

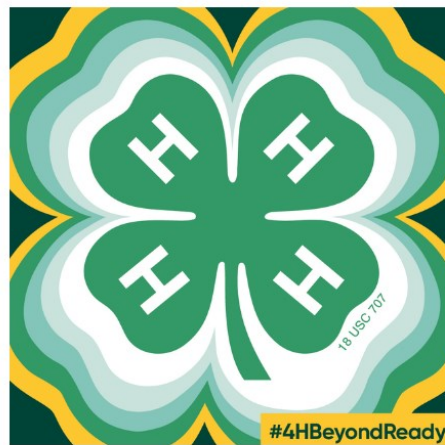
# Clover Connection

# WIN WITH 4-H!



**Enroll by  
October 15th  
to be entered  
to win  
prizes!**

National 4-H  
Week Is Back!  
This year's theme  
is "Beyond Ready"  
Look inside for  
more information



Who's ready for another great year of Polk County 4-H? Make sure to complete your enrollment by October 15th to be entered into a drawing to win some awesome prizes! Only 15 winners will be chosen so be sure to enroll today! For questions or help, please contact the Polk County Extension Office, 715-485-8600 or email [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu) for assistance.

## 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)



# OCTOBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4 National Cinnamon Roll Day! 	5
		Dairy Conference				
6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12
National 4-H Week!						
13 Polk County 4-H Awards Ceremony	14 National Dessert Day! 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Supporting Youth Mental Health for Volunteers Training	25	26 National Pumpkin Day! 
27 National Black Cat Day! 	28	29	30 National Candy Corn Day! 	31 Happy Halloween 		

# Upcoming Events

## October

- 1: Dairy Conference, Madison
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- 6-12: National 4-H Week
- 13: 4-H Awards Program! 2pm at the Unity School District Performing Arts Center
- 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)
- 24: Supporting Youth Mental Health for Volunteers Training, see WI 4H calendar website for more information

## 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
- 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
- 13-22: 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)

## December

- 9: ME Workshop, Time and Location TBD

## 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>



## 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 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](http://Wis4HFoundation.org/tscpaperclover).



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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](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org)



# 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 meeting location 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 chooses to host.

Contact Shirley at [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com) to select one of the workshop dates to host.



## Polk County 4-H Awards Ceremony

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

Unity School District Performing Arts  
Center

# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

"Beyond Ready," will give clubs a creative opportunity to highlight 4-H in their communities and schools. Clubs will have the opportunity to promote 4-H through a display located in a local business window, library or other community venues! 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 program incorporating aspects of the theme or other 4-H activities or projects.



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

Please send a picture of your display to Lindsay Spindler, [Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu), by Wednesday, October 9th. All displays must be set out from Monday, October 7th - Saturday, October 12th







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.

# 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

# 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 5:

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

5pm-7pm: Beef & Goats

## November 7:

7pm-9pm: Horse & Sheep

## November 12:

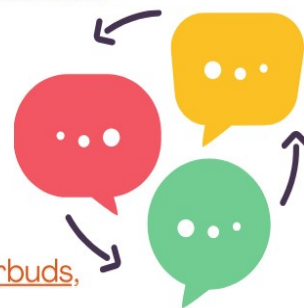
6:30pm-8:30pm: Exploring/ Cloverbuds, Photography

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](mailto: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.

## REMINDER!

Fair checks will now be handed out to each member at the Polk County 4-H Awards Ceremony.



# CLUB HAPPENINGS

Bone Lake Beavers had their end of the year picnic and softball game



# Horse Project Costume Class



# ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY

This program 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:

<https://www.rocketcenter.com/SpaceCamp/AdvancedAcademy>

**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

Registration is open to youth in grades 10-12 and the cost is \$2,700/per person. Registration will be open in 4HOnline until September 30, 2024, or until camp is filled. There is a minimum number of 36 participants, this experience will be cancelled if it does not reach the minimum. We hope to see you when we blast off in February!



# Horse Project at the Polk County Fair





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