Clover Connection NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2025

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

ALL RETURNING WISCONSIN 4-H
VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO
RE-ENROLL ANNUALLY BY
NOVEMBER 1ST AND ALL REQUIRED
TRAININGS AND BACKGROUND
CHECKS MUST BE COMPLEATED BY

VOLUNTEER TODAY. INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.





VISIT 4-H.ORG

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.

CLOVER CONNECTION NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE

Starting January 1st, the Clover Connection newsletter will be available only in digital format due to rising postage and printing costs.

Newsletters will be sent directly to your email.

Need a printed copy?

Club leaders and anyone who prefers a hard copy can still request one. Just contact our office:

Call: 715-485-8600

Email: Kerry Hill at kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

NOVEMBER

01: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY NOVEMBER 1ST (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,

6:00PM AT THE COVERNMENT 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

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

10: 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

16: LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR "DESIGN YOUR LANDSCAPE KIT"

17: LAST DAT TO REGISTER FOR THE CULTURAL BAKING SERIES

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

24: LEADERS FED. MEETING, 7PM, POLK COUNTY GOV. CENTER

26/27/28: OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER

01: ALL TRAININGS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CLUB LEADERS MUST BE COMPLEATED BY DECEMBER 1ST!

02: M.E. WORKSHOP, 7PM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF SCF

04: CULTURAL BAKING SERIES, VIA ZOOM

11: CULTURAL BAKING SERIES, VIA ZOOM

13: CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP, 9AM-1PM, LOCATION TBD

14: M.E. WORKSHOP, 2PM AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF SCF

16: M.E. WORKSHOP, 7PM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF SCF

18: CULTURAL BAKING SERIES, VIA ZOOM

24: CHRISTMAS EVE, OFFICE CLOSED

25: CHRISTMAS DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

26:OFFICE CLOSED

31: NEW YEARS EVE DAY, OFFICE CLOSED













NOVEMBER

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						All Volunteers MUST be Re- Enrolled!
2	~ Cat, Goat, and Beef Project Committee Meeting	4 ~ STEM, Computers, Aerospace, Models, Robotics, Horse, Dairy, Arts, Photography, Shooting Sports Committee Meetings	5	6 Llama/Alpaca, Exploring/ Cloverbuds and Swine Committee Meeting	7	8
9	Plant/Soil Scient Woodworking, Dog, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits Youth Leadership/Citiz ship, Environme Committee Meetings	ce, , en	12	World Kindness Day	14	~ Last Day to Submit an Ice Cream Flavor to Cedar Crest
16 ~ Last Day to Register for "Design Your Landscape Kit"	17 ~ Last Day to Register for the Cultural Baking Series	18	National Camp Day	20	21	22
23	24 Ambassador Meeting Leaders Fed. Meeting	25	26 0 F F	27 Happy Thanksgiving!		Small Business Saturday
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SIGN UP NOW

Register for the Cultural Baking Series held at 6:30 PM on Dec 4, 11, & 18 via Zoom. We will learn new baking techniques, try newto-us ingredients, and explore our cultural connection to food. This series is recommended for those in 4th grade and up.

Families will receive a recipe book and ingredient list by email.

Registration closes Nov 17 at Noon

There is no fee for this program. Your family will need to purchase ingredients and supplies.

Cultural Baking Series

Dec 4, 11, & 18

Grades: 4th and up

This virtual series explores new baking techniques and ingredients while in your own kitchen.

REGISTRATION CLOSES at NOON, NOVEMBER 17, 2025







Register Here!

https://shorturl.at/jnGrL

SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST JANUARY 31, 2026

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL March 21, 2026

BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS











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



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!

PROJECT PROJECT PLANNING PLANNINGS MEETINGS

ALL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

November 3

6:30pm: Cats

7:00pm: Goat, Beef

November 4

6:00pm: 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 10

6:00pm: Plant & Soil Sciences,

Woodworking, Dogs

7:00pm: Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Youth Leadership/Citizenship,

Environmental

Sciences/Nature Space/

Adventures

Member Evaluation (M.E.) Forms Workshop Opportunities

WORKSHOPS:

- * Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm
- * Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 pm,
- *Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm.

Workshops will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Croix Falls (next to the fair grounds).

Who needs to come: Any 4-H youth (7th grade and up) who would like help and work time to fill out your M.E. form. The M.E. form is the form you need to complete and submit to be considered for: financial help for a 4-H Trip Experience, to be considered to earn the 4-H Key Award, to be considered for a 4-H Scholarship. Each workshop is open to All 4-H youth.

Please RSVP date and time to Shirley, at smillerfrey@gmail.com. Completed M.E. forms will be Due to Lindsay Spindler's office Friday, January 2nd to be considered for all 2026 Awards.

Leaders = if you and your Club want to host one of these M.E. workshop dates & times it can come to your location. Please contact me, Shirley to reserve the workshop date you want to host at smillerfrey@gmail.com. Your location will need WiFi, work-surface for the youth to work.



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 DATE FOR THE 2026 CLOVER COLLEGE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 ST. CROIX FALLS HIGH SCHOOL



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

https://forms.gle/ud8A7N eA9Co18Y4c6

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.

https://shorturl.at/72D8P



STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

UW GREEN BAY STEM INNOVATION BUILDING









VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLOVERBUD DAY CAMPS!

Do you enjoy working with young children and want to make a difference in just a few hours? We're looking for adult volunteers to help with easy activities and crafts at our Cloverbud Day Camps!



- Camps run Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM
- All activities are simple and fun we'll provide stepby-step instructions
- A sign-up sheet will be available for choosing shifts that work for you
- No experience needed just bring your enthusiasm and a smile!

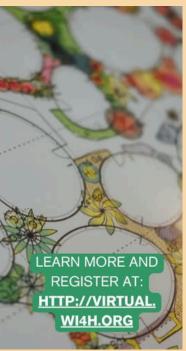
Email Kerry Hill at kerry.hill2@wisc.edu if you are interested in helping out at future Cloverbud Day Camps!

DESIGN YOUR LANDSCAPE

In the Design Your Landscape Kit Distance Learning Program, youth in grades 3–8 will discover how science and art connect through landscape design. Learn how to plan, sketch, and design your own outdoor space while exploring topics like plants, soil, and sustainability.

This hands-on project blends creativity with environmental learning, ideal for youth who enjoy art and nature. Each kit comes with supplies and a design booklet to guide the project.





WHAT PROJECT SHOULD I ENROLL IN?

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

CLOVERBUD

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

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



EXPLORING

3rd Grade and First Year Members in 4th 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 4th grade and up, except first year 4th graders, can enroll in ANY project! Choose projects that fit your interests and those that you would like to explore throughout the year.



OUESTIONS?

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





ZOOM SESSIONS: 6:30-7:30PM

- Jan. 26
- Feb. 9
- Feb. 23

Register now through Nov. 16: http://virtual.wi4h.org



INDIAN

THE FOLKS AT INDIAN CREEK HAVE CRACKED THE CODE TO CRAFTING APPLE CIDER MAGIC!





THE BONE LAKE BEAVERS 4-H CLUB ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR A TRASH-TAMING MISSION, THEN TRANSFORMED A CAR INTO A SPOOK-TACULAR MASTERPIECE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!



PALOOZA! THEY SLICED AND DICED PUMPKINS, GAVE THEM A HYDRO-DIP MAKEOVER, BATTLED IT OUT IN PUMPKIN TIC-TACTOE AND PUMPKIN BOWLING, EMBARKED ON A SCAVENGER

Diplomats















THE CUSHING 4-H THREW A FRIGHTFULLY FABULOUS HALLOWEEN BASH!





NORTHER Lights

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS 4-H CLUB AND PLEASANT LAKE 4-H CLUB TEAMED UP THIS PAST WEEKEND FOR A FRIGHTFULLY FUN COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA! FAMILIES FROM BOTH CLUBS JOINED FORCES TO CONJURE UP A SPOOKTACULAR TREAT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD GHOULS AND GHOSTS.









AT FOREST VIEW'S OCTOBER 4-H CLUB SHINDIG, THEY ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR A FOOD DRIVE AT **NEWMEN'S PUMPKIN PATCH!**







FOREST VIEW'S MACIE **DEMULLING** CELEBRATED NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WITH A POSTER THAT SHE HUNG UP AT THE COOP!







It was a beautiful day for the open house for the 4-H Llama and Alpaca Project at the Fairgrounds. Audra of Osceola had the opportunity to take Julio, owned by Dianna Calzada, through a fun obstacle course, helped dress him for

Halloween and have her picture taken with him.

Audra is a member of the South Milton 4-H Club and will be participating in this year's Llama Alpaca Project as a Cloverbud

There is still time to sign up for the project, which teaches participants about llamas and alpacas and readies them for the llama/alpaca show at the Polk County Fair. You do not need to own a llama or alpaca to join. Contact one of the project leaders Dianna Calzada 715-222-4782 for more information.



Amelia Koeppen, from Deronda Diplomats, and her dog Groot participated in the WI State 4-H Dog Show. They received Top 10 in Obedience, Rally, and Showmanship. She also got a title in Rally. They also received 2 AKC titles, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog.













CLOVERBUD Day Camp

Our Fall Cloverbud Day Camp on October 18 was a cauldron of ghoulish giggles! The kiddos got crafty with pumpkin painting and whipped up suncatcher spiderwebs, and they even launched pumpkins like little Halloween scientists! They also played games like Halloween Bingo and wrapped each other up in Mummy Wrap madness.















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