

POLK COUNTY

Clover Connection

SEPTEMBER



**ENROLLMENT
BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 4TH!**



Visit
<http://v2.4honline.com> to re-enroll,
or to create an
account and set-
up your family
profile.

**ENROLLMENT FOR 4-H WILL
OPEN SEPTEMBER 4TH ON 4-H
ONLINE**

Please visit

<https://go.wisc.edu/8dv491> for
enrollment information or instructions
on how to set up a new family profile.

If you have questions,
please reach out to
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Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu, or Kerry Hill,
kerry.hill2@wisc.edu,
or you can call the
office 715-485-8600.



September

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 	2 ~Award Forms are Due ~Scholarships Due	3	4 ~Enrollment Begins	5 National Cheese Pizza Day 	6
7	8	9 National Teddy Bear Day 	10	11	12 ~4-H Ambassador Applications Due! WI 4-H HORSE EXPO	13
14 ~Registration due for simulation cow & artificial insemination simulator event WI 4-H Horse Expo	15	16 National Guacamole Day 	17	18 National Cheeseburger Day 	19	20 ~Lambing Basics Workshop
21	22 ~Ambassador Meeting ~Leaders Federation Meeting	23	24	25 National Cooking Day 	26	27 ~Simulation Cow & Artificial Insemination Simulator Event ~WI 4-H Avian Quiz Bowl ~WI 4-H State Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show
28 ~WI 4-H State Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show NATIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE	29	30	1			

SEPTEMBER

01: HAPPY LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
02: AWARD FORMS DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE
02: SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE
04: ENROLLMENT BEGINS!
08: LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE
12: REGISTRATION DUE FOR LAMBING BASIC WORKSHOP
12: 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS DUE
12-14: WI 4-H HORSE EXPO, STATE FAIR PARK, WEST ALLIS WI
14: REGISTRATION DUE FOR SIMULATION COW 7 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SIMULATOR EVENT
20: LAMBING BASICS WORKSHOP
22: 4-H AMBASSADOR MEETING STARTING AT 6PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
22: LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING, 7PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
27: SIMULATION COW & ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SIMULATOR EDUCATION EVENT, 10AM-12PM, NORTHWOOD TECH COLLEGE, RICE LAKE CENTER
27: WI 4-H AVIAN QUIZ BOWL, COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS PORTAGE, WI
27: WI 4-H STATE DOG OBEDIENCE AND SHOWMANSHIP SHOW
28-OCT.1: NATIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE, MADISON WI

OCTOBER

05-11: NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!
12: POLK COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CEREMONY, 2PM, UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
31-NOV. 2: FALL FORUM, GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER, GREEN LAKE WI

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Open to ages 18 & 19 to help us complete alcohol age compliance checks throughout Polk County



ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

What's in it for you:

- Volunteer Hours
- Lunch
- Gift Card
- Resume Booster

Contact:

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POLK COUNTY 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.

POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SEPTEMBER 22, 7:00PM



Ambassador Meeting

SEPTEMBER 22ND

6:00PM

Polk County Fairgrounds



Want your club to shine in the next Newsletter?

IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE! JUST WHIP UP A FUN LITTLE ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR CLUB'S LATEST SHINDIG AND DON'T FORGET TO SNAP A PIC WITH ALL THE FABULOUS MEMBERS IN IT!

SHARE YOUR CLUB'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMAILING KERRY AT [KERRY.HILL2@WISC.EDU](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)!

LOOKING FOR 4-H FORMS AND APPLICATIONS?

4-H forms and application can be found on our website

<https://shorturl.at/msL5b>

WI STATE HORSE EXPO

STATE FAIR PARK, WEST ALLIS, WI

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 -
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws hundreds of youth and horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of educational project and riding competitions focused on horse experience.

Educational projects include arts, creative writing, model horse, horse judging, and drawing – and more.

Horse and Pony Show classes include: Draft, Driving, Walk Trot, Saddle Seat, Hunt, Western, Showmanship, and Trail Riding.



**NATIONAL 4-H
DAIRY CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:
[HTTPS://NATIONAL4HDAIRYCONFER
ENCEDOTORG.WORDPRESS.COM/](https://national4hdairyconference.org.wordpress.com/)

ALL RETURNING
WISCONSIN 4-H
VOLUNTEERS ARE
REQUIRED TO RE-
ENROLL ANNUALLY
BETWEEN

**September 4 and
November 1.**

ALL REQUIRED
TRAININGS AND
BACKGROUND CHECKS
MUST BE COMPLETED BY

December 1

The 4-H Program Educator or their designee has until December 15 to approve all eligible returning 4-H volunteers. **IMPORTANT:** A submitted application/enrollment form does not mean that an individual is an approved volunteer. Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers cannot be in custodial care of youth.

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT VOLUNTEER
ENROLLMENT**

If you love poultry, working as a team, and having fun - this contest is for you! Registrations are open for the WI State 4-H Avian (Poultry) Quiz Bowl Contest happening on September 27th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage, WI

4-H AVIAN QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

SEPT. 27, 2025

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 1, 2025

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
PORTAGE, WI**

SEE POST FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Registrations close September 1st. Looking for more information about the event, registration information, or where to download the registration form? Find it at:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../small.../poultry-project/>

Have questions about the contest? Connect with Ron Kean at rpkean@wisc.edu

Simulation Cow & Artificial Insemination Simulator Education Event

Northwood Tech College, Rice Lake Center

ALL 4-H members are welcome, adults, and 4-H Volunteers.

Instructor: Julie Wadinski

What we will be learning: We will be working with the simulation cow and calf to deliver a calf safely. We will have a normal calving as well as a breech position and with a calf puller (there may be two calves). We will use the A.I. simulator to breed a cow or heifer. We will use an OB sleeve, an applicator and straw.

When: September 27th, 2025 10am - 12pm

Where: Northwood Technical College, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake WI 54868

Registration: <https://forms.gle/Pej5PebyahTkCrTn7>

Deadline: September 14th



Questions? Contact Lindsay @ lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

Become a Polk County Ambassador Today!

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
SEPTEMBER 12TH, AND OUR FIRST
MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER
22ND!

What are 4-H Ambassadors?

4-H Ambassadors represent the Polk County 4-H Program, helping youth develop leadership skills and support key programs. They serve as positive role models and participate in activities that enhance teamwork skills.

Each ambassador will be given a 4-H Ambassador shirt and 4-H name badge after selection.

Activities Ambassadors Assist With:

- Activities Ambassadors Assist With:
- Polk County Fair Judging Helpers (July 22-26, 2026)
- Day Camps (October, January, March, July)
- Area Parades (Summer)
- County and Regional events (Throughout the year)
- Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meetings (6 meetings a year)
- Awards Program (October 12th)
- Talent Expo (April)
- NW Golf Classic (June)
- Other community service and service learning projects

Fall Forum 2025 October 31-November 2, 2025 Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, 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.

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

<https://shorturl.at/Jlffr>

Apply &
Learn
More
Here!



2025 National 4-H Week is October 5th- 11th: Beyond Ready

Join the Celebration!

This year, we'll come together as a system to recognize National 4-H Week and the Beyond Ready initiative on two celebratory days.

Day1 - Beyond Ready: Go Green Monday, October 6, 2025



On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H state spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H program being Beyond Ready. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint - anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN, on Monday, October 6! Share your Go Green moment on social and tag National 4-H, your State 4-H program, and use #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek

Day2 - Beyond Ready: 4-H For Good Thursday, October 9, 2025

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator We want to know, on Thursday, October 9!

Share on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek



GET READY FOR THE POLK COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CEREMONY

OCTOBER 12, 2025

2PM

UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



"Ewe Got This"

Lambing Basics Workshop

Focused on sheep, but goat producers are also welcome to participate.

September 20th
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Dunn County
Government Center**
3001 US HWY 12E
Room 54
Menomonie, WI 54751

To enter the building, please use the **Health Department entrance** in the back of the building.

Register at:



<https://forms.gle/cPaDN3YFAHoCceia7>

Register by September 12th

**Cost
\$20**

Presenters

Carolyn Ihde

Small Ruminant, UW-Madison
Extension and Iowa State Extension

Ryan Sterry

Regional Livestock Educator, UW-Madison Extension

Kelly Froehlich

American Sheep Industry Association

Prepare now before lambing season begins - join us for this comprehensive workshop discussing the lambing process and essential care for ewes and lambs.

Topics include:

- Biosecurity
- Lambing time nutrition
- Ewe and lamb health
- Lambing kit supplies
- The phases of lambing
- Lamb processing and bottle lambs
- Record keeping
- Practice with a realistic lambing simulator



**Young & Emerging
ENTREPRENEURS**
EMPOWERING THE FUTURE
THROUGH EDUCATION & INNOVATION

Thanks to generous support from the American Sheep Industry Association, hands-on activities include a realistic lambing simulator.



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CHECK THIS OUT!



CEDAR LAKE

The Cedar Lake 4-H Club put on a lively shindig at Christian Community Homes in Osceola, WI, where club members rolled in with their furry buddies and some cool projects to wow the residents. Fun was had by all!



Pleasant Lake 4-H club threw a record book work night bash—turns out, tackling those record books with pals is way more fun! The club then took a field trip to Evergreen Senior Living in Osceola, where they dazzled the residents with fair projects, shiny ribbons, and delivered a slice of the fair experience right to their doorstep!

LAKE Pleasant



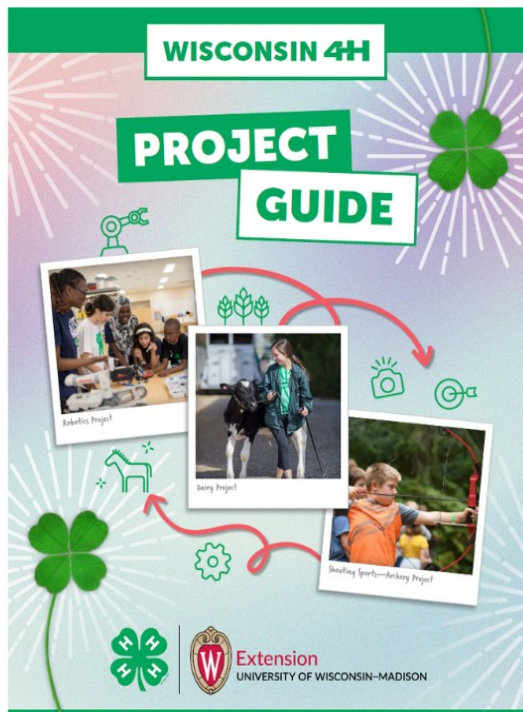
BONE LAKE BEAVERS



This summer, the Bone Lake Beavers strutted their stuff in the Frederic Family Days Parade and served up sizzling brats and hotdogs at Lucky Days!



DISCOVER THE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH WISCONSIN 4-H'S UPDATED PROJECT GUIDE!



The new Project Guide will go into effect soon with the start of the new 4-H year, and will be easy-to-use and useful in exploring sparks and finding project ideas. This will be a helpful tool for youth and families as well as club and project leaders.



Take a look at the new Project Guide on our website and continue checking our page for tips on utilizing this tool to its fullest!

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

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