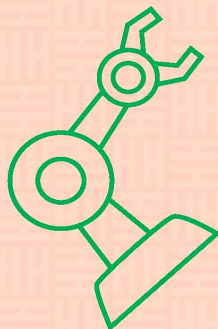


TALENT IS EVERYWHERE, OPPORTUNITY IS NOT.

Every kid should have an equal opportunity to succeed. Not in the future. Right now.

CREATE #OPPORTUNITY4ALL KIDS AT 4-H.ORG



CLOVER CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2022



ATTENTION! WHEN RE-ENROLLING IN 4-HONLINE, PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT IF YOU CANNOT REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORD, OR IF YOUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO HAVE YOUR PASSWORD RE-SET OR YOUR EMAIL CHANGED. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING 4HONLINE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 715-485-8600.



THE 2022 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK promotional theme will be “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.

ANY CLUB WHO PARTICIPATES AND SENDS A PICTURE TO LINDSAY WILL RECEIVE \$40.00 CHECK FOR THEIR CLUB.

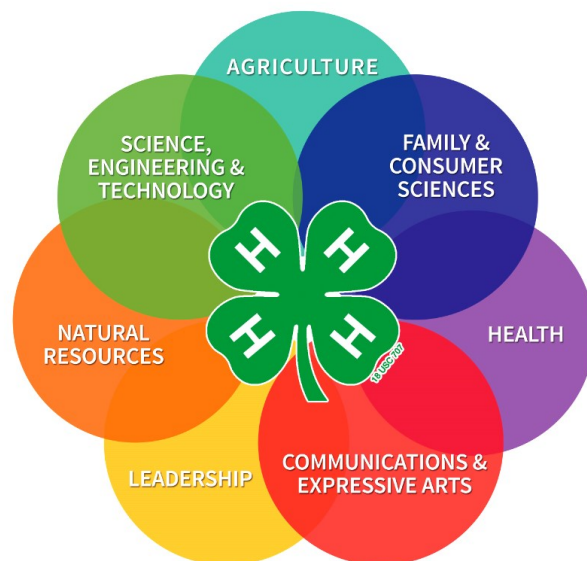
Please Take a Picture of your Display and Email it, as a jpeg, to Lindsay Spindler, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu.

BE CREATIVE!

Dear 4-H Families,

October brings many exciting events to the 4-H world! National 4-H Week, Polk County 4-H Awards Program, M.E. workshops, new enrollment, and so many more club activities. It's a busy time of year, but also full of possibilities with the new 4-H year.

New enrollment opened in early September. All enrollments are done through 4-H Online. If you are having trouble accessing your account, make sure to contact the Extension office as soon as possible. **Do not make a new account.** This causes a lot of issues in our record-keeping, so just reach out and we will be happy to help you. As a reminder, youth have to be enrolled in a project area in order to exhibit items from that project at the Polk County Fair. Make sure to sign up for any and every project you might have an interest in to avoid any issues when completing your fair entries next June.



Our annual **4-H Awards Program is on Sunday, October 30th at 1:00 pm at the Amery High School Auditorium.** We hope to see you all there to celebrate the achievements of members and to say thank you to the volunteers for their work with the 4-H program.

Any youth 7th grade and up are invited to attend M.E. Form workshops on October 3, 17, and 24 to get assistance in writing out their member evaluation forms. These forms allow for youth to apply for scholarships, financial assistance with trips, and other 4-H awards. Please see the article in this month's Clover Connection for more information.

I want to close out this letter by congratulating all those who have worked so hard over the past 4-H year, and especially those who are graduating from 4-H this year. It is always a bittersweet time knowing that we will have some youth, who are now young adults, that will not be returning as a 4-Her this year, but I do hope they come back and volunteer with us in the future. We hope to see them all at our awards program to honor them before they move on with the next chapter in their lives.

Thank you for all that you do to contribute to the success of our 4-H program!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Spindler
4-H Program Educator



October 2022

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2 VIP Training at the Justice Center, 4pm	3 ~4-H Scholarship Forms Due ~M.E Work- shop	4	5	6	7 Registration Due for the October 17th VIP Training	8
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16	17 ~VIP Training at 9am, Justice Center ~M.E. work- shop in St Croix Falls at 6:30	18	19	20	21	22 Cloverbud Day Camp, St Croix Falls Public Library, 9am-1pm
23	24 M.E. Workshop. 6:30pm at the First Presbyteri- an Church in St. Croix Falls	25	26	27	28	29 Building Up Steam, St Croix Falls Library, 4-5:30pm
30 4-H Awards Program	31					

Event Dates for 2022

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
- 22: Cloverbud Day Camp, St Croix Falls Public Library, 9am-1pm
- 24: M.E. Workshop. 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in St. Croix Falls
- 27: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30om at the St. Croix Public Library
- 30: 4-H Awards Program. 1pm at the Amery High School Auditorium
- 31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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, Llama, Woodworking, Sheep and Shooting Sports: 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Croix Falls
- 17: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30om at the St. Croix Public Library



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
- 22: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30om at the St. Croix Public Library

January 2023

- 26: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30om at the St. Croix Public Library

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/>



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/>

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:

~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>

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be inviting members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/>) and will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of



ENROLL/RE-ENROLL HAS BEGUN FOR THE 2022/2023 4-H YEAR!

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.

November. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win some great prizes!

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model and some of the results from the past 4-H Thriving Study in Wisconsin, visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#)

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.

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.

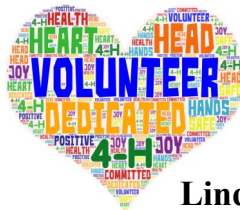
If you are 18 years or older and interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, we can help. We will provide new volunteers with [Volunteers in Preparation Training](#) about how to work effectively with youth and what resources are available to volunteers. We will also ask you to participate in a [Mandated Reporter Training](#) & [Title IX 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



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.

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



To sign up for the Dairy newsletter, please scan the QR code. We promise we won't spam you! We intend to publish every 4-6 weeks. Our newsletter will contain 1-2 articles, upcoming events, and a spotlight on an educator or specialist.



2022 4-H Awards Program



The 4-H Award Program recognizes outstanding accomplishments and achievements of 4-H members and leaders. Please join us at **1pm on Sunday, October 30th in the Amery High School auditorium** to celebrate with friends and family.



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 **Nov. & Dec.** Some committees will meet on **Thursday Nov. 17th** and some will meet on **Thursday, Dec. 1st**.

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

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

Llama

Woodworking

Sheep

Shooting Sports

Thursday Dec. 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.

JOIN POLK COUNTY 4-H FOR A

SPOOKY SCIENCE CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP



October 22 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Croix Falls Public Library
Community Room



Open to all youth, 4-H and non 4-H, ages 5-8.
Cost is FREE, but please bring a packed
lunch.

Participants will have a scary good time doing
some hands-on activities, crafts, and games!

*Pre-registration is required. Scan the code below or
call the Polk County Extension office to register.*

(715) 485-8600



St. Croix Falls Public Library and
Polk County 4-H Present

BUILDING UP STEAM

**A FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 3-8
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM AT THE ST. CROIX FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Join us once a month throughout the school year to inspire students
to think creatively, collaborate, and solve problems.

Program Dates:

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Thursday, December 22, 2022

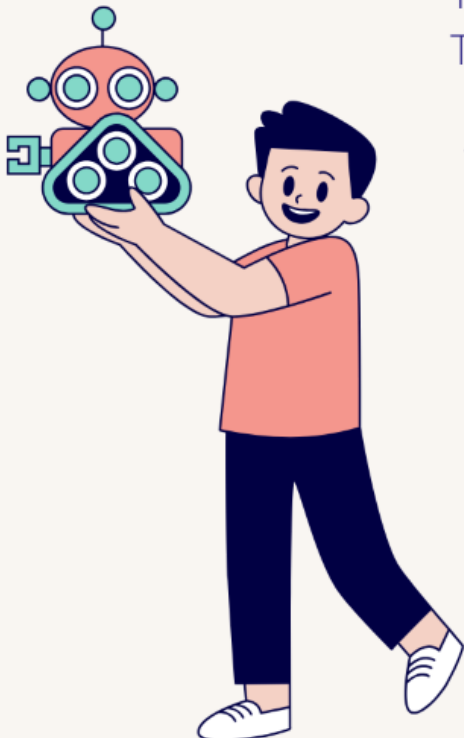
Thursday, January 26, 2023

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Thursday, May 25, 2023



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Northern Wisconsin Beef Producers

17th Annual Kids & Cows Family Day

Saturday October 8, 2022

at Barron County Fairgrounds
Rice Lake, WI



Education, Fun

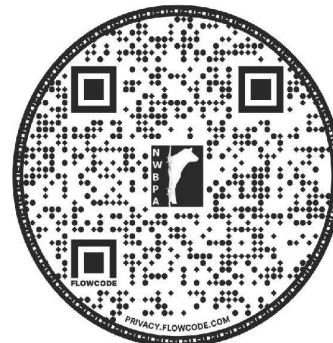


Hands On Learning



All Ages & Experience Levels

- Registration.....7:30-9:00
- Educational Workshops..... 9:00-12:00
- Lunch/Fun Break (Noon-1:00)....
Food Stand, AG Olympics & Fitting Contest
- Showmanship Competition.....Begins at 1:15
*Showmanship is open to all ages
and classes are youngest to oldest.*
- Breed Show.....Following Showmanship



For Rules and Entry Information:

www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com

Contact Lori Lyons 715-210-0049 or lalyons4@yahoo.com

\$10 Per Kid

RSVP preferred but not required on website.

*Kids are encouraged to bring their own cattle—kids and adults without will have one provided

Northern WI Beef Producers Association presents:

17th Annual Kids & Cows Sponsorship Form

October 8, 2022
Barron County Fairgrounds

To be a sponsor of this educational event:

Please fill out the form, and choose the level of sponsorship you'd like to pledge

Business Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Diamond Sponsors - \$1000 and up

☐ Platinum Sponsors - \$600 to \$999

☐ *T-Shirt Sponsor with logo* \$500

☐ Gold Sponsor \$300 to \$499

☐ Silver Sponsors - \$100-\$299

☐ Bronze Sponsors - \$25- \$99

Send payment to:
NWBPA – Kids & Cows – Lori Lyons
2958 1st Avenue
New Auburn, WI 54757
(715)210-0049
lalyons4@yahoo.com

- Business Booths available to sponsors of \$50 or more at no additional charge
- Hours of Operation: Saturday, 10-8-22 from 7 am to 5 pm
- Electricity Provided
- Name and Sponsorship level will be posted and announced through the weekend and presented at the NWBPA Annual Meeting
- Any business banner provided by a sponsor will be displayed in the show area or barn area
- Company logo and link to company website will be provided on our NWBPA website for all sponsor levels.

www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com

Resources for Volunteers

Looking for resources to support your work as a 4-H volunteer? Check out these Wisconsin Positive Youth Development (PYD) resource libraries! You'll uncover everything from downloadable lesson plans and project tip sheets to ready-to-use, hands-on educational materials you can borrow! There's a treasure trove of materials just waiting to be discovered!

PYD MEDIA COLLECTION

A collection of free resources which can be borrowed for use in programming statewide. Mostly animal science, but some other project areas.

Sample Resources:

Hippology Charts, Learning Labs, DVD's, Skillathons, and Displays

<https://go.wisc.edu/1tnckj>

RESOURCE LIBRARY

A searchable library of resources related to 4-H community club organization, 4-H projects, youth-adult partnerships, and more.

The PYD Media Collection is also included in this mix.

Sample Resources:

Project Tip Sheets, Lesson Plans, Club Financial Report Forms, and PYD Media Collection Resources

<https://go.wisc.edu/emz3iw>



VOLUNTEER RESOURCES WEBSITE

A resource hub for youth leaders, club volunteers, project volunteers, and more.

Sample Resources:

Trainings, Marketing and Communication, Volunteer Recognition Opportunities, and Financial and Administrative Information

<https://go.wisc.edu/1271sv>



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