Polk County

## Clover Connection

March 2024



## LOOKING FOR 4-H FORMS AND APPLICATIONS?

4-H forms and application can be found on our website, <a href="https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/">https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/</a>

#### 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

## March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2 ~ 4-H Leader Training ~4-H Dairy Bowl	
3 ~ Camp Counselor Training	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10  ~ Beef Kick Off  ~ YQCA	11	12	13  ~Registration Due for Sewing Workshop	14 ~ Robotics Project Meeting	15	16 ~ Livestock Quizbowl & Skillathon	
17 ~ Goat Kick Off ~Rabbit Clinic	18	19	20	21 ~ Basic Sewing Workshop	22 ~ Deadline to get articles into the newsletter	23	
24	25  ~ Ambassador Meeting ~ Leaders Federation Meeting	26	27	28 ~ Robotics Meeting	29	30	
Happy Caster							

#### March

- 2: 4-H Leader Training! Starting at 2pm located at the Balsam Lake Lodge
- 2: 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, UW Green Bay
- 3<sup>:</sup> Camp Counselor Training, 6:30 via Zoom
- 10 Beef Kick Off, 1-3 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 10 YQCA, 3:15 p.m., Polk County Justice Center Must Pre-Register at yqcaprogram.org
- 13: Registration Due for Sewing Workshop
- 14: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 ONLY, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St., SCF.
- 16 Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, Madison
- 17: Rabbit Showmanship Clinic, 2pm at the Justice Center
- 17<sup>:</sup> Goat Kick-Off, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 17: HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!
- 21: Basic Sewing Workshop, 6pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Croix Falls
- 22: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 25<sup>-</sup> Ambassador Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 25<sup>:</sup> Leader Federation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 25: Wildlife and Woods Virtual Series
- 28: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 ONLY, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St., SCF.
- 31: HAPPY EASTER!

#### <u>April</u>

- 4: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 & Sphero, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 5-6: Camp Counselor In Person Training Weekend, Camp Kiwanis
- 10: Registration Due for Finger Knitting Workshop
- 13: Talent Expo, Turtle Lake
- 14 Swine Kick Off & Tag Pick Up, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 14: YQCA, 12:30 p.m., Polk County Justice Center Must Pre-Register at yacaprogram.org
- 18: Finger Knitting Workshop, 6pm at the Polk County Justice Center
- 21: Dog Kick-Off Meeting
- 22: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 22: Wildlife and Woods Virtual Series
- 27<sup>:</sup> Sheep & Goat Weigh In, 9-11 a.m., Polk County Fairgrounds

#### May

- 2: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 & Sphero, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 6: Swine DNA kits due!
- 10: Dino Hunt! 6-8pm
- 18: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 and Sphero, 9am-11am, First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 22: Deadline to send articles into the newsletter

#### June

18-20: Horse Camp at the Polk County Fairgrounds

#### **July**

25-28: POLK COUNTY FAIR!!

#### Polk County Fair Contest 2024

The Polk County Fair Board is again sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign must be at least four feet by eight feet (4x8). You MUST include the fair dates (July 25, 26, 27 & 28), location (St. Croix Falls Fair Grounds), and your club name.

Sign should be up by July 1st, and be taken down by August 5th. The sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way. Make sure to get permission from the landowner.

Submit a color 8x10 photograph of your sign, the location 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.

to:

The Fair Theme for this Year is: **ROCK THE FLOCK** 

#### **AMBASSADOR MEETING**

WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 25TH STARTING AT 6PM LOCATED AT THE JUSTICE CENTER

4-H LEADERS
FEDERATION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH
25TH STARTING AT 7PM
LOCATED AT THE JUSTICE
CENTER

ATTENTION
HORSE
PROJECT
MEMBERS!
HORSE CAMP
will be held on
Tuesday, June 18—Thursday,
June 20th at the Polk County
Fair Grounds.

Horse Camp is open to 4-H members 3rd grade and up.

If anyone is interested, please reach out to Teresa Hach, thach@amfam.com





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

#### 2024 Work Shop Dates:

- •February 29th, 6:30 to 8 pm: Kick-Off & Orientation (All MUST Attend),
- •March 14th, 6:30 to 8 pm, Ev3 Robotics Build Time
- •March 28th, 6:30 to 8 pm, EV3 Robotics Build Time
- •April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8 pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Work Time
- •May 2nd, 6:30 to 8pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Programing
- •May 18th, 9am-11am, EV3 Programing
- •June 1st, 9am-11am, Sphero & EV3 and Fair Discussions
- •June 6th, 6:30pm-8pm, EV3 Programing
- •June 29th, 9am-11am, Sphero Balls & EV3 Final Programing
- •July 6th, 12:30 for Registration, 1-5pm is the Pre-Fair Run Off
- •July 26th, 11am-12, All Robotics Youth Present Demonstrations at the Fair (times may be adjusted closer to fair)

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.

Camp Counselor
Training, March 3rd
starting at 6:30pm via
Zoom

Camp Counselor In-Person Training, April 5-6 Camp Kiwanis

#### RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH STARTING AT 2PM, LOCATED AT THE JUSTICE CENTER

Come Learn what to study and how to show your rabbit to the judge.

Please DO NOT bring your rabbits to this clinic!

Questions? Please contact Becky Larson, 715-294-2830, or Carol Suckut, 715-410-5078

**Beef Kick-Off** will be on Sunday, March 10th starting at 1pm, located at the Justice Center.

Please contact Craig Scholz, 612-751-3236 if you have any questions.

**Goat Kick-Off** will be on Sunday, March 17th starting at 2pm, located at the Justice Center.

Please contact Jeanne Alling, 715-553-2488 if you have any questions.

**Swine Kick-Off & Tag Pick Up** will be on Sunday, April 14th starting at 2pm, located at the Justice Center.

Please contact Tyler Kuhl, 715-410-6024 if you have any questions.

**Dog Kick-Off** will be on Sunday, April 21st located at the Polk County Fairgrounds. More information to follow

**Sheep & Goat Weigh In** will be on Saturday, April 27th at the Polk County Fairgrounds. More information to follow.

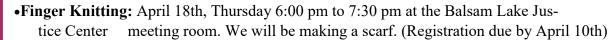
# Interested in Crocheting/Knitting/Sewing/Home Furnishings?

We are hosting several workshops this year for youth to sample these 4-H Project areas. If you have some skills in any of these areas and want to improve your proficiency, join us, we can help you grow your skills. The Workshops are for Explorer and Older youth and Must be registered in advance. Each Workshop will have a \$3.00 Materials fee which will be collected at the Workshop. Registration is separate for Each workshop. You are welcome to sign up every one of them.

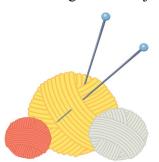
#### **Workshops**

•Basic Sewing: March 21st, Thursday 6:00 pm to

7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF. We will be making a small pillow. (Registration due by March 13th)



•Blending of two skills: May 30th, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. Project = TBD. (Registration due by May 22nd)



To Register, please email Shirley Miller-Frey, smillerfrey@gmail.com: Youth Name, Youth Grade, Name of your 4-H Club, Parents Name and Contact Email and which Workshop you are signing up for.

## Grow Green!

Volunteers may remember participating in VIP (Volunteers in Preparation), and now we are shifting to a new version of orientation called "Grow Green." This is a new, interactive orientation that is

available online or available in a paper format to be read offline. It is designed to be taken whenever convenient for the potential new volunteer.

#### A little bit more about Grow Green:

#### Offered online at this link:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/grow-green/ - just click on the green "Start the Training" button to begin

**Two short, interactive modules** – one module is an introduction to volunteering in Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, and a second module that is geared towards a specific volunteer role. Combined, this orientation should take around 45 minutes to complete.

Lots of practical tips – in the training modules, new volunteers will learn about some of the 4-H guiding principles (Essential Elements, Life Skills Development, Ages & Stages of Youth) and gain some really practical tips to use as a volunteer.

Start and stop at your leisure – if you start the training and need to step away, you can come back to the website using the same device you started with and it will pick up where you left off.

We are hopeful that this will make orientation more convenient and beneficial! This orientation is required for new volunteers, but it is available online for all volunteers to take as a refresher.

Thank you to our volunteers for mentoring and supporting the youth in 4-H!



New Volunteer Orientation

Now Available Online!



**In Person Trainings** 

**Polk County Justice Center** 

Date:

10705

Sunday, February 25 at 12:30 pm Sunday, March 10 at 3:15 pm Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm Register at: yqcaprogram.org

Cost: \$3 in Person \$12 Web Based

### Save the Dates

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST FEB. 3, 2024

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL MARCH 16, 2024

BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS















SAVE THE DATE FOR SHOW! JUNE 22, 2024



Contact Lindsay for more details at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu



#### MAKE AN IMPACT BY SERVING

#### THROUGH AMERICORPS AND 4-H!



## WHO IS AMERICORPS?

AMERICORPS IS A NATIONAL AGENCY

THAT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO

VOLUNTEER WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES,

NO MATTER THEIR BACKGROUND.

## Growing Capacity

Members will gain
valuable experience and
make an impact on our
community by developing
and implementing
programs in after school
and library settings to
reach new audiences.

## Expanding Access

As a part of AmeriCorps, members will work in with 4-H to recruit volunteers and build partnerships with county organizations to increase program participation and reach.

### Building Sustainability

Through programming efforts and relationships built, your impact will continue on through sustainable youth serving opportunities.

#### **Program Benefits:**

Monthly Living Allowance and Education award upon successful completion of 450 hours of service (28 hours weekly)

#### Qualifications:

Must be at least 18 years of age with a GED or equivalent, and the ability to work with Community Organizations, Teams, Youth Development, Social Services, Computers/Technology

#### **Questions?**

Contact Lindsay Spindler at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu





Scan the QR code to apply now! Open through March

31st.

An AA/EO employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and ADA requirements.



### Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc Premier Scholarship

### The Premier Scholarship will open on January 5th and close on Wednesday, March 6th

This year, the Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation will award five outstanding high school seniors from rural Wisconsin each with a \$3,000 scholarship. Only online applications will be accepted. For the application, and for more information, please visit www.wrof.org.

#### Some of the criteria that will be used when choosing students:

- •The high school senior has lived in rural Wisconsin for at least two years. "Rural" is defined as traditional rural areas and rural towns with a population of 25,000 or less.
- •The high senior is attending a public or private school in Wisconsin.
- •The high school senior is pursuing post-secondary education and plans on turning to rural Wisconsin upon graduation.
- •The high school senior will pursue a degree in a field that will support the nomic health and well-being of rural communities in Wisconsin. This cludes fields in agriculture, healthcare, large animal veterinary care, vironmental studies, and sustainable practices.

The high school senior has financial need.

Three letters of recommendation are requested and help in the selection process, but are not required.



### DHIA Polk-Burnett Scholarship

These scholarships will be made available by the AgSource DHIA Foundation for students enrolled in post high school education or planning to pursue post high school education. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$500.00 in scholarships.

Applicant's family must reside in Polk or Burnett Counties or be a present or past member of the Polk-Burnett DHI AgSource.

Preference may be given to students in agriculture related majors and students of farm families. Scholarship proceeds will not be given until student has successfully completed one semester of post high school education and a transcript is sent in showing the semester completion. An applicant may be entering or already enrolled in post high school education programs.

## Applications must be completed by April 1st and turned into the Extension Office

You can find the applications on our website under the 4-H tab "Forms & Applications," or at: https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-

#### Talent Expo 2024

Music \* Speaking \* Demonstrations \* Drama \* Video Saturday, April 13, 2024, Registration Deadline - March 15 Turtle Lake School

Events may be eligible for fair premiums. Check with your local fair for information. Youth may <u>receive fair premium</u> 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.

Score Sheets for all events can be found here: <a href="https://go.wisc.edu/4rgbrg">https://go.wisc.edu/4rgbrg</a>

You can Register online at <a href="http://wi.4honline.com">http://wi.4honline.com</a>

Large Group Events: Drama Form | Music Form - Register via paper form

For More info, contact Sara Waldron (Barron County) sara.waldron@wisc.edu or Lindsay Spindler

(Polk County) (<u>lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu</u>)

#### **Speaking/Interpretive Reading Entry**

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

<u>Original Speech</u> - 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 and 3-5: 2-4 minutes; Grades 6-8 and 9-13: 4-8 minutes.

<u>4-H Pledge</u> - 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.

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

<u>Memorized Selection/Recitation</u> -- Open to all ages. A memorized recitation of a speech or creative selection. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

<u>Interpretive Reading</u> - 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 and 3-5: 2-4 minutes; Grades 6-8 and 9-13: 4-8 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.

<u>Demonstration</u> – 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. Demonstration may or may not be interactive with your audience. 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.

#### **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. If you need help accessing/copying music, please contact your local office.

A piano is not available in the instrumental room.

<u>Vocal</u>- Open to all youth, individual or group. Performances should emphasize vocal qualities and delivery. Accompaniment can be live, pre-recorded and played on a device you provide (i.e. phone or computer -- please pre-download and bring own player/speaker), or with no accompaniment (acapella). **TIMES:** No longer than 5 minutes.

<u>Dance</u>- Performances should be original and show interpretation of the musical selection. Dancer will need to provide their own device to play music selection. **Times:** No longer than 5 minutes

<u>Instrumental</u>-Includes all instruments other than Piano. Performance should show mastery of the instrument and expression of the musical selection. Please note: a piano is NOT available in the instrumental room for accompaniment.

<u>Piano</u>-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 or Polk 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 or Polk 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 must include two or more actors.

**On Stage Drama**—Performance length can be up to 30 minutes, including set-up and take-down time.

<u>Mini-Drama or Skit</u> — 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

Open to youth grades 3 and up, Individual or Team

**<u>Digital Video Creation</u>** – 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.

### Saturday, April 13, 2023 Location Turtle Lake School

#### **Group Musical Performance Entry**

Clubs may have multiple Group Musical performances. Group Musical performances are not a fair entry; there is no premium. (For music fair entries, see the Musical Performance Entry form.)

- 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 Barron or Polk 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.

Name of Club:	County: 🗍 Barroi	County:  Barron  Polk		
Title of Performance:				
Director(s):	Phor	Phone:		
Email:				
Accompanist:				
Names of Participants:				
1.	6.	11.		
2.	7.	12.		
3.	8.	13.		
4.	9.	14.		
5.	10.	15.		

Drama and Musical Group Entries can be mailed or emailed.

### Saturday, April 13, 2024 Location 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.

- All props will be the responsibility of the performers/directors.
- All actors and directors must be currently enrolled Barron or Polk 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 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.

Check category: ☐ On Stage Drama ☐	Mini Drama or Skit		
Name of Club:	County:  Barron  Polk		
Title of Performance:			
Director(s):	Phone:		
Email:			
Original Script:	Vlanager:		
Cast:			
Character Name	4-H Member Name		

Continue Cast on Back or Separate Page

Drama and Musical Group Entries can be mailed or emailed.

ENTRIES DUE: MARCH 15, 2024

Character Name	4-H Member Name



## THE SECRET ANIMAL



Color the squares according to the instruction and discover the secret animal.

1 = Pink 2 = Brown 3 = Blue 4 = Green

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