

November Clover Connection



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4-H YOUTH ARE

more likely to make
healthier lifestyle choices



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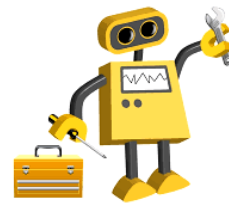
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more likely to contribute
to their communities

COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE
HELD THIS MONTH AND IN
DECEMBER! PLEASE LOOK IN THE
CLOVER CONNECTION TO SEE DATES
AND TIMES FOR EACH MEETING.

**POLK
COUNTY 4-H
LEADERS
FEDERATION
MEETING!
NOVEMBER
20TH,
LOCATED AT
THE JUSTICE
CENTER
STARTING AT
7PM**

CALLING ROBOTICS
PROJECT LEADERS
AND
YOUTH!



Please join us
November 7th
at 7pm at the

**Polk County Justice
Center** for the Robotics
Project Committee meeting.
This is your chance to help
us build the calendar for the
2024 4-H Robotics project.



**4-H ENROLLMENT &
RE-ENROLLMENT FOR
2023-24 BEGINS
NOW!!**

polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4h-enrollment-information/ for enrollment information or instructions on how to set up a new family profile. If you 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 is now open! 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://>



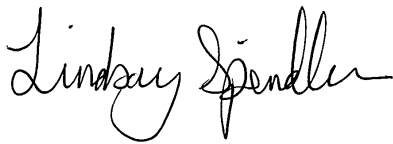
Dear 4-H Families,

Now that our Polk County 4-H Awards Night has been wrapped up, it's time to start looking to the new year! 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 throughout November and December 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!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! 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. There is a full list of committee meetings in this newsletter and I hope to see you there.

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. Our volunteers have the skills and connections to help provide new experiences for our youth. I really hope to see many faces at our meetings to help build up our project committees. 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



THE PURPOSE OF FALL FORUM IS TO:

- Provide educational opportunities to inspire youth and adults to try on new ideas in their communities
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to build connections between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

This is a great opportunity for a team of county/state staff, volunteers, and youth to work together and present an interactive workshop for youth and adults as well as staff from throughout Wisconsin.

Interested in going next year? Please contact Lindsay Spindler
Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

November 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4 ~Wisconsin Fall Forum
			OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED			
5 ~Wisconsin Fall Forum	6 ~Goat , Beef, Cat/Vet Science/Pet Pals Committee Meeting	7 ~Shooting Sports, Dairy, Mechanical Science/ Aerospace/ Models/ Robotics Committee Meeting	8	9 ~Sheep Committee Meeting ~VIP Training	10	11 ~Supporting Youth Mental Health Training 
12	13 ~VIP Training	14 ~ Swine Committee Meeting	15 ~VIP Training	16	17	18
19	20 ~ Ambassador Meeting ~ Leaders Federation Meeting	21 ~VIP Training	22	23 	24	25
					LIMITED OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL AHEAD NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS	
26 NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS	27	28 ~VIP Training	29	30 ~ Plant/Soil, Home/Family, Communica- tion/Expressive Arts, Visual/ Folk Arts and Dog Committee Meeting		

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: Shooting Sports Committee Meeting starting at 6:30 at the Justice Center
7: Mechanical Science, Aerospace/Models/Robotics/STEM/ Computers Committee Meeting, 7pm, Justice Center
7: Dairy Committee Meeting, Justice Center starting at 7pm
9: Sheep Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
9: 4-H VIP Training, 6:30 via Zoom
11: Supporting Youth Mental Health training, 10am, Marathon County Extension Office
13: Possible ME Workshop Date
13: VIP Training, 9am, Via Zoom
14: Swine Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
15: VIP Training, 6:30pm Via Zoom
20: Ambassador Meeting, 6pm at the Justice Center
20: Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Justice Center
21: VIP Training, 7:30am Via Zoom
24-28: National 4-H Congress
27: Possible ME Workshop Date
28: VIP Training, 6:30pm Via Zoom
30: Plant and Soil Science Committee Meeting
30: Home and Family Committee Meeting
30: Communication and Expressive Arts Committee Meeting
30: Visual Arts/Folk Arts Committee Meeting
30: Dog Committee Meeting

DECEMBER

2: Beef Weigh-In , Polk County Fairgrounds at 8am
5: Woodworking Committee Meeting
5: Exploring/Cloverbud Committee Meeting
5: Photography Committee Meeting
5: Horse Committee Meeting
7: Environmental Sciences/Nature/Space/Adventure Committee Meeting
7: Llama Committee Meeting
7: Poultry Committee Meeting
7: Rabbit Committee Meeting
7: Youth Leadership/Citizenship Committee Meeting
11 : Possible ME Workshop Date

**Complete your enrollment by January 1, 2024
to keep receiving the Clover Connection
newsletter. If not re-enrolled by the new year,
the 2023 December newsletter will be your
last newsletter.**

Beef Weigh-In

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 8AM TO 10AM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SCALE BUILDING.

Preregistration required at <https://forms.gle/gc8XiqNQ9dxNAPt9A> registration will be open mid-November. Contact Jake Loen 715-557-0138 or Craig Scholz 612-751-3236 with any questions.



THE 2024 STATE ARTS TEAM AND DRAMA COMPANY APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 16TH, 2024.



**Applications
Now Open For**

State Teams

Drama Company and State Arts Teams Applications are now open!
Apply on 4-H Online Today!
Applications close January 16th, 2024

When you apply to either of these state teams, you will be on a team with other youth from around the state of Wisconsin who share the same passion, and enjoy being creative! Whether that be by creating art or being involved in putting on drama shows, you can do it with Wisconsin 4-H! Open for grades 9-13!

State Arts Team:
<https://23wi4hartteam.4honline.com/>
Drama Company:
<https://23wi4hdco.4honline.com/>



ARE YOU IN NEED OF A 4-H VIP TRAINING?

The Wisconsin 4-H now offers VIP trainings virtually so you can participate from the comfort of your home. To see upcoming dates and times and to register for a class, please visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/>

AMBASSADOR MEETING

**NOVEMBER 20TH,
STARTING AT 6PM
LOCATED AT THE
JUSTICE CENTER**

INTERESTED
IN ATTENDING
THE
AMERICAN
SPIRIT
EXPERIENCE
IN THE
SUMMER OF
2024?

Make sure to register by November 15th. Polk County 4-H Leader Federation offers generous scholarships to youth looking to attend experiences like this! Contact Lindsay at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu for more information!



2023 ANNUAL PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Polk County 4-H committees will meet on November and December. Make sure your voice is heard and help shape the calendar for the coming year! We are looking to add educational opportunities for our 4-H youth, so please come and help share your ideas!

If you have any questions, please email Lindsay at Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu. Volunteers who attend committee meetings, and get their names on the meeting minutes will automatically be added to the committee roster.

November Meetings

November 6th, 6:30PM

- Cats/Vet. Science/ Pet Pals

November 6th, 7PM

- Beef
- Goats

November 7th, 6:30PM

- Shooting Sports

November 7th, 7PM

- Dairy
- Mechanical Sciences
- Aerospace/Models/Robotics/STEM/Computers

November 9th, 7PM

- Sheep

November 14th, 7PM

- Swine

November 30th, 7PM

- Plant & Soil Science
- Home and Family Committee
- Communication/Expressive Arts
- Visual Arts/Folk Arts
- Dogs

December Meetings

December 5th, 7PM

- Woodworking
- Exploring/Cloverbuds
- Photography
- Horse

December 7th, 7PM

- Environmental Sciences/Nature Space/Adventures
- Llama
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Youth Leadership/Citizenship

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2023 WI 4-H HORSE CONFERENCE! The scheduled has been updated and all conference sessions and state 4-H horse meetings will be on Saturday, November 11th. More information about the updated schedule and how to register with your 4-H online account, can be found at:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../state-4-h-horse.../>

WI 4-H HORSE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND STATE MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 11, 2023
UW RIVER FALLS

More information available in the registration details



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of 4-H



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HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



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Become A 4-H Volunteer!

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

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/>

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

4-H TRIP OPPORTUNITIES & THE 4-H KEY AWARD

Advanced Space Camp (Grades 9 – 12) Every other year in January for a week. So look for application in July 2024 for Travel in 2025. Registration is typically open in July of the year before the program through 4-H online. Cost is approximately \$2000.00 / youth.

Space Camp: April 18-22, 2024 (Grades 6-8, maximum age of 15 at time of trip.) *May only attend Space Camp once as a delegate.* Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Cost is approximately \$900. This includes coach bus travel and participation fees at Space Camp. **Registration will be open from November 15-December 15 prior to program year through 4-H online.** Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp participants experience the **Pathfinder Program**. The Pathfinder Program is a 3 day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities, such as: A Simulated Space Mission (including roles at mission control), A variety of Space Simulators such as the multi-axis trainer, five degrees of freedom chair, and the space shot, Building and launching their own model rocket On-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience, A team quiz bowl where participants test their knowledge against others at the end of camp, Tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center

American Spirit East: June 14-23, June 21-30 or July 5-15, 2024 (Grades 8-10 *Youth in 11th grade eligible for 2023 dates based on circumstance of passed missed opportunity.*) **Pre-Registration in 4-H Online 2.0 is open starting October 1-November 15, 2023 through 4-H Online.** Each experience is limited to 44 youth, decisions about who is selected to travel are based on the following factors: first-come-first-serve registrants, # of youth per experience, full rooms by identified gender, ages of youth traveling together, eligibility to participate in future years. **Cost is approximately \$1,650.** Youth will experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast — Youth-led content throughout the experience — Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2024 (CWF) – 1 week trip (dates in late June still to be confirmed): (Grades 10th-12th at selection; minimum age 15 during experience.) *May only attend CWF once.* **Cost is approximately \$1,750.** Delegates will: learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities relating to the development of better citizens and leaders, be inspired by speakers, participate in workshops, committee work, field trips and social events. **Registration will open December 1 – January 10 through 4-H Online.**

National 4-H Conference: April 19-24, 2024 (Grades 10-12 during the program. Minimum age 15 and maximum age 18 as of January 1, year of travel.) National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. In 2019, there were approximately 350 delegates, including *seven* from Wisconsin. Generally between 6-10 youth from Wisconsin are selected to attend this working Conference. **Cost is approximately \$1,500.** (If a youth applies to And is selected by the Awards Committee the fee will be covered by the Polk Co. 4-H Leaders Federation.) ***October 2023 – Applications available for National 4-H Conference through 4h.extension.wisc.edu. Due by January 2, 2024 – State applications, complete with signatures, to the State 4-H Office.**

State Teams (Drama Team, Art Team, YLC): Planning Weekend (April possibly 5-7) & 9-day, 8-night Conference week in Madison (June 2024). (Grades 9-13 at the time of application.) **Registration open October 15 due by November 1, 2023 for early applications and January 15, 2023 for the final application deadline through 4-H Online.** Youth will: Develop leadership and life skills through the arts, have the opportunity to work and share ideas with a team of youth and adults that is committed to quality, have the opportunity to work in the UW-Madison campus setting, advance skills in a wide variety of artistic disciplines. **Cost is \$700** which includes all expenses (meals and lodging) for a three-day, two-night 4-H Spring Planning Weekend (April) and 9-day, 8-night programming week in Madison (June 2024).

National 4-H Congress: November 29-December 3, 2024 (Grades 9-12 at registration; maximum age 18 as of January 1, of the year of travel. *Youth can attend National Congress only once as a delegate.* National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Here are just some of the activities delegates will partake in while at National Congress: Educational workshops, Explore the city, State and Congress-wide meetings, International Events- night of international dinner and entertainment, Community Service, Educational Tours, World-Renowned speakers, National 4-H Congress Gala. **Cost is approximately \$1,200.** (If a youth applies to And is selected by the Awards Committee the fee will be covered by the Polk Co. 4-H Leaders Federation.) **Registration is June 1 – July 1 2024 through 4H online.**

Summer Academy: 3 days June (*probably 3 week*) **2024** (Grades 7 – 11) This positive youth development program on UW Madison Campus will help you discover the pathways to your future. Sign up for workshops in the morning and in the afternoon. There will be fun opportunities to try new things and make friendships with youth from all over the State of WI. **Cost TBD. Registration should open in March through 4-H online.**

4-H Key Award: The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program is one of the highest recognitions a 4-H member can receive. This award recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. To be eligible, candidates for this award must be at least in **9th grade or older**, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership. **Application form is available through Polk County 4-H office and is Due to the office with your M.E. Form by January 1st.**

4-H International Trip Opportunities for Summer 2024: Japan = 4 week and 8 week options, South Korea = 4 week, Costa Rica = 4 week, Taiwan = 4 week, Norway = 4 week (*possibly available 2024*) (*Argentina = 4 week, Romania = 4 week = TBD for 2024 yet*). **Application forms available through [4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities travel abroad](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/travel-abroad), Applications Due December 15th.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Do you have a talent in music, speech, dance, acting, or video making? Get ready for the 2024 Barron-Polk Talent Expo!

Club entries in skits or plays are strongly encouraged!

Entries open through 4-H Online after January 20th.



Saturday, April 13th, 2024
Turtle Lake School

Wisconsin 4-H POP-UP STORE

Custom Wisconsin 4-H apparel and more!



Design 1



Design 2



Design 3



*design by Sharron & Sierra Stienfest,
Calumet County*

How to order:

- Visit Store Website
- Choose item, color AND Design
 - All clothing items come in a variety of colors and designs. *You will be able to choose the color and design when you order. To view colors and designs, click on the product.*
- Add all of your items to your cart
- Check out when you are done.
- You will be billed and charged for shipping costs. Items will be shipped on approximately 3 weeks after closing of store

Open Oct 1st - Nov 6th



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- tie-dye tee
- long sleeve tee
- zip-ups
- sweatpants
- crewneck
- pullover
- waterbottles
- notebooks/folders
- cinch pack
- tumbler
- socks
- decals
- cap



Thank you to all the clubs who participated in National 4-H Week!

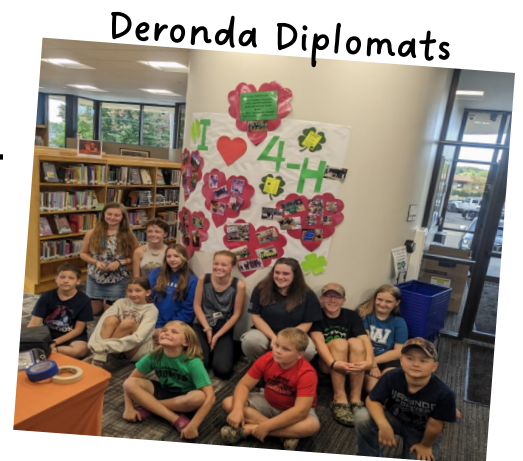


Bone Lake Beavers



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Deronda Diplomats

Indian Creek



Forest View



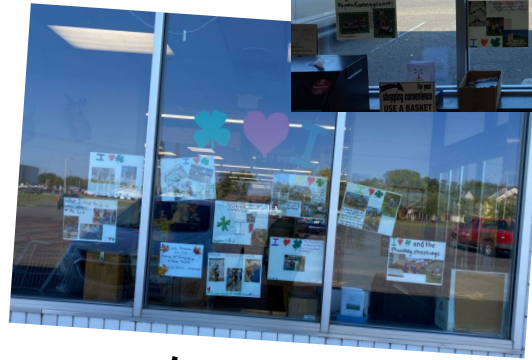
National 4-H Week Continued!



Lucky Horseshoe



Little Butternut



Pleasant Lake



Northern Lights



Shooting Stars



Club Happenings!

At the October meeting, members of the Indian Creek 4-H club learned how to cut and press apples into apple cider.



Bone Lake
Beavers
Hay Ride!



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