

kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

Dear 4-H Families,

Fall is now in full swing with a bit of winter already mixed in! What a perfect time to start exploring some of those new project areas members have signed up for. A new craft, skill, recipe, or idea that you can hone and develop in the coming months. All of our 4-H Project Committees will be meeting on November 17th and December 1st to help shape the opportunities available in each of those project areas through the next 4-H year. Now is the time to get involved and bring those great ideas to the table. Both youth and adults are welcome!

The committee meetings this year should hold the purpose of helping to develop educational opportunities for youth to expand their skills and knowledge, rather than focusing more solely on the changes needing to be made to the Polk County Fairbook. Do you have a special skill you would be willing to share? Bring it up! Can't make the meeting, let me know and we can work together to find a time to plan.

Polk County 4-H depends on the volunteers that make this a successful program. Each person brings a new perspective and knowledge that helps youth to grow. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and helping in any capacity, please contact me and I will help you get involved. There are several components to becoming a volunteer that 4-H takes to ensure each volunteer is supported in their role, as well as working to keep our youth safe.

- Background checks completed every 4 years (every 2 years for those who serve as overnight chaperones)
- Mandated reporter training
- Volunteer in Preparation Training (only need to do one time)
- Title IX training (yearly)

Additionally, we offer a yearly leader training. At least one volunteer from every club must complete this training in order for your club to continue being chartered. This year we will offer two in person trainings, December 3rd and 10th. You only need to attend one training as they will both offer the same topics. More details can be found in this month's Clover Connection.

Without volunteers, there would be no way to continue doing this amazing work for our youth. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to the success of our 4-H program!

Sincerely,



Lindsay Spindler

4-H Program Educator



November 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 National 4-H Conference Applications are now OPEN	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Space Camp Registration Opens on 4-HOnline	16	17 Committee Meetings Building Up Steam	18	19
20	21	22	23 Office Closed	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed	26
27	28 Polk County Ambassadors Meeting Polk County Leaders Federation Meeting	29	30			

Event Dates for 2022/23

November

1: National 4-H Conference Applications are now OPEN

15: Space Camp Registration Opens on 4HOnline

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, 4-5:30pm at the St. Croix Public Library

28: Polk County Ambassador Meeting, 6pm Justice Center

28: Polk County Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm Justice Center

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 23,24 AND 25

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

3: Annual Leaders and Youth Officer Training, 10:30am-1:30pm, River Falls Public Library

10: Annual Leaders and Youth Officer Training, 10:30am-1:30am at the Polk Co. Gov Center

10: Simulation Cow and Artificial Insemination Simulator Event, Northwood Tech. College in Rice Lake

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

January 2023

6: Member Evaluation Forms Due

12: Zoom Interviews for Trips and Awards, 6:30pm until Done

22: In Person Interviews for Trips and Awards, 2pm until Done.

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

SIMULATION COW AND ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SIMULATOR EDUCATION EVENT

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE, RICE LAKE CAMPUS

ALL 4 H members are welcome, adults, and 4H volunteers.

Instructor: Julie Wadinski

What we will be learning: We will be working with the simulation cow and calf to deliver a calf safely. We will have a normal calving as well as a breech position and with a calf puller (there may be two calves). We will use the AI simulator to breed a cow or heifer. We will use an OB sleeve, an applicator and straw.

When: December 10, 2022 with Dec. 17th as a backup inclement weather day. This will be from 10:00 - 12:00 or 1:00

Where: Northwood Technical College, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI 54868

Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4-NDfKpRgblWLaUGH5EqtgqhUYoxjsk8VYIAx4hqPJ2IVQ/viewform>

Questions? Contact Aubrey and Heather Gott at jhac1990@gmail.com



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/>



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.

NOVEMBER 28, 7PM, JUSTICE CENTER

JANUARY 23, 2023, 7PM JUSTICE CENTER

MARCH 27, 2023, 7PM JUSTICE CENTER

MAY 22, 2023, 7PM JUSTICE CENTER

LEAD LIKE A SUPERHERO! ANNUAL LEADER'S AND YOUTH OFFICER TRAINING

Annually, we ask that 4-H leaders from across the county come together for a day of learning and sharing. This year we are also offering a Youth Officer Training at the same place, same time as the Annual Leaders meeting. This meeting will count towards completion of the Annual Volunteer Leader Training required on your 2022-2023 club charters. All adult and youth leaders are welcome to attend.

Come and find out new 4-H information for the coming year, as well as resources available to you. Lunch will be provided for participants. We will even be completing a SUPER project that you can take back to share with clubs, as well as a chance to win great prizes!

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 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.

Please choose one date to attend. Either location will count for your county's leader training.

- December 3, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - River Falls Public Library
- December 10, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - Location Polk County Gov. Center, Balsam Lake

Please use the link below to register by Nov. 27th, 4:00pm or call Lindsay at 715-485-8607:

<https://go.wisc.edu/t539wo>





Scan the QR Code to Sign Up for the Dairy Newsletter! We promise we won't spam you! We intend to publish every 4-6 weeks. Our newsletters will contain 1-2 articles, upcoming events, and a spotlight on an educator or specialist.



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

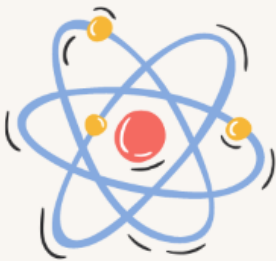
Visual Arts/Folk Arts/ (Arts/Crafts/Cultural Heritage)

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.

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

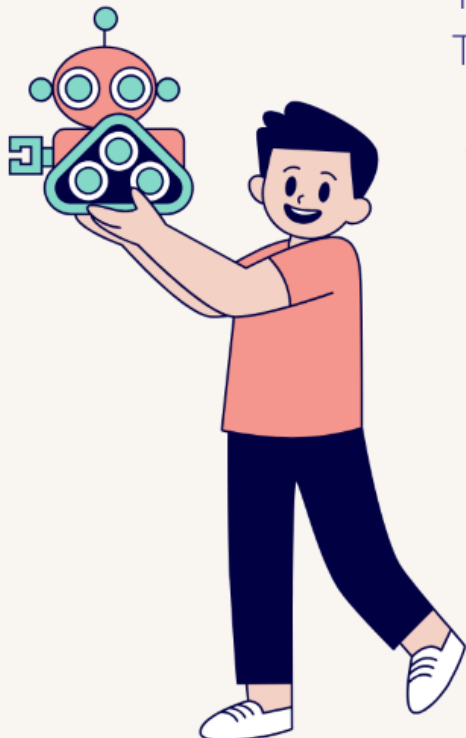
Thursday, January 26, 2023

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Thursday, May 25, 2023



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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>



If you have questions about any of the resources, contact your local county educator.

Developed by Educational Resources Standing Committee, August 2022.

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

What's Up With Our Polk County Clubs?

Beaver Brook Badgers



Beaver Brook Badgers doing one of their annual ditch clean ups. They had an awesome group show up for this event and they also had five new families participate as well!

Shooting Stars



Shooting Stars Club Members participating in Highway Cleanup in early October.

For their October meeting, Indian Creek painted pumpkins as well as voted for club officers.



2022 Polk County 4-H Awards Re-Cap!



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

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage Paid
Nonprofit
Permit No. 9

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

2022



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
POLK COUNTY

The University of Wisconsin-Extension provides Title IX requirements, which include affirmative action and equal opportunity in education, programming and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, gender, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record or veteran status.
Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are confidential (ADA requirements).