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**EXPLORING YOUR WHY**

## INTRODUCING THE 2023 SUMMER ACADEMY!

Wisconsin 4-H and UW-Madison Extension are excited to announce a new student opportunity: The Summer Academy!

**This program is open to any 4-Hers in grades 7-10 and will be held from June 19-22, 2023 on the UW-Madison campus.**

Students will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other students from across Wisconsin. The theme of the inaugural Summer Academy is “Exploring Your WHY,” with the goal of providing students the resources to discover pathways to their futures. There will be chances to learn about higher education from

UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.

Students will be able to choose from 7 SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are:

- Arts & Communication
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Science
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health)
- Construction & Trades
- Hospitality Management & Culinary Science

During the event, there will also be fun activities and entertainment from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, the Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company, and more!

**Registration opens April 1st on 4-HOnline and is on a First-Come-First-Served Bases**

**For More Information, Please Visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>**

**Summer Academy is Still Looking for Adult Advisors/Chaperones. Please Let Lindsay Know if you are Interested**

**Dear 4-H Families,**

Happy Volunteer Appreciation month! Without the incredible support of volunteers, Polk County 4-H would not be the thriving program it is today. As of the 2021-2022 4-H year, we had a total of 186 enrolled volunteers. When re-enrolling each year, volunteers are asked how many hours they volunteered during the previous year. We had an amazing count of 5,475 volunteer hours reported! When we put that to the national rate for equivalent pay for volunteer hours of \$29.95 an hour, that time is worth \$163,976.25! It truly goes to show how dedicated our volunteers are.

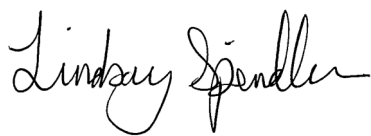
National Volunteer week is April 16-22. We want to honor all the important roles they have played in our 4-Hers lives. Volunteers create learning opportunities to help youth gain leadership skills, improve their decision making, and build career readiness. Through all of the work from the volunteers, youth become more connected, healthier, and civically engaged. The impact that those adults have on our youth is amazing!

As families benefiting from the countless hours that our volunteers help our youth, think of ways you can help honor those that have made a difference.

- Send a personalized thank you card
- Share a story of how they have impacted your life
- Bring them a treat to your next meeting
- Use social media to give them a shout out

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Spindler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay Spindler  
Polk County 4-H Program Education  
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# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ~Registration opens for Summer Academy ~Fitting & Grooming Clinic ~Cloverbud Day Camp
2 Beef Project Kick-Off Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8
LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Talent Expo
16 Horse Camp Counselor Training	17	18	19	20 Robotics Workshop	21	22 ~Sheep & Goat Weigh In/ Swine Tag Pickup ~Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting
LINDSAY WILL BE AT						
23 Dairy Judging Kick-Off Meeting  SPACE CAMP	24 Dairy Committee Meeting	25	26	27 Building Up Steam	28 Feed My Starving Children Volunteering	29 ~Feed My Starving Children Volunteering ~YQCA Training
30 ~Rabbit Workshop ~In-Person Camp Counselor Training						

## April

- 1: Registration Opens for Summer Academy: Exploring your WHY
- 1: Fitting and Grooming Clinic, 8:30am-?, Located at Hibbs Farm
- 1: Cloverbud Day Camp, 9am-1pm at the Cushing Community Center
- 2: Beef Project Kick-Off Meeting, 2pm located at the Justice Center
- 15: Talent Expo at Turtle Lake School
- 16: Horse Camp Counselor Training
- 20: Robotics Workshop, 6:30pm-8pm, located at First Presbyterian Church of SCF (719 Nevada St., SCF.
- 22: Sheep & Goat Weigh In/ Swine Tag Pick Up, 9am-11am at the Fair Grounds
- 22: Dog Project Kick Off Meeting, 3-5pm located at the Fair Grounds (Rain Date will be on April 29th)
- 23: Polk County Dairy Judging Kick-Off, Location is TBD
- 24: Dairy Committee Meeting, 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building
- 26: Wildlife and Woods Virtual Series
- 27: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30pm at the St. Croix Public Library
- 28: FMSC—Mobile Pack at the Polk County Fair Grounds, 6pm-8pm
- 29: FMSC—Mobile Pack at the Polk County Fair Grounds, 9am-11am & 12pm-2pm
- 29: YQCA Training, 9am-10am at the Justice Center
- 30: Rabbit Workshop, 2pm located at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 30: In-person Camp Counselor Training at the Fairgrounds in the 4-H building, 1pm-5pm

## May

- 4: Robotics Workshop, 6:30-8pm located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
- 12: Dino Hunt starting at 5:30pm at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club
- 15: Ambassador Meeting, 6pm at the Justice Center
- 20: Robotics Workshop. 9-11am located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
- 22: Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
- 25: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30pm at the St. Croix Public Library

## June

- 3: Robotics Workshop. 9-11am located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
- 12: Golf Classic, Kilkarney Hills Gold Course
- 13: In-person Camp Counselor Training at Camp Kiwanis, 10am-2pm
- 14-16: 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Kiwanis
- 13-16: Horse Camp located at the Polk County Fair Grounds
- 19-22: Summer Academy at UW-Madison in Madison, WI
- 24: Robotics Workshop. 1-3pm located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls

## **GIVE NOW TO SUPPORT POLK COUNTY 4-H**

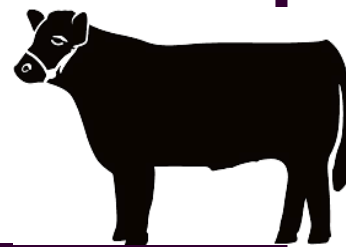
By donating to 4-H, your support will provide our youth access to education resources and learning opportunities when they need it the most. These hands-on learning experiences will help build the confidence and skills they'll need to navigate life's challenges.

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

## **BEEF PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING**

**SUNDAY APRIL 2<sup>TH</sup> FROM 2 TO 4PM  
AT THE JUSTICE CENTER BALSAM  
LAKE.** All Beef exhibitors are encouraged to attend the kickoff meeting. Come prepared to share show day experiences and project knowledge.

For questions, contact  
Jake Loen 715-557-  
0138 or Craig Scholz  
612-751-3236



## 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)



## Upcoming Ambassador Meeting!

**May 15, 2023 6pm Justice Center**

## 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 22, 2023, 7PM JUSTICE CENTER**

## PO-CROIX-BAR-PIERCE 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING DATES!

Training dates will be held in a combination of virtual and in-person.

- Sunday, April 30 1:00-5:00 PM in-person, Polk County Fairgrounds 4-H Building
- Tuesday, June 13 10:00 AM -2:00 PM in-person, Camp Kiwanis

Please reach out to Lindsay at [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu) if you have any questions.



**YQCA TRAININGS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED IN POLK COUNTY!**

There will be an opportunity to attend one on April 29th starting at 9am. Trainings will be held at the Justice Center.

All Quality Meats Participants **MUST** Complete the Training. Payments can be made through the YQCA website, <https://yqcaprogram.org/>



## RABBIT WORKSHOP

**April 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

We will meet at the Polk County Fairgrounds (only if there is no snow). If there is snow we will meet at the Justice Center in Balsam Lake.

We will be talking about Showmanship and changes in the fair book. If you have questions about your rabbit, you may bring it providing we are meeting at the fairgrounds.

**Questions call - Becky Larson 651-278-2830 or Carol Suckut 715-410-5078**



# ROBOTICS

Youth interested in Robotics who are Explorers (9-19 years old), this is your chance to sign up to work with Sphero Ball programming and EV3 Robot construction and

programming. These workshops are intended to get a Robotics youth and their project ready for the Pre-Fair Run Off.

In these workshops youth will have a chance to work at various levels of complexities in Robotics with guidance if needed. Youth will have an opportunity to work with Sphero balls and learn to program them to run/light/sound in various complexities of courses. They will also have a chance to build EV3 Robots and learn to program them to use various sensors and run various challenges.

## Work Shop Dates:

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday 6:30 to 8 pm,

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday 6:30 to 8 pm,

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 9 to 11 am,

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday 9 to 11 am,

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 1 to 3 pm\*.

**Our Pre-Fair Run Off is tentatively scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12:30 until done.**

**All workshops and the Pre-Fair Run Off will be held at First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.**

**Any questions, please email Shirley at [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com).**

**DAIRY COMMITTEE MEETING,**  
Monday, April 24th at 6:30pm located in the 4-H Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

**THE 2023 POLK COUNTY DAIRY JUDGING** year will kick off with the first practice on Sunday, April 23rd. Location is TBD



## BARRON/ POLK TALENT EXPO!

**April 15, 2023**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Turtle Lake School**

Join us in showing off your performance skills at the 2023 Barron Polk Talent Expo! Judging will start at 9:00 am and families and friends are welcome to watch. Those who have registered, please check your email for schedules and more information coming soon. You do not need to stay for the whole day. Awards will be on display at the Polk County Fair.



## POLK COUNTY FAIR SIGN CONTEST 2023

The Polk County Fair Board is again sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign **MUST** be at least 4x8 feet. You **MUST** include the Polk County Fair dates, July 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2023 in St. Croix Falls, and your club's name must appear on the sign.

Signs should be up by July 1st and must be placed on private land with permission from the land owners.

**Submit the location and a colored 8x10 photograph of your sign to Judy Bainbridge by July 15th to:**

**Judy Bainbridge**  
**2267 170th Street**  
**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 of \$100.00. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for one sign. **Signs should be taken down by August 5th.**

**The Fair Theme For This Year Is:**

**BACK TO  
OUR ROOTS  
IN  
COWBOY  
BOOTS**



# FITTING & GROOMING CLINIC

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.

**WHERE:** Hibbs Farm, 2796 60th Street, Frederic, WI 54837. This will be held indoors in a pole shed.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 1st

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

**9-11:30am:** Speaker and demonstration by Josh Martell— 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. Josh and others 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 [jhibbs4141@gmail.com](mailto:jhibbs4141@gmail.com)*

**Please RSVP to Jordon Hibbs at [jhibbs4141@gmail.com](mailto:jhibbs4141@gmail.com) or text 715-651-6516**

BARRON, POLK, PIERCE, ST CROIX

# 4-H SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 14-16 AT CAMP KIWANIS

15987 ST. CROIX TRAIL N. MARINE ON ST. CROIX, MN



**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP IS CLOSED. THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS DUE APRIL 15TH**



## FUN WITH FOOD

**Cloverbud Day Camp**

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**April 1, 2023**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Cushing Community Center**  
2510 241st St., Cushing WI 54006



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

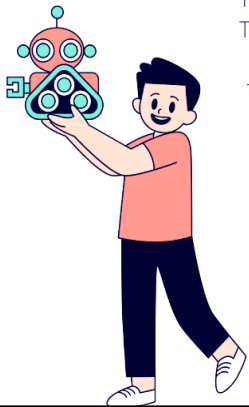
# BUILDING UP STEAM

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



## GOLF CLASSIC INFO - MONDAY, JUNE 12 AT KILKARNEY HILLS GOLF COURSE, RIVER FALLS

Last year, the golf classic raised nearly \$16,000,  
which directly goes back to 4-H youth for  
scholarships, programs, and educational  
opportunities. To help raise funds, donations of  
silent auction items are appreciated. We need at  
least 2 auction items, but the more the better

This annual charity golf tournament creates

- Resources used to train 4-H youth leadership and development
- Scholarships
- STEM and Robotics programs
- Helps fund Ambassador programs
- Empowers 4-H youth with news interest, learn new skills, and contribute to their communities



## HORSE CAMP WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 13TH- 16TH AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS.

All campers **MUST** attend all three days of camp.

**ALL** first and second year camp attendees will need to attend the ABC Clinic on May 6th **WITH** the horse intended to use for camp for a pre-camp safety evaluation.

## YOUTH RABBIT CLINIC!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023 STARTING  
AT 10AM

BLOOMER HIGH SCHOOL AG ROOM  
1310 17TH AVE, BLOOMER, WI

This clinic is for any youth and their parents who wish to learn more about rabbits for pets, 4-H, FFA, or just regular shows.

### What Will Be Covered?

- Housing & Care
- Rabbit Body Types
- Feeding
- Diseases
- Showmanship
- Breeding and Kindling
- And so much more through discussion, breakout sessions and booths



Each family will receive a packet of information on rabbits to take home. There will be rabbit bucket raffle. Each youth that is pre-registered will receive a chance to win a pedigreed, showable rabbit!

Cost is \$15 for first youth and \$5 for each additional youth in the family. The cost covers lunch and materials. Pay at the event by cash or check.

RSVP by emailing names and ages of youth attending and feel free to include on thing you would like to learn about rabbits. Please email Shelly Longdo at [longdos@hotmail.com](mailto:longdos@hotmail.com) or text Shelly at 715-714-0134 for any other information.



# DINO HUNT WILL BE SCHEDULED

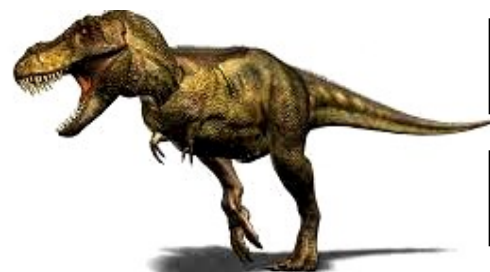
FOR FRIDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 5:30 TO  
8:00PM AT BALSAM LAKE ROD AND GUN  
CLUB

Because dinosaurs are such a terrible threat to the agriculture industry in Polk County we are offering all Polk County 4-H'ers ages eight (Explorers) to 12 and do not have a Hunter's Safety Certificate the opportunity to participate in Polk County's 4-H Shooting Sports Dinosaur Hunt.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program will supply the B.B. guns and ammunition for this event. There will also be an Archery Event.

If you have questions about the Dinosaur Hunt, please call Chad & Stacey Lutsey at [chad.lutsey@gmail.com](mailto:chad.lutsey@gmail.com) or by phone at 715-541-4241

**Parents are encouraged to attend with their children**



**THE WISCONSIN 4-H PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR WISCONSIN 4-H VOLUNTEERS TO HIGHLIGHT DURING APRIL'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!**

If you know someone that deserves to be appreciated, please respond to the Google Form below and we'll reach out to those volunteers directly.

**Submit responses here:**

**<https://forms.gle/kREte6WskKtp5sr98>**



## ARRIVE IN STYLE WITH THE NEW WISCONSIN 4-H LICENSE PLATE!

Available through the WI DMV, proceeds from the sale of each plate will go to the [Wisconsin 4-H Foundation](https://wis4hfoundation.org)

Half of the proceeds go to the county of the vehicle, and half go towards state and regional programming.

Learn more about the benefits: [https://wis4hfoundation.org/4-h-license-plate/...](https://wis4hfoundation.org/4-h-license-plate/)

Official DMV form: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/.../uploads/2021/03/mv2969.pdf>

**THE LITTLE BUTTERNUT 4-H CLUB** made Valentines for residents at the United Pioneer Home, Lawson Manor, Traditions of Frederic, and Frederic Nursing and Rehab during their February meeting.

**WHAT'S  
UP WITH  
YOUR  
CLUB?**



**POLK COUNTY 4-HERS PARTICIPATED SATURDAY, MARCH 25 IN MADISON AT THE STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL AND SKILLATHON.** A junior team and a mixed age team competed against counties from across the state and really put their knowledge to the test! These youth have been practicing every Sunday since January and represented Polk County well! In skillathon, Anna McKinley placed 10<sup>th</sup> and Aubrey Gott placed 9th. Our mixed age team also placed third. Congratulations and great work to all! A huge thank you goes out to Craig Scholz and Tim Swenson for putting in some serious time to help prepare these kids!

**Junior Team Members:**

Samantha Emerson  
Delilah Kuhl  
Josephine Kuhl  
Morgan Anderson

**Mixed Team Members:**

Anna McKinley  
Aubrey Gott  
Alison Emerson  
Cooper Gott



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