edu



Dear 4-H Families,

What an amazing year this has been! Full of excitement, learning, growing, meeting new people, and lots of fun, we have come a long way since last September. Now it's time to start it all over again! Re-enrollment is an important part of the process. All members, both youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll through 4HOnline. This helps us make sure you are staying up to date with the most current information, as well as being able to cover you under 4-H's insurance when you are participating in 4-H events.

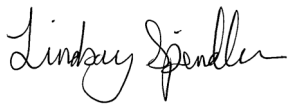
Many people had issues with completing fair entries this year because they were not enrolled in the correct project area. **Make sure to enroll in any project area you may be interested in taking to the fair.** If you are not enrolled in that area, you cannot take an exhibit related to that to the fair. Please feel free to contact our Extension office if you have any questions or would like some assistance.

Along the project line, we are always looking for both youth and adult voice on our numerous project committees. You will find a form in this month's newsletter with all the county committees listed. Please complete and get back to our office by the end of October. We appreciate any input and ideas from all of our members and hope you will be able to serve on one or more committees you are passionate about. As a reminder, **all adult committee members need to be a certified volunteer through 4HOnline.**

National 4-H Week is October 2-8, and this year's theme is "Opportunity4All." This theme will give clubs a creative opportunity to highlight 4-H in their communities and schools. One of the major benefits to showcasing 4-H during National 4-H Week is that it helps bring new people into our program! Polk County 4-H is already a wonderful organization and we pride ourselves on being inclusive to all people and helping those who may not have the same access to resources be able to participate as fully as possible. Through amazing volunteers lending out animals and helping youth learn about agriculture, to our generous Leaders Federation working to fund trips, camps, and other experiences for youth in our county. Polk County really does offer a lot of opportunities that are accessible to everyone.

We welcome new families as they join 4-H this fall, and wish all the best to those who are graduating from the program or moving in other directions. Working together we can continue to provide positive, healthy, skill-developing opportunities for Polk County youth.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Spindler
4-H Program Educator



September 2022

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4	5 ~Office Closed	6	7	8	9 ~Registration Due for Sep. 20th VIP Training	10
11	12	13 ~New Leader Training. 6:30pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 ~VIP Training, 6:30, Zoom	21 ~Ambassador Application due!	22	23 ~Registration Due for Oct. 2nd VIP Training	24
25	26	27 ~Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm ~Ambassador meeting, 6pm	28	29	30	



Upcoming Event Dates

September

- 1: 4-H Enrollment Begins
- 5: **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9: Registration Due for September 20th VIP Training
- 13: New Leader Training. 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Justice Center
- 20: VIP Training. 6:30pm via Zoom
- 21: Ambassador Application Due
- 23: Registration Due for Oct. 2nd VIP Training
- 27: Ambassador Meeting. 6pm in the 4-H Building at the Fair Grounds
- 27: 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting. 7pm in the 4-H Building at the Fair Grounds

October

- 2: VIP Training. 4pm in the Community Room at the Justice Center
- 2-8: **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!!** Opportunity 4 All
- 3: Scholarship Forms Due to the Office
- 3: M.E. Workshop. 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in St. Croix Falls
- 7: Registration Due for the October 17th VIP Training
- 10-14: **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 17: VIP Training. 9am in the Community Room at the Justice Center
- 17: M.E. Workshop. 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in St. Croix Falls
- 24: M.E. Workshop. 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in St. Croix Falls
- 30: 4-H Awards Program. 1pm at the Amery High School Auditorium

November

- 17: Committee Meetings Happening
 - Beef: 7pm in the Community Room at the Justice Center
 - Goats, Mechanical Science, Plant and Soil Sciences, Aerospace/Models/Robotics/STEM/Computers, Swine, Dairy, Woodworking, Sheep and Shooting Sports: 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Croix Falls

December

- 1: Committee Meetings Happening
 - Exploring/Cloverbuds, Home/Family, Cats/Vet Science/ Pet Pals, Photography, Youth Leadership/Citizenship, Communication/Expressive Arts, Dogs, Poultry, Rabbits, Horse, Visual Arts/Folk Arts and Environmental Sciences/ Nature Space/ Adventure: 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Croix Falls

2022 4-H Awards Program!

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



WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2022
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!



BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers help make 4-H possible.

To volunteer, you don't need to have previous experience working with youth. The most important qualifications are:

- a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills; and
- wanting to provide youth with positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

If you are 18 years or older and interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, we can help. We will provide new volunteers with [Volunteers in Preparation Training](#) about how to work effectively with youth and what resources are available to volunteers. We will also ask you to participate in a [Mandated Reporter Training](#) to learn more about how to protect youth from child abuse and neglect. Finally, to ensure the safety of all youth and volunteers, a [Volunteer Behavior Expectations Agreement](#) and background check are required.

Depending on their role, some volunteers may be asked to complete subject matter specific trainings as well as training to enrich their knowledge of youth development (for example chaperones or Shooting Sports leaders).

All volunteers, both new and returning, are also required to take training on how to report sexual misconduct. Answers to questions about reporting and training [are available on our FAQ page](#).

For more information on becoming a volunteer please contact Lindsay Spindler, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

VIP TRAINING DATES SET!

All new 4-H Volunteers are required to complete the VIP trainings as part of the state certification process. To register for

the training, please follow the link below to fill out the Google form, or you can call the office to register, 715-485-8600

Training Dates:

~Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30pm, ZOOM
(REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 9TH)

~Sunday, October 2nd at 4pm in the Community Room at the Justice Center (REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 23RD)

~Monday, October 17th at 9am in the Community Room at the Justice Center (REGISTER BY OCTOBER 7TH)

<https://forms.gle/UPtadk8CGwaHWk457>

New Leader Training!!

September 13th
at 6:30pm

Training will be held at
the Justice Center in the
Community Room.

Dinner will be provided,
please RSVP at 715-485-
8600



We will be going over expectations of a club leader, resources to facilitate quality meetings, ideas for club activities and more! If you are not a new leader, but still want to attend, you will be more than welcomed to!



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 26, 2022 7PM POLK
COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, 4-H
BUILDING**



**NATIONAL
4-H WEEK**

October 2nd– October 8th

**THE 2022
NATIONAL
4-H WEEK**

promotional
theme will be

Ambassador Meeting

**September 26th,
6pm in the 4-H
Building at the
Fairgrounds.**

GIVE NOW TO SUPPORT POLK COUNTY 4-H

By donating to 4-H, your support will provide our youth access to education resources and learning opportunities when they need it the most. These hands-on learning experiences will help build the confidence and skills they'll need to navigate life's challenges.

To donate please go to <https://wis4hfoundation.org/polk-county-4-h/>

“OPPORTUNITY 4 ALL!”. This theme will give clubs a creative opportunity to highlight 4-H in their communities and schools. Your club will have the opportunity to promote 4-H in 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 2 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 Lindsay Spindler, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu.

BE CREATIVE!

HERDSMANSHIP WINNERS

Large Cattle

- 1) Indian Creek
- 2) Beaver Brook Badgers
- 3) Pleasant Lake

Small Cattle

- 1) Northern Lights
- 2) Cattail Clovers
- 3) Little Butternut

Swine

- 1) Unity FFA
- 2) Amery FFA
- 3) Beaver Brook Badgers

Goat

- 1) South Milltown
- 2) Forest View
- 3) Deronda Diplomats
& West Sweden

Horse

- 1) Little Butternut
- 2) Northern Lights
- 3) McKinley Vikings

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!!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2022

Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Scholarship Fund Committee announces 2022 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 after 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 3, 2022** 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/](https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/)

Calling All 4-H'ers 7th grade and up!

Join us for the upcoming M.E. (Member Evaluation) workshops for help developing and writing your M.E. forms. Optional dates are Mondays, Oct. 3rd 6:30 to 8:00pm, Oct. 17th 6:30 to 8:00, Oct. 24th 6:30 to 8:00.

All dates will be at First Presbyterian Church of SCF. Join us for All or Any, we are here to help. Please bring your "cumulative" 4-H Record Book, pen/pencil, your electronic device if you choose to do it electronically. Please let me know that you are planning to join us at smillerfrey@gmail.com. "Why do you want to do this?" Your M.E. form is the primary form you will need to have ready to apply for any of the 4-H Trip Experiences and for the 4-H Scholarships, as well as being very helpful for completing any "after high school" education applications.



2022 ANNUAL PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES SET!

Volunteers who attend committee meetings, and get their names on the minute's sheet, will automatically be added to the committee roster. [If you have any questions, email Lindsay Spindler at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)

The Polk County 4-H committees will meet in **November & December**. Some committees will meet on **Thursday November 17th**, and some will meet on **Thursday, December 1st**.

Please look over the following list to see which night AND location your committee meets.

Thursday, Nov. 17th, 2022, Justice Center, Community Room at 7:00 p.m.
Beef

Thursday, Nov. 17th, 2022 at 7pm located at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St. @ 7pm

Goats

Mechanical Sciences: (Bicycle/Small Engines/Tractor/Farm Safety/Electricity)

Plant & Soil Sciences: (Fruits/Vegetable Gardens/Field Crops/Flowers/House Plants/Landscaping)

Aerospace/Models/Robotics/STEM/Computers

Swine

Dairy

Woodworking

Sheep

Shooting Sports

Thursday December 1st, 7:00 pm located at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St.

Exploring/Cloverbuds

Home and Family Committee

(Clothing/ Knitting/Crocheting/ Home Environment

Foods/Nutrition/Preservation/ Child Development/Intergenerational/Health)

Cats/Vet. Science/Pet Pals (Cavies/Tropical Fish/Birds, etc.)

Photography

Youth Leadership//Citizenship

Communication/Expressive Arts (Speaking/ Writing/ Theatre/Dance, etc.)

Dogs

Poultry

Rabbits

Horse

Visual Arts/Folk Arts/ (Arts/Crafts/Cultural Heritage)

Environmental Sciences/Nature Space/Adventures (Backpacking/Winter Travel/Canoeing/Bicycling/Birds/Insects/Wildflowers/Trees/Fishing/Recycling/Wildlife Management/Water)

If you have any questions, please email Lindsay Spindler at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu. There will be signage to indicate where each committee will be upon entering the building.

2022-2023 Polk County Ambassador Information Sheet

Are you a motivated, creative, positive older 4-H member looking to step into a leadership role? Become a Polk County 4-H Ambassador! Applications are now available to youth wanting to serve our county in this role for the 2022-2023 year.

What are 4-H Ambassadors?

4-H Ambassadors are the Teen Public Relations group for the Polk County 4-H Program. This program helps youth to develop leadership skills and assist with key programs our Polk County 4-H provides. Ambassadors become the face of the positive role models that 4-H helps to shape youth into. Those serving in the ambassador role also get access to more fun activities to help build teamwork skills.

Each ambassador 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.

Activities Ambassadors Assist With:

- Polk County Fair Judging Helpers (*July*)
- Day Camps (*October, March, June*)
- Area Parades (*Summer*)
- County and Regional events (*Throughout the year*)
- Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meetings (*6 meetings a year*)
- Awards Program (*October*)
- Performance Arts Festival (*April*)
- NW Golf Classic (*June*)
- Other community service and service learning projects

Qualifications:

- Ambassadors must be in at least 7th grade at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year *and* at least 12 years old.
- Need to be an active 4-H member in good standing.
- Be willing and able to commit to meetings and activities throughout the year.
 - Only 6 meetings throughout the year, usually the same evening as Leaders Federation.
 - Must be able to attend at least two activities listed above.

2022-2023 Polk County Ambassador Application Form

Please email this form to lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu by September 21st. 4-H Ambassadors will meet at the 4-H Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds on Monday, September 26th at 6:00 PM. Please plan on attending that meeting if you are applying to become an ambassador.

Name: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone #: _____

4-H Club: _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult Size): _____

Applicant's Cell # (if applicable): _____

What is the best way to contact/communicate with you? ☐ Email ☐ Call ☐ Text.

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

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

Are you currently an Ambassador: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tell us a little bit about yourself (hobbies, interests, etc):

EXPERIENCES

LEADERSHIP ROLES (Offices held, committees served on, responsibilities - this could be 4-H, school, church, etc.):

4-H PROJECTS (list them out and how many years you have participated in them)

If chosen as a 4-H Ambassador how will you contribute to the group?

Please list any other group commitments, activities, or employment you have during the 2022-2023 4-H year:



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS & FAMILIES



Wisconsin 4-H
Community
Clubs

Fall is a time for new enrollment and clubs looking to expand their membership. You may be experiencing a decline in members and wondering what to do to increase the numbers in your club, as well as promoting all the amazing opportunities you provide youth throughout the year. Here are some fantastic ideas to help spread the word and promote your club:

- “Tell a Friend about 4-H.” Suggest that members tell their friend about 4-H and encourage them to join a 4-H club. Youth could even bring a non 4-H member to your next meeting to introduce them to what your club does monthly.
- Participate in National 4-H Week by creating a display that is creative and engaging to the community. Make sure to submit your photos too!
- Conduct community service projects regularly. Not only is this good for the community, it’s also good public relations for 4-H and your club.
- Send announcements about your club’s activities to local newspapers. This is a good job for a club secretary or reporter, with the help of an adult. Need help finding contacts for the papers? Contact Lindsay at the Extension Office for more information.
- Hold a club open house or project rally night for current and new members to show off what you accomplish during the 4-H year. Invite parents, reporters, local government officials, or anyone to come see all your hard work!
- Conduct a 4-H poster-making party/contest and put the best posters in public places (with permission). Be sure to include the 4-H name and how to join 4-H (including phone number or other contact information) on posters and displays, and in other promotions, too.
- Send thank-you letters from your club to groups and individuals who have helped 4-H and your club.
- Produce/purchase and donate 4-H placemats for use in local restaurants.
- Sponsor “Polk County 4-H Welcomes You” signs to be posted at key gateways to your county. (Coordinate with county 4-H staff.)
- Arrange for members to give 4-H public presentations at school, in libraries, and to community groups.
- Encourage your members to participate in community functions, such as parades, as a 4-H club. Display a 4-H banner. Better yet, create a special banner just for your 4-H club.

Quality Meats Picnic



WI 4-H HORSE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Save the Date

NOVEMBER 12-13
UW RIVER FALLS

More information & registration
details available in September



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57th WI State 4-H Horse Expo!

September 16th-18th
State Fair Park, West
Allis, WI

University of Wisconsin - Extension
Polk County Office
100 Polk Plaza, Suite G600
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
Phone: (715) 485-8600

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