

Polk County

May 2023

CLOVER CONNECTION



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Polk County Fair is right around
the corner.
Thursday, July 27th through Sunday,
July 30th

See You At The Fair!

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

THE 2023 FAIR BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
CLUB LEADER TO
RECEIVE A COPY IF YOU
HAVEN'T DONE SO
ALREADY.

OR, PLEASE CALL THE
EXTENSION OFFICE TO
SET UP A TIME TO PICK UP
A COPY.

**SIGN-UP TO
WORK THE 4-H
FOOD STAND AT
THE POLK
COUNTY FAIR!
MORE DETAILS
LOCATED INSIDE
OF THE
NEWSLETTER!**

Dear 4-H Families,

As the fair books come out, I'm reminded how quickly this spring is going! With summer approaching, our 4-H calendar is filling up with lots of educational events and activities that youth will have an opportunity to participate in. From Area Animal Science Days to 4-H Camp, there is something out there for everyone.

An event that I am most looking forward to is Summer Academy. This brand new experience will provide youth in grades 7-10 an opportunity to discover more about future career choices, as well as helping them find their spark. There will be entertainment, guest speakers, hands-on learning opportunities, and even Miss America! If you are still interested in registering, please reach out as soon as possible to make sure you get a spot.

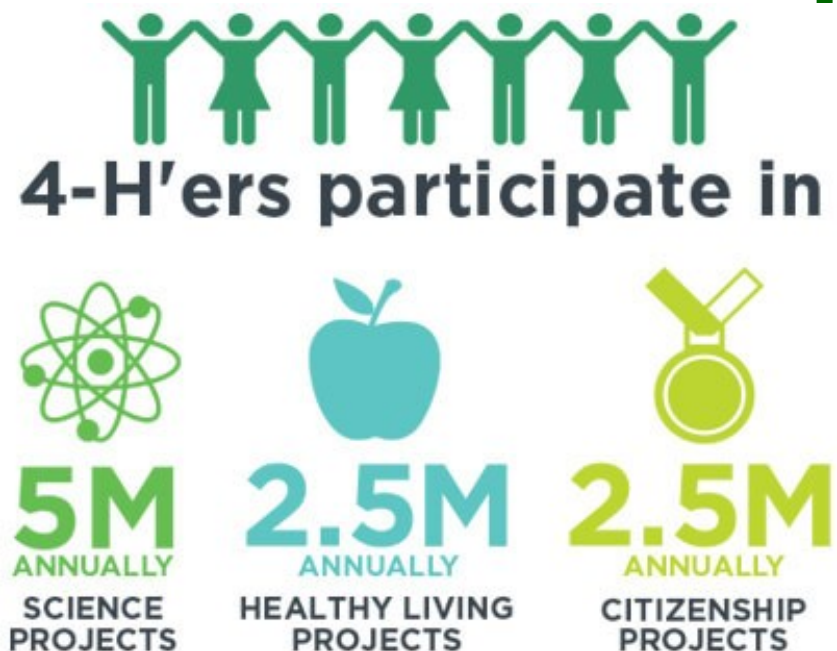
4-H events like Summer Academy are full of great experiences, new friends, and an opportunity to explore something that may be a little more out of their comfort zone. Many youth have not had an opportunity to attend a state-wide experience like Summer Academy, and attending an event like this really helps youth to build independence. Polk County 4-H Leader Federation also puts a large emphasis on the importance of youth attending these events and will never allow financial stresses be the reason someone cannot attend. Options for financial assistance are available and more information can be found at <https://go.wisc.edu/sbt7z9>.

Thank you all for your commitment to the youth of Polk County 4-H!

Sincerely,



Lindsay Spindler
4-H Program Educator



May 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4 ~Robotics Workshop	5	6 ~ABC Clinic for first and second year Horse Camp attendees
		LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE				
7	8	9 LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE	10	11	12 ~Dino Hunt	13
				LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE		
14	15 ~Ambassador Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 ~Robotics Workshop
				LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE		
21	22 ~Leaders Federation Meeting	23	24 LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE	25 ~Building Up Steam	26	27
28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	31			

May

2-3: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR JCEP CONFERENCE

4: Robotics Workshop, 6:30-8pm located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls

6: ABC Clinic for first and second year Horse Camp attendees

9: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR KINSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

11-12: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE

12: Dino Hunt starting at 5:30pm at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club

15: Ambassador Meeting, 6pm at the Justice Center

18: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL 4-H MEETING

19: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR CAMP PLANNING

20: Robotics Workshop. 9-11am located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls

22: Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center

24: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR AMERICORPS TRAINING

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

29: OFFICE CLOSED, HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

June

3: Robotics Workshop. 9-11am located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls

9: Last Day to drop off items for the Silent Auction for the Golf Tournament

9: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR SUMMER SCHOOL AT SCF

12: Golf Classic, Kilkarney Hills Golf Course, LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE

13: In-person Camp Counselor Training at Camp Kiwanis, 10am-2pm

13-15: 4-H Horse Camp, Polk County Fairgrounds

14-16: 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Kiwanis

14-16: LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR 4-H CAMP

17: Interstate Livestock Show, Polk County Fairgrounds

19-22: Summer Academy at UW-Madison in Madison, WI

19-22: LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR SUMMER ACADEMY

24: Robotics Workshop. 1-3pm located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls

24: Pre-Fair Hunt, Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club

26: Clothing Review, 6pm St Croix County Extension Office

28: Area Animal Science Day, Barron County Fairgrounds

28-30: LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE, VACATION

July

4: OFFICE CLOSED, HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

27-30: POLK COUNTY FAIR

**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**

GOLF CLASSIC



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! Please get them into the office by June 9th.

This annual charity gulf 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 contributes to their communities

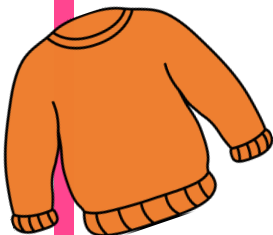
UPCOMING EVENTS



**The Polk County
Interstate Livestock
Show will be held on
June 17th at the Polk
County Fairgrounds**



**Pre-Fair Shooting
Sports will take
place on June 24th
at the Balsam Lake
Rod and Gun Club**



**Clothing Review will be
held at the St. Croix
County Extension Office
on June 26th at 6pm**

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

- Tuesday, June 13 10:00
AM-2:00 PM in-
person, Camp Kiwanis

**Contact Lindsay at
lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu if
you have any questions.**



DINO HUNT

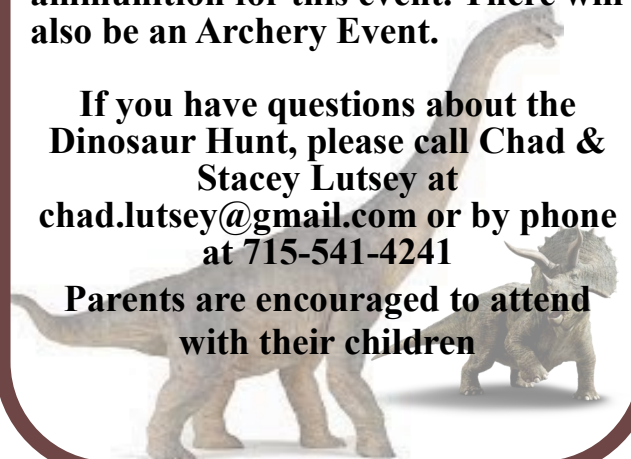
**IS SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, MAY 12TH,
5:30PM TO 8:00PM AT
BALSAM LAKE ROD AND
GUN CLUB**

**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 or by phone
at 715-541-4241**

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



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:

May 4th, Thursday 6:30 to 8 pm,

May 20th, Saturday 9 to 11 am,

June 3rd, Saturday 9 to 11 am,

June 24th, Saturday 1 to 3 pm*.

Our Pre-Fair Run Off is tentatively scheduled for July 8th, 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 smillerfey@gmail.com.

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



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

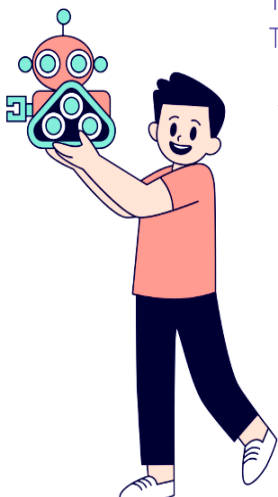
Thursday, January 26, 2023

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Thursday, May 25, 2023





**JUNE
19-22**

**LOCATED AT THE
UW-MADISON
CAMPUS**

PLEASE SIGN

**UP NOW FOR THE
FOOD STAND AT
THE 2023 POLK
COUNTY FAIR. We want**

to get the schedule made out

so everyone gets a copy in the July newsletter. Everyone taking a 4-H sponsored trip and attending 4-H Camp must take a shift at the Food Stand either with your club or as an individual. We need at least eight youths per shift and you must send three adults for your club's shift. When your club decides, which shift you would like to work, please contact Kerry at the Extension Office, Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu or call at 715-485-8600.

All shifts need to report 15 minutes early for on-the-job training.

Wednesday, July 26th

11am-3pm 1)

3pm-7pm 1)

7pm-10pm 1)

Sunday, July 30th

10am-2pm 1)

2pm-4pm 1)

Thursday, July 27th

10am-2pm 1)

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2pm-6pm 1)

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6pm-10pm 1)

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Friday, July 28th

10am-2pm 1)

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2pm-6pm 1)

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6pm-10pm 1)

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Saturday, July 29th

10am-2pm 1)

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2pm-6pm 1)

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6pm-10pm 1)

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JOIN

**OUR YOUTH
TOBACCO COMPLIANCE
RECRUITMENT TEAM!**

**SIGN UP BY:
MAY 19th, 2023**

ARE YOU A LEADER?

**We're on the
lookout for
new recruits!**

WHY JOIN US:

- VOLUNTEER HOURS
- LOOKS GOOD ON A COLLEGE RESUME
- OTHER FUN INCENTIVES FOR YOUR TIME!

NOTES:

- YOU MUST BE AGES 16-17 TO VOLUNTEER.
- MAY INCLUDE WEEKEND WORK.



INTERESTED? SCAN QR CODE:

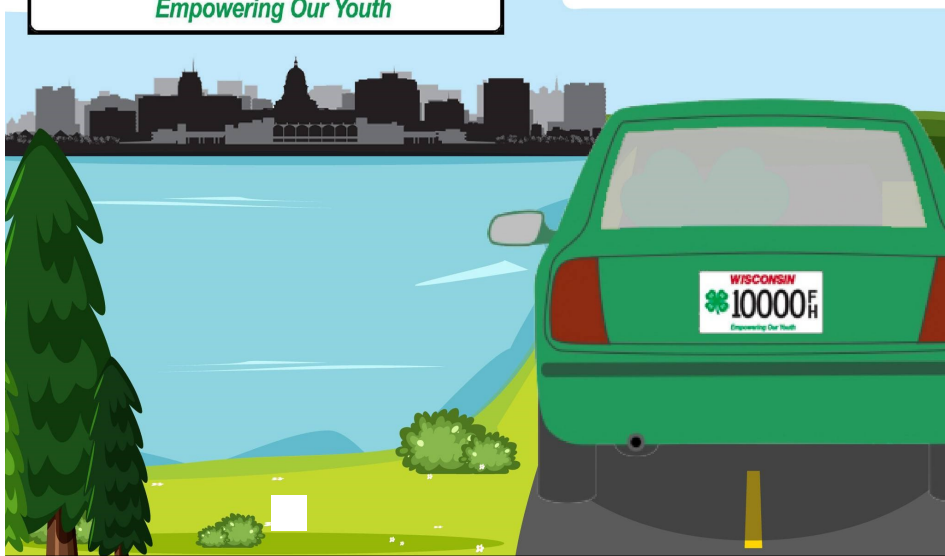
**Or CONTACT Felicia Fisk at
Felicia.fisk@polkcountywi.gov**





HORSE CAMP WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 13TH-15TH 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.



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**

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/...>

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

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**WOOD CO. -
JUNE 9TH**

**IOWA CO. (DAIRY ONLY) -
JUNE 16TH**

**CRAWFORD CO. (LIVESTOCK ONLY) -
JUNE 26TH**

**BARRON CO. -
JUNE 28TH**



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
AREA ANIMAL
SCIENCE DAYS,
PLEASE VISIT:
[https://4h.extension.
wisc.edu/
opportunities/
statewide-events-
and-opportunities/
area-animal-science
-days/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/)**



Wisconsin Celebrates **POLLINATOR WEEK** June 19-25, 2023

Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinator Week, June 19-25, 2023, is dedicated to raising awareness through statewide and local activities and events to support National Pollinator Week. By increasing knowledge and adopting pollinator friendly practices, we can improve pollinator health and habitats. National Pollinator Week is an annual event managed by the [Pollinator Partnership](https://www.pollinator.org/) to help spread the word about what we can do to protect pollinators.

Pollinators in Wisconsin and around the world are facing population declines for many reasons. You can get involved in a lot of ways! By creating pollinator friendly habitats, reducing or eliminating environmental contamination from pesticides, and spreading the word about pollinators with your communities, we can all contribute to pollinator conservation.

Learn More with FREE Online Programs!

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/pollinator-week/>

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**

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