

CLOVER CONNECTION



Family Members & Volunteers, We Need You!

Your support and participation in our program is so appreciated. Without volunteers like you, we would not be able to provide the amazing opportunities that are available to youth.

In order to better meet our program needs, we are trying something new in hopes to get better participation at the county level. One of our goals for the Polk County 4-H Program is to form some true Project Development Committees (PDCs) to provide more opportunities for youth. In order to do that, we need your help. The following link will take you to a short Google form to help me better understand how to match our volunteers' extensive skills to the needs of our 4-H program. <https://go.wisc.edu/v2w25t>

WE WANT
YOU!



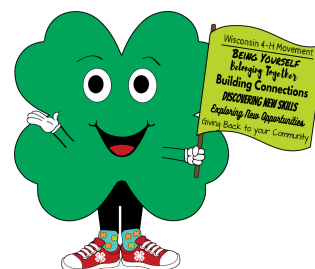
GROW
MAKE
SERVE
THRIVE



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS
START THIS MONTH!
LOOK INSIDE TO SEE
LOCATIONS AND TIMES!**



Get Caught up with October Activities & Events



November

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 Fall Forum
3 Fall Forum Daylight Savings Time Ends National Sandwich Day 	4 Dairy Committee Meeting National Candy Day 	5 Cats/Vet Science/ Pet Pals Committee Meeting Beef & Goat Committee Meeting	6	7 Horse and Sheep Committee Meeting	8	9
10	11  National Sundae Day 	12 Exploring/Cloverbuds, Photography Committee Meeting Swine, Woodwk, shooting spts, Mech. Sciences, Aerospace/Models / Robotics/ STEM/ Computers Committee Meeting	13	14	15	16
Lindsay is Out of the Office						
17	18 M.E. Workshop	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25 Ambassador Meeting 4-H Leaders Fed. Meeting	26 Plant & Soil Science, Home & Family, Communication/ Expressive Arts, Dog, Environmental Science/Nature Space/ Adventure, Llama, Poultry, Rabbits, and Youth Leadership/ Citizenship	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving 	29	30
					Office Closed	

November

2-3: Fall Forum, Stevens Point
4: Dairy Committee Meeting, Justice Center starting at 6pm
5: Project Committee Meetings at the Polk County Justice Center: 6:30pm, Cats/Vet Science/
Pet Pals. 7pm: Beef & Goats Committee Meeting
7: Project Committee Meetings at the Polk County Justice Center: Starting at 7pm, Horse & Sheep
11: Veterans Day, Polk County Gov. Center Closed
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
13-23: Lindsay Is Out of the Office
15: End of the Flavor Creation Contest
18: ME Workshop, Starting at 6:30. Location will be at First Presbyterian Church of SCF if no other club
wants to host at a location near them.
25: Ambassadors Meeting starting at 6pm at the Justice Center
25: 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting starting at 7pm at the Justice Center
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, Office Closed
29: Office Closed
Nov. 29- Dec. 4: National 4-H Congress
Nov.29- Dec. 4: Lindsay Is Out of the Office (National 4-H Congress)

DECEMBER

7: Cloverbud Day Camp, 9am-1pm at Joy Lutheran Church
7: Beef Weigh-In starting at 8am located at the Polk County Fairgrounds Scale Building
9: ME Workshop, Time and Location TBD
24: Christmas Eve, Office Closed
25: Merry Christmas! Office Closed

RE-ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY!

**We encourage ALL members
to re-enroll by January 1st.**

Wondering “why?”

Here are the top 5 reasons:

- **Members will be covered by our 4-H insurance at 4-H events**
- **Families will get the Newsletter**
- **Members can receive broadcast email**
- **Leaders will have an updated list of all members**
- **You will not have to worry about enrolling at the last minute and potentially make mistakes that will impact your fair entry**

**Please call the Extension Office if
you have questions, 715-485-
8600**

POLK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board oversees the 4-H Program, making key decisions about financial resource allocation and educational direction. Each club can send one adult and one youth representative, ensuring youth have an equal voice. The board meets six times a year.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 **7:00PM**
Polk County Justice Center

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 **7:00PM**
Polk County Justice Center

MONDAY, MARCH 24 **7:00PM**
Polk County Justice Center



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

Adult Volunteers NEEDED!

for

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMPS

We are looking for adult volunteers for Cloverbud Day Camps! This is a great chance to positively impact young children's lives by supporting their learning in a fun environment. Volunteers will facilitate activities, ensuring safety and enjoyment. Whether experienced or new to volunteering, your help is invaluable. Contact the Extension Office, 715-485-8600, to volunteer or to learn more about this opportunity!

Our next Cloverbud Camp will be on December 7th



Paper Clover Campaign with Tractor Supply



+ TSC TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO

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

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 November 29th -December 15, 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.

CALLING ALL

4-H'ers

7TH GRADE & UP

Join us for the upcoming M.E (Member Evaluation) Writing Workshops for help Developing and Writing your M.E. Forms, Scholarship Forms, or completing any "after High School" education applications. "Why is the completed M.E. Form Important?" This form is the primary paperwork you need to have completed to apply for trip experiences and possible trip experience financial assistance.

DATES

Monday, November 18th **6:30pm**
Monday, December 9th **6:30pm**

Club Leaders: you and your club is invited to host any one of these Monday evening M.E. Workshops so that we can bring this workshop to varied locations in Polk County. Our "fall back" location will be: First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada Street, SCF if no other Club choses to host.

Contact Shirley at smillerfrey@gmail.com to select one of the workshop dates to host.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

HOLIDAY FUN

Cloverbud Daycamp

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Open to youth K-2nd grade. Limited to the first 20 registrants. Pre-registration is required.

Joy Lutheran Church
Centuria, WI

To register, scan QR code or visit:
<https://go.wisc.edu/x8cdx8>



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4-H *Volleyball*

OPPORTUNITIES

Clear Lake High School Gym

Schedule:

November 10th OPEN to all clubs/4-H members in St. Croix & Polk County
 November 17th Beaver Brook, Dry Run, Willow River clubs
 November 24th Little Falls, Forest, Willow River clubs
 December 1st Beaver Brook, Little Falls, Forest, Willow River clubs
 December 8th OPEN to all clubs/4-H members in St. Croix & Polk County
 December 15th Dry Run, Willow River clubs

Grades 3-5 (Low net from 6pm-7pm)

Grades 6-8 & 9-13 (Regular net from 6pm-8pm)

For questions please call Gina Schneider, 715-965-0782

ANNUAL PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Polk County 4-H committees will meet in November. 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!



November 4:

6pm: Dairy

November 5:

5pm-6:30pm: Cats/Vet Science/ Pet Pals

5pm-7pm: Beef & Goats

November 7:

7pm-9pm: Horse & Sheep

November 12:

6:30pm-8:30pm: Exploring/ Cloverbuds, Photography

7pm-9pm: Swine, Woodworking, Shooting Sports, Mechanical Sciences, Aerospace/Models/ Robotics/STEM/Computers

November 26:

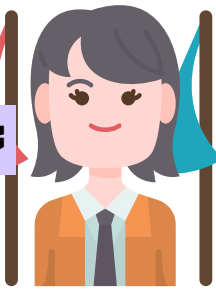
6pm-8pm: Plant & Soil Science, Home and Family, Communications/ Expressive Arts, Dog

7pm-9pm: Environmental Science/ Nature Space/ Adventure, Llama, Poultry, Rabbits, and Youth Leadership/Citizenship

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.

AMBASSADOR MEETING



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 6:00PM
Polk County Justice Center

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 6:00PM
Polk County Justice Center

MONDAY, MARCH 24 6:00PM
Polk County Justice Center

Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leadership Conference

November 8-9, 2025 at UW River Falls

We are excited for the 2025 WI 4-H Horse Conference at UW River Falls. You will have an opportunity to you will have an opportunity to go to the UW River Falls lab farm and experience sessions there with faculty from UW River Falls and other presenters and attend a number of rotating sessions on topics related to horses, developing your leadership skills, learning more about UW River Falls and so much more.

Open to 4-H volunteers and 4-H members grade 7 and older.

2025 MARKET BEEF INITIAL WEIGH-IN

Will be held Saturday
December 7th at the Polk
County Fairgrounds scale
building from 8 am to 10 am. All
animals to be weighed must be
pre-registered by visit the
Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/xtvKG4VFRPXstuu3A>

If you have any questions
please contact Craig Scholz
612-751-3236 or Jake Loen
715-557-0138.

4-H Thriving Model



This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card, plus other great prizes! For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, scan the QR code below or visit 4-H Thriving Model - Wisconsin 4-H.





FEELING
creative?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers who would like to lead a workshop at the 2025 Clover College.

Workshops can center around a favorite hobby, project, or interest. Our aim is to offer youth a diverse range of project workshops, allowing them to leave with several completed fair exhibits.

Participants will be in grades K-5, and workshops can last either 55 minutes or 1 hour and 55 minutes.

Clover College will take place Saturday,
February 22nd at the Amery High School



Register Now →



Mark Your Calendars

**CLOVER
COLLEGE WILL
BE ON
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 22
LOCATED AT
AMERY HIGH
SCHOOL.**

POLK COUNTY 4-H AWARDS RECAP



2024

**Key Award
Recipients**

**Jenna Babcock
Adelle Babcock
Aubrey Gott**

2024

**“I Dare You”
Recipients**

**Anna McKinley
Aubrey Gott**

**2024 4-H Scholarship
Recipients**

Adelle Babcock	Michael Novak
Sarah Carlson	Parys Ouellette
Brianna Lee	Lance Wallis

**2024 Kjar Scholarship
Recipients**

**Adelle Babcock
Tia Jensen**

2024 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK





Thank You!

To All our Clubs who Participated in National 4-H Week!



Club Happenings

The Pleasant Lake 4-H club and Northern Lights 4-H club joined forces to throw a spine-chilling haunted house at the Allied Fire Department's Halloween bash!



The Deronda Diplomats rolled up their sleeves for a roadside cleanup and then tackled the corn maze at White Pine Berry Farm.

Thank you for keeping our county clean!



In a fabulous foodie alliance, Jolly Milltown, Shooting Stars, and South Milltown joined forces to generate a food drive for the Centuria Food Pantry! Thank you for all your hard work!





Pleasant Lake club members
conjured up some spook-tacular
Halloween crafts during their
meeting!



Bone Lake Beavers Hay Ride



Trick Riding

This team building experience with nationally renowned trick rider, Veronica Painter, really stretched the comfort zone of our older youth.

After solemnly swearing not to try this at home, Horse Project members started off learning how to fall, and then progressed through the trick riding experience, with Roman Riding, liberty work, Cossack and Rosinback, all performed on experienced trick horses. The cost was offset by the Horse Project as a thank you to our older members who work so diligently to keep our younger members learning, having fun, and staying safe.



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