

POLK COUNTY

# Clover Connection

OCTOBER



ENROLLMENT FOR 4-H  
WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
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](mailto:Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)  
u, or Kerry Hill,  
[kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu), or  
you can call the office  
715-485-8600.



ENROLLMENT  
BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 4TH!



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

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# ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE MOVING ONLINE

Due to the rising costs of postage and printing, all Clover Connection newsletters will shift to a digital-only format. Starting January 1st, newsletters will be sent exclusively via email. However, printed copies will still be available for club leaders and anyone who requests a hard copy.

If you require a hard copy, please call the office, 715-485-8600, or email kerry, [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)

All newsletters can be found on the Polk County Extension Website under the 4-H tab, or by following the link below.

<https://go.wisc.edu/nt83aw>



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## **OCTOBER**

05-11: NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

12: POLK COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CEREMONY, 2PM, UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

18: CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP, 9AM-1PM, JOURNEY CHURCH, AMERY

26: LEARN ABOUT LLAMAS AND ALPACAS, 1PM-3PM, POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

31-NOV. 2: FALL FORUM, GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER, GREEN LAKE WI

## **NOVEMBER**

**01: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> (TRAININGS COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1ST)**

03: CAT PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:30, GOVERNMENT CENTER

03: GOAT & BEEF PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING, 7PM, GOV. CENTER

04: STEM/COMPUTERS/AEROSPACE, MODELS, ROBOTICS COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:30PM AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER

04: HORSE, DAIRY, VISUAL ARTS/FOLD ARTS, HOME AND FAMILY, COMMUNICATION/EXPRESSIVE ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND SHOOTING SPORTS, 7:00PM AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER

06: LLAMA AND EXPLORING/CLOVERBUDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6:30PM AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER

06: SWINE COMMITTEE MEETING, 7PM AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER

07: PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES, WOODWORKING, AND DOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6PM AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER.

07: SHEEP, POULTRY, RABBITS, YOUTH LEADERSHIP/CITIZENSHIP, NATURE SPACE/ ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES/ADVENTURES COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 7PM AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER.

15: LAST DAY TO SUBMIT AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR TO CEDAR CREST

24: AMBASSADOR MEETING, 6PM, POLK COUNTY GOV. CENTER

24: LEADERSFED. MEETING, 7PM, POLK COUNTY GOV. CENTER



# OCTOBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 International Coffee Day 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
N A T I O N A L 4 - H W E E K						
		National Taco Day 				
12 Polk County Awards Ceremony 	13	14	15	16	17 National Pasta Day 	18 Cloverbud Day Camp 
19	20	21 National Apple Day 	22	23	24	25 Dresser Halloween Carnival 
26 Learn About Llamas and Alpacas 	27 National Black Cat Day 	28	29	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Are you eager to create a positive impact in your community? We are seeking adult volunteers to assist at our upcoming Cloverbud Day Camps.

## NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

- All volunteers will be provided with clear, step-by-step instructions for each activity.
- Just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to lend a hand!

Join us in supporting fun, hands-on activities for children aged 5 to 7, and help ensure a safe, welcoming environment.

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**

## 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.

**NOVEMBER 24, 7:00PM**

**POLK COUNTY GOV,  
CENTER**

## Ambassador Meeting

**POLK COUNTY  
GOV, CENTER**

**6:00PM**

**NOVEMBER 24**



## 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)!

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# LEARN ABOUT LLAMAS AND THE POLK COUNTY LLAMA/ALPACA 4-H PROJECT

BRING THE FAMILY TO THE  
POLK COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS OCTOBER  
26 TO WALK A LLAMA OR  
ALPACA AND LEARN  
ABOUT JOINING THE 4-H  
LLAMA/ALPACA PROJECT.



Come in costume if you'd like a photo of you and a llama or alpaca that's already dressed for a Halloween portrait.



The open house will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 26, at the fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls. Enter the east end of the fairgrounds and follow the signs for a fun family afternoon with these curious camelids.

In addition to material on llamas and alpacas, information will be available on how to join 4-H if you are not already a member. You don't need to own a llama to join the project.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THE EVENT,  
CONTACT THE PROJECT  
LEADER AT 715-222-  
4782.

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## 2025 HERDSMANSHIP WINNERS

### CATTLE SMALL HERD:

1. Clear Lake FFA/Knotty Pine
2. Deronda Diplomats
3. Lucky Horseshoes

### CATTLE LARGE HERD:

1. Bone Lake Beavers
2. Forest View
3. Beaver Brook Badgers

### HORSE:

1. Pleasant Lake
2. Northern Lights
3. Jolly Milltown

### SWINE:

1. Cattail Clovers
1. Knotty Pine
2. Amery FFA

### GOAT:

1. Beaver Brook Badgers
2. Cedar Lake
3. Bone Lake Beavers

### SHEEP:

1. Little Butternut
1. Deronda Diplomats
2. Clayton FFA

## IS YOUR CLUB UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Wisconsin 4-H clubs are invited to dream up a tasty new ice cream flavor and a creative name. Each club may submit up to five entries.

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation are once again hosting the 4-H Flavor Creation Contest!

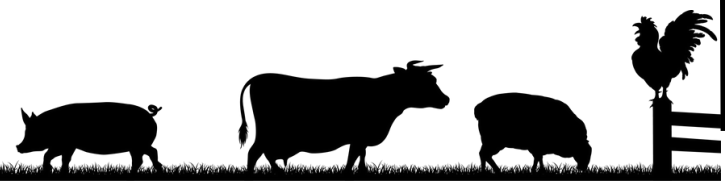


Five finalists will win a Cedar Crest Ice Cream party for their club.

One grand prize winner will also receive \$500 and have their flavor featured by Cedar Crest in July, available in shops across Wisconsin.

Entries are being accepted now through November 15th. To submit your entries, please follow the link below.

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url.at/72D8P](https://shorturl.at/72D8P)



# FALL FORUM 2025

October 31–November 2, 2025  
Green Lake Conference Center,  
Green Lake, WI  
Youth 7th–13<sup>th</sup> Grade



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.

## The Fall Forum aims 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

Sign Up Through  
4-HOnline Today!

## CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

★ JOURNEY CHURCH, 131 BROADWAY ST. E, AMERY

GET READY FOR A SPOOK-TACULAR TIME WITH POLK COUNTY 4-H ON OCTOBER 18TH, 9 AM TO 1 PM, FOR A FRIGHTFULLY FUN CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP! LITTLE MONSTERS WILL DIVE INTO CREEPY CRAFTS, GHASTLY GAMES, AND EVEN TAKE HOME A HAUNTINGLY PAINTED PUMPKIN!

TO JUMP INTO THIS SPOOK-TACULAR ADVENTURE,  
JUST SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK  
BELOW TO JOIN THE FUN!



[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/FNRM-M6PPXQBHZSRZ8](https://forms.gle/FNRM-M6PPXQBHZSRZ8)

## POLK COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CEREMONY

OCTOBER 12, 2025 STARTING AT  
2PM  
UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

A 4-H Awards Ceremony celebrates the achievements of members in areas like livestock, science, leadership, and community service. Participants are recognized with, trophies, certificates, or scholarships.

Friends, family, and community members gather to support future leaders, with speeches and presentations to inspire pride and motivation.



# 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**

## NATIONAL 4-H IN POLK COUNTY

"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 8TH. ALL DISPLAYS MUST BE SET OUT FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH



# Project Committee Meetings

ALL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT  
THE POLK COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT CENTER

## November 3

6:30pm: Cats

7:00pm: Goat, Beef

## November 4

6:30pm: STEM/Computers/  
Aerospace/Models/Robotics

7:00pm: Horse, Dairy, Visual  
Arts/Folk Arts, Home and Family,  
Communication/Expressive Arts,  
Photography, Shooting Sports

## November 6

6:30pm: Llama, Exploring &  
Cloverbuds

7:00pm: Swine

## November 7

6:00pm: Plant & Soil Sciences,  
Woodworking, Dogs

7:00pm: Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits,  
Youth Leadership/Citizenship,  
Environmental Sciences/ Nature  
Space/ Adventures

## WHAT PROJECT SHOULD I ENROLL IN?

Curious what projects youth  
should enroll in? We are here to  
help!

### CLOVERBUD

Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

This project is for our youngest 4-H members  
and provides a structured introduction to all  
4-H has to offer!



### EXPLORING

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and First Year  
Members in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth at this age will enroll in the Exploring  
project, but can also take one additional large  
animal! Please make sure to select that  
animal project at enrollment.



### GENERAL PROJECTS

All youth 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up, except first year 4<sup>th</sup>  
graders, can enroll in ANY project! Choose  
projects that fit your interests and those that  
you would like to explore throughout the year.



### QUESTIONS?

Contact the Polk County  
Extension Office at (715) 485-  
8600 or by email,  
[lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu).

WI 4-H Project Guide



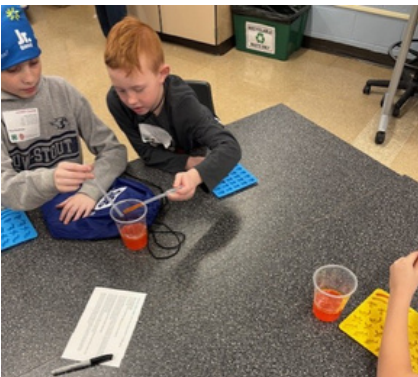
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# Calling All Creative Instructors & Volunteers!

Do you have a skill, craft, or project you'd love to share with youth? Join us for Clover College 2026 – a hands-on learning day where youth walk away with completed fair exhibits and new skills!



Workshop sessions are either 55 minutes long or 1 hour and 55 minutes long.



ALL Volunteers and Instructors will receive free lunch and we will cover all supply cost, either by purchasing for you, or by reimbursing you.

OUR TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE 2026  
CLOVER COLLEGE  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Are you interested in leading a workshop or volunteering? If so, please complete the form by following the link below.



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