

we
need
a big
flavor

FLAVOR CREATION CONTEST



Cedar Crest Ice Cream, headquartered in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. All Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name. Entries are accepted September 1, 2024, through November 15, 2024.

Five finalists are selected by a panel of Cedar Crest Ice Cream flavor experts from all entries received. One flavor is awarded top honors and a \$500 gift. The winning flavor makes its debut in parlors in the summer of 2025. All five finalists receive an ice cream party for their 4-H club.

4-H ENROLLMENT & RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-25 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.

CLOVER CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2024

LOOKING FOR 4-H FORMS & APPLICATIONS?

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

All Record Book Reviews,
Leadership Award forms, Club
Community Care and
Pride Reports are
Due in the County
4-H Office
September 3rd



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

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



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ~2024/2025 4-H Enrollment Begins ~Ice Cream Flavor Contest Starts	2 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Labor Day	3 ~Award Forms, Record Book Reviews and Club Forms Due ~Lindsay is out of the office	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 ~Ambassador Applications Due WI Horse Expo	14
15 WI Horse Expo	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 ~Ambassador Meeting ~Leaders Federation Meeting	24	25	26 ~Lindsay out of the office	27	28
29	30	1	2			
National Dairy Conference						

September

- 1: 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment begins!
- 1: Start of the Flavor Creation Contest
- 2: Extension Office Closed!
- 3: Record Book reviews, Leadership Award forms, Club Community Care and Pride reports are due. Please drop off at the Extension Office.
- 3: Lindsay Is Out of the Office (Clear Lake Open House)
- 13: 2025 Ambassador Applications are Due!
- 13-15: WI Horse Expo, Wisconsin State Fair Park
- 23: Ambassadors Meeting, 6pm at the Fairgrounds
- 23: Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Fairgrounds
- 26: Lindsay Is Out of the Office (Northern Reginal 4-H Meeting)
- 29: Dairy Conference, Madison
- 30: Dairy Conference, Madison

October

- 1: Dairy Conference, Madison
- 2: Dairy Conference, Madison
- 6-12: National 4-H Week
- 13: 4-H Awards Program! 2pm at the Unity School District Performing Arts Center
- 11: Veterans Day
- 13: Polk County 4-H Awards Ceremony, 2pm at **UNITY SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**
- 14-18: Lindsay Is Out of the Office (NAE4-HYDP Conference)

November

- 2-3: Fall Forum, Stevens Point
- 5: Project Committee Meetings at the Polk County Justice Center: 5-6:30pm, Cats/Vet Science/Pet Pals. 5-7pm: Beef & Goats
- 7: Project Committee Meetings at the Polk County Justice Center: Starting at 7pm, Horse & Sheep
- 12: Project Committee Meetings at the Polk County Justice Center: 6:30pm, Exploring/ Cloverbuds, Photography. 7pm: Swine, Woodworking, Shooting Sports, Mechanical Sciences, Aerospace/ Models? Robotics/ STEM/Computers
- 13-22: Lindsay Is Out of the Office
- 15: End of the Flavor Creation Contest
- 18: ME Workshop, location and time TBD
- 26: Project Committee Meetings at the Polk County Justice Center: 6pm, Plant & Soil Science, Home and Family, Communication/ Expressive Arts, Dog. 7pm: Environmental Science/Nature Space/Adventure, Llama, Poultry, Rabbits and Youth Leadership/ Citizenship
- 28: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 29– Dec. 4: National 4-H Congress
- Nov.29– Dec. 4: Lindsay Is Out of the Office (National 4-H Congress)

IGNITE YOUR SPARK FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:



<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>



Stay tuned for more
National 4-H Week activities

December

- 9: ME Workshop, Time and Location TBD



AMBASSADORS MEETING

MONDAY,
September 23rd at
6:00pm located at the
fairgrounds in the 4H
Building

POLK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING

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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
AT 7PM AT THE POLK
COUNTY FAIR GROUND

ATTENTION!
**FAIR CHECKS
WILL NOW BE
HANDLED OUT TO
EACH MEMBER
AT THE POLK
COUNTY 4-H
AWARDS
CEREMONY!**

PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN WITH TRACTOR SUPPLY!

Tractor Supply Company and Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again for the Paper Clover Campaign!

For every \$1 paper clover sold at a Wisconsin TSC during the campaign, 90 cents comes to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership activities. The other dime supports National 4-H Council. The Fall 2024 Campaign runs October 2-13, 2024.

A \$50 TSC gift card will be given to any club who completes an in-store promotion and a \$25 TSC gift card will be given to any 4-H member who completes an in-store promotion during the Fall 2024 Paper Clover Campaign. For rules and how to register: Wis4HFoundation.org/tscpaperclover.



Could earn your club* **\$50**

*Registered clubs receive \$50 TSC gift card; registered individuals receive \$25 TSC gift card.
See website for details: www.Wis4HFoundation.org



Polk County 4-H Awards Ceremony

Sunday, October 13, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Unity School District Performing Arts
Center



**2024 CONFERENCE DATES: SEPTEMBER
29TH – OCTOBER 2ND, 2024
IN MADISON WISCONSIN**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://
NATIONAL4HDAIRYCONFERENCE.ORG/
REGISTRATION/](https://national4hdairyconference.org/registration/)**

Fall Forum 2024

November 2-3, 2024

Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff; promote to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.

For more information, please visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>



**Wisconsin 4-H
Leadership Council**

Applications Now Open!

Youth & Adults are encouraged to
apply to join the council!

Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council

Are you interested in stepping up your leadership in 4-H? Want to help promote 4-H statewide? Consider applying for the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council!

Applications for the 2024-25 year are available and ready for you to complete! Youth in grades 9-11 and Adult Volunteers are encouraged to apply for this awesome leadership opportunity!

WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H

To learn more about WLC and to find application information (applications are submitted in 4H Online), visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../wisconsin-4-h.../>

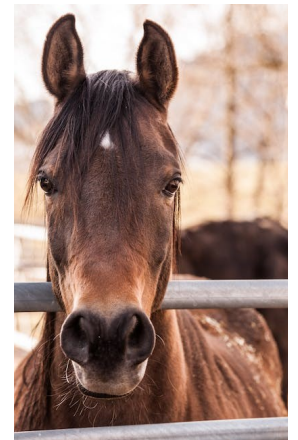
2024 Wisconsin 4-H Horse Expo!

Friday, September 13—Sunday, September 15th

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.



ATTENTION 4-H'ERS GRADUATING 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 3. 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!!

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.

Become a Polk County Ambassador Today!

Are you a motivated, creative, positive older 4-H member looking to step into a leadership role? Become a Polk County 4-H Ambassador! Applications are now available to youth wanting to serve our county in this role for the 2024-2025 year.

All applications are due by September 13th and our first

meeting will be September 23rd.

What are 4-H Ambassadors?

4-H Ambassadors are the Teen Public Relations group for the Polk County 4-H Program. This program helps youth to develop leadership skills and assist with key programs our Polk County 4-H provides. Ambassadors become the face of the positive role models that 4-H helps to shape youth into. Those serving in the ambassador role also get access to more fun activities to help build teamwork skills.

Each ambassador will be given a 4-H Ambassador shirt and 4-H name badge after selection. Ambassadors are expected to wear these at all 4-H events where they are serving in their public relation role as an Ambassador.

Qualifications:

- Ambassadors must be in at least 7th grade at the beginning of the 2024-2025 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.



ALL RETURNING AND NEW AMBASSADORS MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. This helps keep all of our communications up to date.

Application - <https://go.wisc.edu/93kq63>

Get Ready for National 4H Week



OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

**THIS YEAR'S THEME IS:
BEYOND READY**





MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



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 with any questions



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- 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 throughout the year (day camp helpers, fair assistant, Golf Classic)



WISCONSIN 4-H IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS FOR THE 2025 ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY!

Advanced Space Academy will take place from **February 15-22, 2025**, and youth will travel to Huntsville, AL via coach bus and get the opportunity to train like an astronaut, learn team building skills at the Space Camp Challenge Course, participate in SCUBA diving at the underwater astronaut trainer, and learn a ton more about Space and STEM! You can see additional program details on [Space Camp's website](#). Registration is open to youth in grades 10-12 for the 24-25 4-H year, and the cost is \$2,700/per person. Registration will be open in 4HOnline from September 4-30, 2024. **Scholarships for the trip are available!** Please contact Lindsay for more information, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu. We hope to see you when we blast off in February!

ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY!
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER
2025!

REGISTER:
SEPT. 4-30

GRADES:
10-12

TRAVEL DATES: FEB. 15-22

A MINIMUM OF 36 YOUTH ARE REQUIRED FOR THE EXPERIENCE

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Volunteers are the

of 4-H

HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH

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

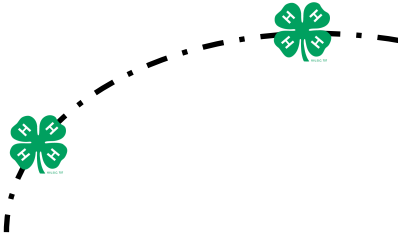
VIP Trainings will now be done online through UW Madison Division of Extension. This is an interactive training program that will include roles and responsibilities, resources and online Zoom trainings.

To View Upcoming VIP Trainings, Please go to:

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



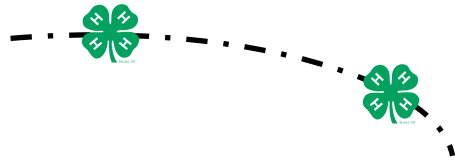
Club Happenings



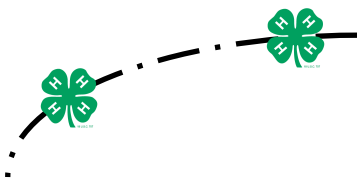
The Cushing 4-H Club Fairgrounds Clean Up Crew



BONE LAKE BEAVERS 4-H



Forest View 4-H handed out gifts to local Dairy Farmers to conclude their June Dairy month activities.



Deronda Diplomats at the Fair. Every Thursday evening, during the fair, the club comes together to have a pizza party!



Thanks for Another Great Year!





2024

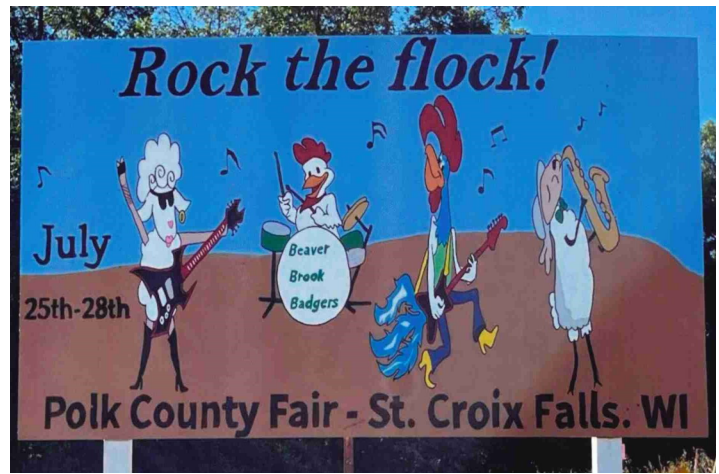
Polk County Fair Herdsmanship

<h3>Large Herd Cattle</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest View 2. Knotty Pine 3. Bone Lake Beavers 	<h3>Swine</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beaver Brook Badgers 2. Shooting Stars 3. Cattail Clovers
<h3>Small Herd Cattle</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deronda Diplomats 2. Cedar Lake 3. Indian Creek 	<h3>Goat</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cedar Lake 2. Shooting Stars 3. Bone Lake Beavers
<h3>Horse</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Little Butternut 2. Beaver Brook Badgers 3. Pleasant Lake 	<h3>Sheep</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northern Lights 2. Deronda Diplomats 3. Cedar Lake



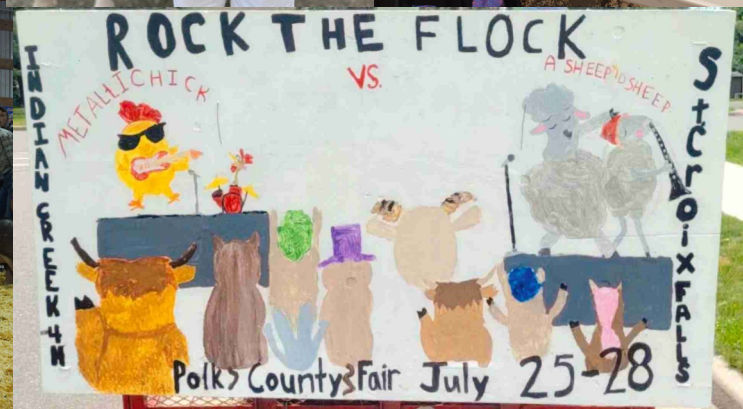
ATTENTION!

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. You will have until October 1st to pick up your exhibit!













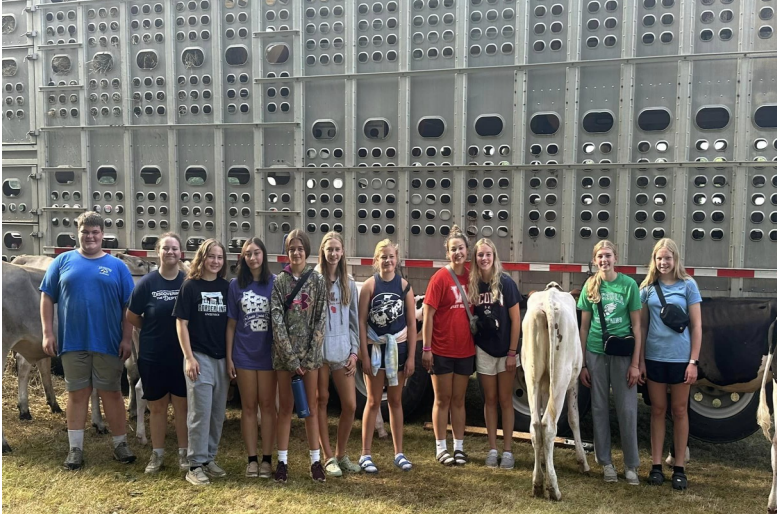








Polk County at the Wisconsin State Fair!



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