



# CLOVER CONNECTION

## Upcoming Ambassador Meetings

**March 27, 2023 6pm Justice Center**

**May 22, 2023 6pm Justice Center**

## 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)

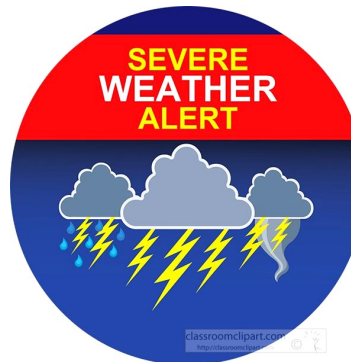
## CLUB REPRESENTED WHEN THE MONEY GETS SPENT?

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.

**MARCH 27, 2023, 7PM JUSTICE CENTER**

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



**It's that time of year again where winter weather can be very unpredictable.**

Due to any unforeseen weather conditions some UW-

Extension programs and activities may cancel without notice. Please make sure your email and/or phone number is updated in 4HOnline so we can send out cancellation emails and texts.

## 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/>

## Dear 4-H Families,

An amazing part of the 4-H program is the ability to grow youth with strong leadership skills. Think of a young 4-H person that you know. What skills do they possess? 4-H members are nearly four times more likely to make contributions to their communities and about two times more likely to be civically active as compared to their peers (Tufts University study). Our members see a need and actively work to problem-solve a solution.

As volunteers and parents working with these driven youth members, it's important to encourage their voice in all things we do in 4-H. After all, 4-H is all about the youth and it should be their opinions and sparks that direct our program.

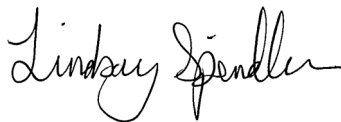
Here are some tips from UMN Extension to help encourage more youth voice in your 4-H activities:

- Create a safe and supportive environment for youth to use their voice. Begin by building relationships with them.
- Create opportunities for youth to plan, implement, and evaluate an event or program from beginning to end.
- Allow youth to fail or make mistakes without shame.
- Build places for individuals to mentor.
- Create ways for youth to share their ideas to the group.

Adults in the 4-H program provide opportunities for youth to choose or make decisions that lead to true youth-adult partnerships. When we act more as guides, rather than managers, young people are able to take more ownership of their experiences and develop skills in communication and teamwork, as well as recognize the value of different perspectives. This all helps to set them up for their future as part of the community!

Think about what you can do at your next 4-H activity to encourage youth voice and allow them to take the lead!

Sincerely,



Lindsay Spindler  
Polk County 4-H Program Education  
[lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)

Cell: (715) 501-8984

# March 2023

Sun

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Sat

			1 ~Registration Opens for 4H Camp	2	3	4
5 ~Rabbit Kick- Off ~Camp Counselor Training	6	7	8	9 ~Robotics Kick-Off Meeting ~Horse Kick- Off Meeting  <b>LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE IN</b>	10	11
12 ~Beef Kick- Off Meeting  <b>WASH. D.C.</b>	13 ~VIP Training 6:30	14	15 ~Registration for Talent Expo Due! ~Applications Due for Summer Academy Adult Advisors	16	17	18
19 ~Swine Kick-Off Meeting ~YQCA Meeting	20 ~Feed My Starving Children Registration Opens	21	22	23 ~Robotics Workshop	24	25 ~Livestock Quiz Bowl
26	27 ~Ambassador Meeting ~ Leaders Federation Meeting	28	29	30 ~ Building Up STEAM	31 ~Horse Camp Applications DUE	

## March

- 1: 4-H Camp Registrations Open on 4HOnline
- 5: Rabbit Kick-Off, 2pm at the Justice Center
- 5: Camp Counselor Training, 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom
- 9: Robotics Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30pm-8pm. Located at, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.
- 9: Horse Kick-Off, 5pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Balsam Lake
- 9-12: Lindsay Will Be Out of the Office for the 4-H Washington D.C. Trip
- 12: Beef Kick-Off Meeting, 2pm-4pm at the Justice Center
- 13: VIP Training at 6:30pm. Email Lindsay for more Information
- 15: Registrations for the Talent Expo are DUE!
- 17: Applications Due for 4-H Summer Intern
- 19: Swine Kick-Off, 2-4 at the Justice Center
- 19: YQCA, 4pm-5pm at the Justice Center
- 20: Feed My Starving Children Registration Opens
- 23: Robotics Workshop, 6:30pm-8pm, located at First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.
- 25: Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl, Madison, WI
- 27: Ambassador Meeting, 6pm Polk County Justice Center
- 27: Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm Polk County Justice Center
- 30: Building Up Steam, 4-5:30pm at the St. Croix Public Library
- 31: Horse Camp Applications Due

## April

- 1: Registration Opens for Summer Academy: Exploring your WHY
- 15: Talent Expo, Location TBD
- 20: Robotics Workshop, 6:30pm-8pm, located at First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 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)
- 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

## May

- 4: Robotics Workshop, 6:30-8pm located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
- 20: Robotics Workshop. 9-11am located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
- 22: Ambassador Meeting, 6pm at the Justice Center
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**BARRON  
& POLK  
TALENT  
EXPO  
2023**

**DO YOU HAVE A FANTASTIC SKILL YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO SHOW?**

Music, dance, speaking, videography, and more are welcome to be shared this year at Turtle Lake School on April 15, 2023.

This is a great way to showcase all your hard work from Solo/ Ensemble as well! You can bring pre-recorded accompaniments if needed. Individual/small group entries should be completed in 4-H Online under events. Large group/club entries should be filled out on a paper copy and sent to your county educator. For more information, check out the event descriptions in this month's Clover Connection. Entries are now open!

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 15**



# WHAT IS HORSE CAMP?

Project members attend camp with their horses learning and gaining skills and confidence both in and out of the saddle. Each day Campers will attend sessions in various riding disciplines and participate in fun educational opportunities. Horse Camp is a wonderful time for our project members to not only improve their knowledge, but also build some great memories with other horse-loving youth! Campers will be guided through their week by our knowledgeable and friendly Youth Leader Camp Counselors.



All Polk County 4H Horse and Pony Project Members that are 3rd grade and older will be welcome to apply –**applicants must be signed up for the 4H Horse Project in 4H-Online. In addition, those that plan to attend camp will need be able to fully care for their horse, including feeding, grooming, saddling and be able to ride their horse independently.**

Horse Camp will be a 2 1/2 -day, 2-night camp held at the Polk County Fair Park in St. Croix Falls, WI. (Kids will arrive on a Tuesday afternoon/evening and spend Wednesday and Thursday in learning activities)

The application will be located in the back of the newsletter. In addition more information will be given at the March 9th Project Kick-off meeting!

**Applications are DUE BY MARCH 31st.**

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

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

- Sunday, March 5 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom - Policies and Planning
- 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 a couple of opportunities to attend. One on March

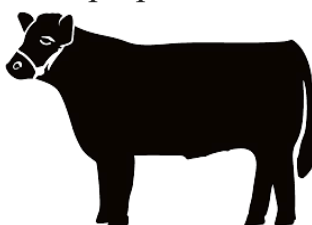
19th starting at 4pm, and another on April 29th starting at 9am. Trainings will be held at the Justice Center.

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

## BEEF KICK-OFF MEETING

**SUNDAY MARCH 12<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.

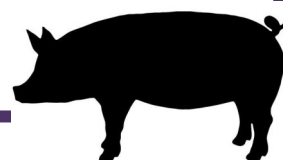
For questions, contact Jake Loen 715-557-0138 or Craig Scholz 612-751-3236



## SWINE KICK-OFF MEETING!

**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 2PM-4PM**

**LOCATED AT THE JUSTICE CENTER**



# JOIN the 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:

March 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6:30 to 8 pm: Kick-Off (All MUST Attend),

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 6:30 to 8 pm,

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).

## 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.

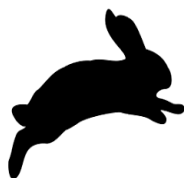
**9-11:30am:** Speaker and demonstration by Josh Martell— Show Fitting and Grooming techniques and tips.

**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**



## RABBIT KICK-OFF MEETING ON MARCH 5TH AT 2:00PM

We will meet in the Community Room at the Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake. **PLEASE DO**

**NOT BRING RABBIT!** We will talk about any problems with rabbits and answer any questions!

Becky Larson— 715-294-2830

Carol Suckut— 715-410-5078



## HORSE KICK-OFF!

MARCH 9TH AT 5:00 PM AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH IN BALSAM LAKE

**Barron, Polk, Pierce, St. Croix**

# 4-H SUMMER CAMP

More Information coming Soon!

June 14-16 at Camp Kiwanis

15987 St. Croix Trail N. Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047




REGISTER ONLINE  
BEGINNING MARCH 1  
[WI.4HONLINE.COM](http://WI.4HONLINE.COM)

3-6 Grade  
(Base Camp)

6-8 Grade  
(Outpost Camp)

Register March 1-April 1 Limited space available.  
Payment Deadline April 15





## FMSC – Polk County Mobile Pack, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> At the Polk County Fair Grounds

We would like to invite your club to come pack with us on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for our Youth Group Pack.

If this time does not work for your group we will also have 2 spots on Saturday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am and Noon to 2:00 pm

Registration will open on March 20<sup>th</sup>

If you are not familiar with FMSC you can learn more

at <https://www.fmsc.org/>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and notification when registration opens.

FMSC – Polk County Mobile Pack

Scan the QR code to take you to our page.



If you have any question please contact Kim Palmsteen 715-338-4731 or

[kim@itpmolding.com](mailto:kim@itpmolding.com)



## 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 in April.**

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SUMMER ACADEMY ADULT ADVISOR?

Apply online at <http://go.wisc.edu/ppw3zx> NOW through March 15th.

For more information on becoming a Summer Academy Adult Advisor, please visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

## 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**



# **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.**



# **SUMMER 4-H INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

## **5 REASONS TO INTERN WITH 4-H**

- 1 Build Leadership & Job Skills**
- 2 Gain Experience Working in Youth Education**
- 3 Explore Career Opportunities with Extension**
- 4 Great Resume Builder**
- 5 Have Fun While Working**

**To learn more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://studentjobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/job/504066/polk-county-4h-youth-development-summer-intern#.Y872a9e0ccU.link>**



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POLK COUNTY**

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# WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR CLUB?

**AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**  
**INDIAN CREEK 4-H MEMBERS**  
made sand relaxation gardens. They used various items to help them create a garden to take home. This is something that they can redo over and over when feeling overwhelmed or need a break.



**THE SOUTH MILLTOWN**  
**4-H** recently had their annual 4-H bowling tournament at McKenzie Lanes in Centuria. The top four members are pictured. From left: Izzy Johnson, Emma Stepnowski, Jasper Erickson, and the top bowler Easton Visger. A travelling trophy is presented to the top bowler with their name added to it. Easton is our first two year winner!!! The members have a great time bowling and enjoy pizza and pop too with their families!!!



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



## FUN WITH FOOD

Cloverbud Day Camp

April 1, 2023

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cushing Community Center

2510 241st St., Cushing WI 54006

Pre-registration is required.

To register, scan QR  
code or go to  
<https://go.wisc.edu/c8pw4t>



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# Polk County 4-H Horse Camp 2023

**June 13th-15th**

*All campers must be enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project*

*Campers must commit to ALL three days of camp*

*One form per camper*

**DUE March 31st, 2023**

## Applicant Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Premise ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

**Age** (As of 1/1/23): \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male** **Female** (Circle One)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP Code

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*Please select T-shirt Size (THESE will be ADULT sizes):    S    M    L    XL    XXL

**4-H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years in Horse Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

The following information will be used to place campers into a small group during the week of camp. Please honestly evaluate the campers' riding skills.

- Number of years riding: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am able to ride my horse independently at a walk    YES    NO
- I am able to tack my horse independently or with help if vertically challenged    YES    NO
- I am able to ride my horse independently at a trot    YES    NO
- I am able to ride my horse independently at a lope/canter    YES    NO
- If any of the above were no, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Have you attended horse camp before?    YES    NO
- If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL 1st/2nd year camp attendees will need to attend the ACB Clinic on May 6th WITH the horse intended to use for camp for a pre-camp safety evaluation.**



## Horse Information

Name of Horse that will be used for Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been riding this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

***All horses attending camp must have a 2023 Negative Coggins. Coggins must be submitted prior to camp and the original will be verified upon check-in.***

## Family Information

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW TO 2023 HORSE CAMP:

***Due to 4-H Camp and Youth Protection Policies,  
NO parents/guardians will be allowed to stay overnight at camp.***

## In Case of Emergency

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Camping

### NEW TO 2023 HORSE CAMP

**ALL campers will be staying in tent city this year.**

Will you be tenting with a friend? YES NO

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

***Per 4-H Policy, boys and girls that are not in the same family are NOT allowed to stay in the same tent without direct onsite parent/guardian supervision.***

## Registration

Registration Fee: \$75.00 per Camper \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Pre Approved Camp Counselors ONLY Receive Discount of \$10.00 -10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due = \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to:

**Polk County 4H Federation**

Mail Registration and Payment to:

**Karin Sandberg**

**839 210th Ave Somerset, WI 54025**

## For Office Use Only

4H Medical Release: \_\_\_\_\_ 4H Behavior Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

# Talent Expo 2023

Music \* Speaking \* Demonstrations \* Drama \* Video

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Turtle Lake School

Events may be eligible for fair premiums. Check with your local fair for information. Youth may receive fair premium for Demonstration (J-18), Musical Performance (J-18), and (Speaking (J-31) An exhibit related to this performance may also be displayed at the fair.

## Speaking/Interpretive Reading Entry

Open to youth grades K and up, except 4-H Pledge (K-4) and FFA Creed (6-9)

Original Speech - Open to all youth. Talks should be developed by the member who is presenting it. No posters or props may be used. The youth may speak about any topic of interest. TIMES: Grades K-2: 1-2 minutes; Grades 3-5: 2-3 minutes; Grades 6-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

4-H Pledge - For youth Cloverbud up to Grade 4. Cloverbuds will not receive a fair premium. Pledge must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

FFA Creed – For youth in Grades 6-9. Creed must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

Interpretive Reading - Open to all youth, individual or group. Selections may be prose or poetry, original or selected reading. If not an original, the author must be credited. Include a short introduction to your reading. Reading should NOT be memorized. Use full-sized copies of selections (not note cards). No podium will be provided. TIMES (Individual or Team): Grades K-2: 1-2 minutes; Grades 3-5: 2-3 minutes; Grades 6-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes. *\*For groups, age is determined by oldest member*

## Demonstration Entry

Open to youth grades Kindergarten and up, Individual or Team, one 8-foot table is provided.

Formal Demonstration – Showing and telling an audience how to make or do something. Presents information through actions with an explanation. Has an introduction, body and conclusion followed by a time to answer questions. Select a topic of interest to you. Props and visual aids are encouraged TIMES: Grades K-2: 2-4 minute demonstration; Grades 3-5: 4-7 minute demonstration; Grades 6-8: 5-8 minute demonstration; Grades 9-13: 8-10 minute demonstration.

Action Demonstration – Sharing ideas or showing how to do a skill in an informal way. The audience may participate and ask questions throughout the demonstration. The demonstrator(s) converses with audience members who are standing around the table/area. The audience participates by talking with the demonstrator, trying things, doing, tasting, asking questions, etc. Handouts, posters, pictures can be used. Select a topic of interest to you. Youth must interact and have enough supplies for the audience to take part in the demonstration. TIMES: Action demonstrations for all age groups should be up to 15 minutes.

## **Musical Performance Entry -Vocal, Dance, Instrumental**

*open to youth grades Kindergarten-13, solo or groups of 4 or less) 4-H members may enter in more than one category. Each participant should bring a copy of their music for the judge.*

A piano is not available in the instrumental room.

Vocal- Performances should emphasize vocal qualities and delivery. **TIMES:** No longer than 5 minutes.

Dance-Performances should be original and show interpretation of the musical selection.

Instrumental-Includes all instruments other than Piano. Please note: *a piano is NOT available in the instrumental room for accompaniment.*

Piano-Performance should show proper interpretation of the musical selection through the use of dynamics, expression, and precision.

## **Group Musical Performance**

*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 as Barron, Pierce, Polk, or St. Croix 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.

## **Drama Entry**

- All props will be the responsibility of the performers/directors.
- All actors and directors must be currently enrolled Barron, Pierce, Polk, or St. Croix County 4-H members/volunteers.
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- 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.



## **Digital Media Entry -New in 2023!**

*Open to youth grades 3 and up, Individual or Team*

**Digital Video Creation** – A creative or informational work on any topic in digital video format. Can include action, still images, music, voice, etc. Be prepared to answer questions about your editing and planning. TIMES: Grades 3-5: 2-4 minute video; Grades 6-8: 3-5 minute video; Grades 9-13: 4-7 minute video.

Score Sheets can be found here: <https://go.wisc.edu/4rqbrq>

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**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.*

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Check category: ☐ On Stage Drama ☐ Mini Drama or Skit

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ County: ☐ Barron ☐ Pierce ☐ Polk ☐ St. Croix

Title of Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Director(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Script: ☐ Yes ☐ No Stage Hand/Props Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Cast:

Character Name	4-H Member Name

*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

**ENTRIES DUE: MARCH 15, 2023**





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