

# National 4-H Week is Back! I ♥ 4-H

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, and this year's theme is  
"I ♥ 4-H."

Show your love for 4-H during this week and spread the word about the  
great things we can all do together!

## 4-H ENROLLMENT & RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-24 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST!

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.

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/4h-youth-development/4h-enrollment-information/> for enrollment information or instructions on how to set up a new family profile. If you



ALL RECORD BOOK &  
AWARD NOMINATION  
ARE DUE TO THE  
EXTENSION OFFICE BY  
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 4:30  
PM

### 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 club's story please email Kerry at:

[kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)



Dear 4-H Families,

Wow! I can't believe it is already September and another 4-H year is coming to an end. It has been a memorable one for sure! We have faced changes, challenges, successes, and lots of growth throughout the year and I have never been more proud to be a part of Polk County 4-H!

During our 2022-2023 4-H year, enrollment was up 7.7% with 533 youth enrolled. Our new member enrollment was up by 45.6%, with 131 first-year members! That is incredible! Thank you all for your continued support of these new families and all the families that keep coming back. Polk County has a very strong program and it shows. Without all of you, we could not do what we are doing.

Let's keep those numbers rising! Please make sure to complete your enrollment as soon as possible to continue receiving communication from the Polk County Extension office, as well as your club leaders. Don't forget to select all projects youth may be interested in. Without selecting the project in 4-H Online, youth can not exhibit at the fair in that project area and may miss out on important project opportunities throughout the year.

Along the project line, we are always looking for both youth and adult voice on our numerous project committees. You will find a form in this month's newsletter with all the county committees listed. Please complete and get back to our office by the end of October. We appreciate any input and ideas from all of our members and hope you will be able to serve on one or more committees you are passionate about. As a reminder, **all adult committee members need to be certified volunteers through 4HOnline.**

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, and this year's theme is "I <3 4-H." This theme will give clubs a creative opportunity to highlight 4-H in their communities and schools. One of the major benefits of showcasing what we are all about during National 4-H Week is that it helps bring new people into our program. Polk County 4-H has many great traditions that we all have great memories of. We keep coming back because of the support and growth 4-H has provided us with. Show your love for 4-H during this week and spread the word about the great things we can all do together!



We welcome new families as they join 4-H this fall, and wish all the best to those who are graduating from the program or moving in other directions. Working together we can continue to provide positive, healthy, skill-developing opportunities for Polk County youth.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Spindler

4-H Program Educator

# September 2023

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					1 ~Enrollment Opens on 4-HOnline	2
3	4 <b>Extension Office Closed</b>	5	6 ~Record Book and Award Nominations Due	7	8	9
10	11 ~Last Day to Register for National Dairy Conference	12	13 ~Ambassador Applications Due	14	15 <b>WI 4H Horse Expo</b>	16
17 <b>Last Day of the WI 4-H Horse Expo</b>	18 ~Ambassador Meeting ~4-H Leaders Federation Meeting	19	20	21 ~Supporting Youth Mental Health Training	22 ~VIP Training	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## SEPTEMBER

- 1: Enrollment Opens in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 4-H Year!
- 4: Extension Office CLOSED – Labor Day
- 6: All Record Book and Award Nomination Due to Polk County UW Extension Office by 4:30 PM
- 10: Registration Opens for Fall Forum
- 11: Last Day to Register for the National Dairy Conference
- 13: Ambassador Applications Due
- 15-17: Wisconsin 4-H Horse Expo, Wisconsin State Fair Park
- 18: Ambassador Meeting, 6:00-7:00 PM
- 18: 4-H Leader Federation Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 21: Supporting Youth Mental Health Training via Zoom, 7:00-9:00 AM
- 22: VOLUNTEER IN PREPARATION TRAINING VIA ZOOM, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## OCTOBER

- 1: Last day to pick up your fair entries at the office
- 3: Last day to register for Fall Forum
- 1-4: National Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
- 1-7: National 4-H Week
- 7: Beef Calf Halter Breaking Clinic, 10am located at Brady Emerson's
- 14th Cloverbud Day Camp, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Cushing Community Center
- 17th Volunteer in Preparation Training via Zoom, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- 28th Polk County 4-H Awards Night, 6:30 PM, Amery High School Auditorium

## NOVEMBER

- 4-5: Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum, Great Lake Conference Center, Green Lake WI
- 6: Goat Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
- 6: Cat/Vet Science/Pet Pals Committee Meeting, Justice Center at 6:30p,
- 6: Beef Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
- 7: Mechanical Science, Aerospace/Models/Robotics/STEM/ Computers Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
- 7: Dairy Committee Meeting, Justice Center
- 9: Sheep Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
- 20: Ambassador Meeting, 6pm at the Justice Center
- 20: Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center



## DON'T FORGET TO GRADUATE FROM 4-H

**As the 4-H year begins to wind down, don't forget to graduate if this is going to be your last year.** Youth who graduated from high school in the spring, and who do not wish to be in "Grade 13" for 4-H for one last year, can graduate from the 4-H program. Graduating is easy - just turn in your current year's record book to your club leader, and have him/her turn it in to the county by September 1. Graduating makes youth eligible for county, state, and national scholarships, in addition to being a nice way to end a 4-H career. Become a 4-H alumni!!

**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.**

scholarships or completing any "after high school" education applications. Workshops are designed to help members develop and write up their M.E. forms.

This year, Shirley would like to extend an invite to any club/s who would like to host a workshop in their area. If you are interested, please contact Shirley at [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com) to reserve a date. If none of the dates listed below work, please reach out to Shirley to figure out a time that will work best for your club. **Please claim a date by October 1st!**

~Monday, November 13, 2023

~Monday, November 27, 2023

~Monday, December 11, 2023

## WHY IS THE M.E. (Member Evaluation) FORM IMPORTANT?

This form is the primary form you will need to have ready to apply for any 4-H trip experiences,





# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

program incorporating aspects of the theme or other 4-H activities or projects.

This theme, I <3 4-H, 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

## **\$40.00 WILL BE AWARDED TO ANY CLUB THAT DOES A 4-H PROMOTION**

Please Take a Picture of your Display and Email it, as a jpeg, to Lindsay Spindler, [Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu).

**BE CREATIVE!**

## ATTENTION 4-H'ERS GRADUATING FROM 4-H!!



Please do not forget to apply for the 4-H scholarship. Scholarship forms are available on the Extension website. 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.



## GOAT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, November 6th  
starting at  
7pm located  
at the Polk  
County  
Justice  
Center.**



## BEEF CALF HALTER BREAKING CLINIC OCTOBER 7TH AT 10AM

**Located at Brady Emerson's  
1197 95th Ave  
Amery, WI 54001**

Come learn and share calf halter training techniques. Please RSVP by October 1st to Jake Loen at 715-557-0138 or Brady Emerson at 715-220-9589



## DAIRY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, November 7th  
at the Polk County Justice  
Center**



## AMBASSADOR MEETING!!!

Monday,  
September 18th at  
6pm

Located at the Polk  
County Justice  
Center

## 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING

Monday,  
September 18th at  
7pm.

Located at the Polk  
County Justice  
Center

## SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Thursday,  
September 21st  
via Zoom starting  
at 7pm

## ATTENTION!

All Polk County Fair exhibits are now located at the Extension Office. If you still need to pick them up please contact the office or email Kerry, [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu). You will have until October 1st to pick up your exhibit!



## 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Horse Expo!

Friday, September 15—Sunday, September 17th  
Wisconsin State Fair Park

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws crowds of over 900 youth and 700 horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of competitions and projects focused on horse experience and terminology. Projects include arts, creative writing, and drawing. Horse Show classes include: Draft Showmanship, Cones, Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship Pony, Horseless Horse Walk, Saddle Seat, Hunt Showmanship, Western Showmanship, and Trail Riding.



## 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum!

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning! The Fall Forum weekend is planned by a team of youth and adults from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council with the support of county and state staff.

Watch our website for more details as they are available –  
<https://go.wisc.edu/4hfallforum>.





**NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY  
CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**  
DAIRY PROJECT MEMBERS, GATHER A  
DELEGATION AND 4-H VOLUNTEER  
CHAPERONE FROM YOUR COUNTY TO  
ATTEND THIS GREAT NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE RIGHT HERE IN **MADISON,  
WI FROM OCTOBER 1-4, 2023.**

This experience is open to current members that are at least 15 but not more than 18 years of age before January 1 of the conference year. The National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another

and build industry bridges that will last well into the future. Fun, hands-on sessions, tours, meeting dairy project members from throughout the nation and more are part of this great experience.

For all conference information visit: <https://national4hdairyconference.org/>



**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>

## 2023 HERDSMANSHIP WINNERS



### **SHEEP**

1. Beaver Brook Badgers
2. Deronda Diplomats
3. Little Butternut

### **SWINE**

1. Pleasant Lake
2. Beaver Brook Badgers
3. Forest View

### **GOATS**

1. Forest View
2. Lucky Horseshoe
3. Deronda Diplomats

### **HORSE**

1. Shooting Stars
2. Pleasant Lake
3. Cushing

### **SMALL HERD CATTLE**

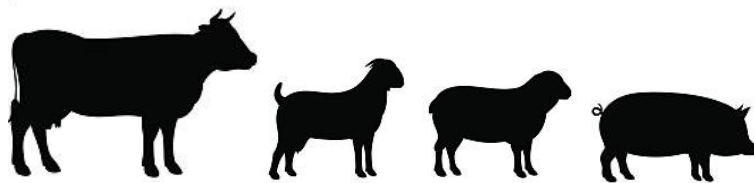
1. Cedar Lake
2. Northern Lights
3. Pleasant Lake

### **LARGE HERD CATTLE**

1. Forest View
2. Indian Creek
3. Knotty Pine & Cushing



# Quality Meats Dinner



## HOG WINNERS



## GOAT PREMIER EXHIBITORS



## SHEEP PREMIER EXHIBITORS



## BEEF WINNERS







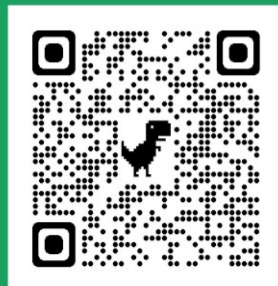
# Become a Member Today!



Establish new relationships with organizations, associations, and more to create a positive place for youth to thrive!

**Growing Capacity. Expanding Access. Building Sustainability.**

Polk County 4-H is looking for a driven community member, looking to give back to our youth through service in the AmeriCorps program. Duties will include building relationships with county schools and libraries and developing a strong after school program for all Polk County youth.



Apply now! Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://go.wisc.edu/2dhv92>  
Position begins January 2024

Questions? Contact Lindsay Spindler,  
[lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu) or (715) 501-8984

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# Polk County 4-H Awards Night



*Saturday, October 28  
6:30 PM*

Amery High School Auditorium



# COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

## Share your ideas!

*Polk County 4-H is looking for volunteers, both youth and adult, interested in serving on Project Development Committees to build educational opportunities.*

*Volunteers will help plan workshops and activities to help our 4-H members develop new skills! Youth are also encouraged to join our committee. We need your voice!*

- Cultural Arts
- Photography
- Woodworking
- Foods & Nutrition

**Scan the QR code or visit <https://go.wisc.edu/t9645m> to sign up.**



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# FALL FUN

## CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CUSHING COMMUNITY  
CENTER

Limited to first 20 registrants. Pre-  
registration required.

To register, scan QR code or visit:  
<https://go.wisc.edu/986g47>



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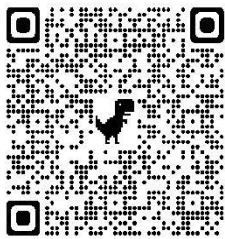
*Apply Today!*

## POLK COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

**Applications Due September 13th**

All Returning and New Ambassadors **Must** Fill Out  
Application

-  Develop your leadership skills!
-  Teamwork!
-  Fun Activities!!
-  Assist with key programs!



Application - <https://go.wisc.edu/pk5fhx>  
or scan QR Code

**Please email [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu) with any questions**

## Qualifications

- Ambassadors must be in at least 7th grade at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year and at least 12 years old.
- Need to be an active 4-H member in good standing.
- Be willing and able to commit to meetings and activities throughout the year.
  - Only 6 meetings throughout the year, usually the same evening as Leaders Federation.
- Must be able to attend at least two activities listed above.





# 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](#) 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](mailto:Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)



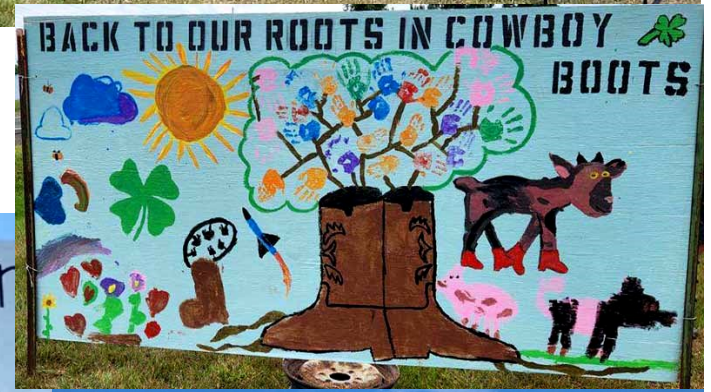
**VIP Trainings will now be done online through UW Madison Division of Extension. This is an interactive training program that will include roles and responsibilities, resources and online Zoom trainings.**

**To View Upcoming VIP Trainings, Please go to:**

**<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/volunteers-in-preparation/>**










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