

Clover Connection NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2026



2026 CLOVER COLLEGE!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
ST. CROIX FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**

This exciting day is for youth in grades K-5, featuring workshops on various 4-H projects. Children will complete projects to showcase at the fair, engaging in activities like model rockets and cake decorating. Friendly instructors will ensure a fun and educational experience in a supportive environment. Don't miss this opportunity for your child to explore and grow!

Registration is located in the back of the newsletter

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.

MARCH 23, 7:00PM

POLK COUNTY GOV, CENTER

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!

Need a Paper Copy of the Newsletter?

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please reach out to Kerry, kerry.hill2@wisc.edu, with your name and address you would like the newsletter sent

FEBRUARY

04: Winter Academy: Creative Communication with Lego Serious Play, 6pm-7:30pm via zoom

05: Robotics EV3 Session, 6:30-8pm, First Presbyterian Church of SCF

06: Camp Counselor Applications are DUE!

07: Dairy quiz bowl, UW-Green Bay, Stem Innovation Center

10: Needle Felting: First session, 6-7:30pm, first presbyterian church of SCF

11-12: Office closed for all colleague meeting

14: Happy Valentine's Day

22: YQCA Classes: 12:30PM, Polk County Gov. Center

22: Sheep project kick-off meeting, 2-4pm, Polk County Gov. Center

22: Clover Connect: Hands to Larger Service, 7pm, Zoom

22: Dairy Project kick-off meeting, 1-3pm, Polk County Gov. Center

23: Clover Connect: Hands to Larger Service, 12PM, Zoom

24: Needle Felting: second session, 6-7:30pm, First Presbyterian Church of SCF

26: Robotics EV3 Session, 6:30-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church of SCF

28: Clover College, St. Croix Falls High School

MARCH

01: YQCA Classes, 12:30PM Polk County Gov. Center

01: Beef project kick-off meeting, 2pm-4pm, Polk County Gov. Center

01: Applications due for Summer Academy advisors/young adult leaders

08: YQCA Classes, 12:30PM, Polk County Gov. Center

08: Swine project Kick-Off Meeting, 1:30 -4pm, Polk County Gov. Center

12: Registrations due for Basic Embroidery Sessions

13-15: Art Beat, Upham Woods
Outdoor Learning Center

15: YQCA Classes, 12:30PM, Polk County Gov. Center

15: Goat project kick-off meeting, 2pm-4pm, Polk County Gov. Center

15: Sheep Workshop, 3-5pm, Polk County Gov. Center

21: Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl, UW-Madison campus

22: Clover Connect: Making 4-H Meetings Fun, 7PM, Zoom

23: Clover Connect: Making 4-H Meetings Fun, 12PM, Zoom

23: 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Polk County Gov. Center

24: Basic Embroidery, 6pm-7:30pm, First Presbyterian Church of SCF

24-29: CWF - Ignite, Washington DC

26: Robotics EV3, 6:00pm-8pm, First Presbyterian Church of SCF

Now Hiring!

**Polk County 4-H
Summer Intern**

Polk County 4-H is looking for a summer intern to assist with programming! This position allows you to gain experience working with youth, volunteers, and community partners to develop youth-led activities.

Must be 18 and a high school graduate to apply.

~40 hours a week
May 25- August 7

Why Choose Us?

- Learn New Skills
- Flexible Schedule
- Fast Paced & Fun!

Apply Today <https://go.wisc.edu/4rwcn5>
Questions: lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

FEBRUARY

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 BLACK HISTORY MONTH	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4 ~ Winter Academy: Creative Communication	5 ~ Robotics EV3 Session	6 ~ Camp Counselor Applications Due	7 ~ Dairy Quiz Bowl
8	9	10 ~ Needle Felting, First Session	11	12 Office Closed for Conference National Make a Friend Day 	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 
15	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day 	18	19	20 National Love Your Pet Day 	21
22 ~ YQCA Class ~ Sheep Project Kick-Off ~ Dairy Project Kick-Off ~ Clover Connect Meeting	23 ~ Clover Connect Meeting National Banana Bread Day 	24 ~ Needle Felting, Second Session	25	26 ~ Robotics EV3 Session	27	28 ~ Clover College



Meet Our New AmeriCorps Member!

Hello Polk County! My name is Claire Anderson, and I am working with Polk County 4-H as an AmeriCorps Member. My background in 4-H is lifelong as I was a 4-H member in the Pierce County program from age 5 to 19. There, I participated in the dairy project, dairy judging, foods and clothing revue, swine project, creative writing project, and many more. I am a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and am excited to return to 4-H in a professional capacity, serving as a leader and role model for current members. I am excited to start meeting people in the Polk County 4-H community and to begin planning events to get the 4-H message to even more people.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS

Registration is open for the 2026 4-H Robotics Project Workshops for youth aged 9 to 19 interested in robotics. Participants will work with Sphero Ball programming, and EV3 robot construction and programming, preparing for the Pre-Fair Run Off.

All workshops, along with the Pre-Fair Run Off, will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF, located at 719 Nevada St., St Croix Falls

EV3 Sessions:

- Thursday, February 5th, 6:30-8PM
- Thursday, February 26th, 6:30-8PM
- Thursday, March 26th, 6:30-8PM
- Thursday, April 16th, 6:30-8PM

Sphero & EV3 Sessions:

- Thursday, April 30th, 6:30-8PM
- Saturday, May 9th, 1PM-3PM
- Saturday, June 20th, 1PM-3PM
- Saturday, June 27th, 1PM-3PM

Please note: Our Pre-Fair Run Off is tentatively set for Saturday, July 11th, 12:30 - 5:00 PM or until completed.



All workshops will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF, located at 719 Nevada St., St Croix Falls

Needle Felting: 2 Sessions (possibly a 3rd session) Tuesdays, February 10th and 24th, 6 -7:30PM. Cost \$10. Please register participating youth Name, Age, Parent's Name, and Contact info. By January 30th for both sessions.

Basic Embroidery: 2 Sessions. Learn & make 3 stitches and a design using those 3 stitches: Tuesday, March 24th and April 7th, 6-7:30PM. Cost \$3. Please register participating youth Name, Age, Parent's Name, and Contact info. by March 12th for both sessions.

Sewing (Basics plus) Make a Tie Apron: 3 Sessions. Tuesdays, April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, 6-7:30PM. Cost \$8. Please register participating youth Name, Age, Parent's Name, and Contact info. by April 9th for all 3 sessions.

**Please send all registrations and questions to Shirley at
smillerfrey@gmail.com**

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— we'll provide step-by-step instructions
- No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm and a smile!

Interested in volunteering at future Cloverbud Day Camps? Please email Kerry Hill, kerry.hill2@wisc.edu, for more information and upcoming day camp dates!

CLOVER COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are excited to announce that Clover College is coming back to St. Croix Falls High School on Saturday, February 28th! This event is a day filled with hands-on workshops and learning experiences for youth and we need your help to make it a success!

Volunteer Opportunities:

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to fill these important roles:

- **Classroom Assistance:** Support instructors during sessions and help youth engage in activities
- **Hallway Assistance:** Guide youth to their designated classrooms and keep things running smoothly
- **Youth Partners:** You will be partnered with a specific youth that may need accommodations to participate and help them have a positive experience.

Ready to Volunteer?

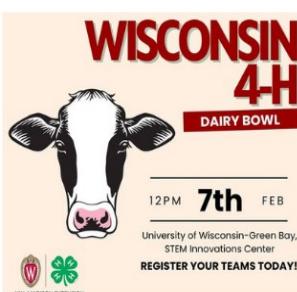
Sign up today at, <https://go.wisc.edu/jv8ytw>, or contact us for more information: Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu



ARE YOU READY TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION?

Join us as an Adult Advisor or Young Adult Leader at Summer Academy! Help youth grow, learn, and lead—all while having fun. Apply today!

DAIRY QUIZ BOWL



The contest will be held on February 7th at UW Green Bay in the STEM Innovation Building, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay

The Dairy Bowl is a quiz competition focused on dairy topics, encouraging 4-H members to deepen their knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects.

It offers an educational program for all dairy project members, including those without a dairy animal.

Participants develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery of dairy science.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!!
<https://go.wisc.edu/jxu0mm>



Location: Turtle Lake HS
Time: 9AM-1PM

April 11th

Event Information: barron.extension.wisc.edu/4h/4harts/
Registration Link: <https://26pobartalent.4honline.com>
Registration Deadline: March 15, 2026

Registration in multiple categories encouraged (groups (large or small), duets, solos)

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- June 14-18, 2026 at the beautiful University of Wisconsin-Madison campus
- Training provided, both virtual and in person to help you prepare
- Lodging, meals, and transportation covered



APPLICATION PROCESS

Online form - for all statewide educational experiences

Deadline: February 28, 2026 (for Summer Academy specific applicants)



Please Email
Lindsay,
[lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu), for any
questions

Want to learn some new community service or engaging, fun activities for your club?

SAVE THE DATE!

Clover Connect

Idea sharing zooms for 4-H volunteers and older youth

Hands to Larger Service: Community Service Ideas

Sunday, Feb 22 @ 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb 23 @ 12 Noon

Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter & Learning to 4-H Meetings

Sunday, Mar 22 @ 7 p.m.
Monday, Mar 23 @ 12 Noon



For More Info:



Have an idea your club would like to share? Join in the Clover Connect idea sharing zooms this spring!

Two engaging, interactive topics are planned:

Hands to Larger Service: Community Service Ideas

Sunday, Feb 22 at 7 p.m. & Monday, Feb 23 at Noon (same content will be repeated)

Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter and Learning to 4-H Meetings

Sunday, Mar 22 at 7 p.m. & Monday, Mar 23 at Noon (same content will be repeated)

The sessions will include information sharing, hands-on learning, and time to share ideas with other older youth leaders and adult volunteers from across the state!

Register for one or both topics by visiting <https://go.wisc.edu/pbm474>. Both sessions will be recorded, and resources will be shared with those who sign up!

Zoom connection information will be shared closer to each session date.

Art Beat

REGISTRATION OPEN!

MARCH 13-15
UPHAM WOODS OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

What is 4-H ArtBEAT!?

- Introduction to Wisconsin 4-H Expressive Arts & Camp/Overnight Experiences
- 4-H Members grades 3-5, parents and leaders
- Try different types of art (visual arts, drama, music, STEM) led by adult volunteers
- Experience camp and stay in cabins with high school counselors and adult chaperones

Youth participants will rotate through a variety of hands-on sessions held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors (be sure to dress accordingly).

Registration will be open in 4HOnline from January 12-February 8, 2026.

Register here:

26wi4hartbeat.4honline.com



Polk County Dairy Kick Off

Join us for a special opportunity to learn about the inside of a cow and see real organs! Led by Dr. Fuenzalida, the session will be followed by a hands-on activity as we explore the female reproductive tract, heart and lungs!



Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026
1 - 3 p.m.

Where: Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

JOIN US IN WELCOMING:
Dr. Maria Jose Fuenzalida
Assistant Professor, Dairy Science
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

*For youth also in the livestock project, your participation will count towards Quality Meats Educational Credits.



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



WI STATE 4-H DOG PROJECT AGILITY LEARNING DAY

SPONSORED BY THE WI STATE DOG ASSOCIATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TO ATTEND

SAT., MARCH 7TH
9AM – 2PM
WAUSAU, WI



SEE POST FOR MORE DETAILS



SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS

HORSE EDUCATION DAYS
MAY 2 & 3, 2026



STATE HUNT AND DRESSAGE SHOW
JUNE 26, 27, & 28, 2026

STATE GYMKHANA SHOW
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

STATE HORSE EXPO SHOW
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, & 20, 2026



SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL
APRIL 25, 2026

STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE,
SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;
SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026
LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIQUE

STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW
OCTOBER 11, 2026
OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



PRE-FAIR JUDGING FOR 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- Dept. 20J: Photography
- Dept. 26J: Clothing
- Dept. 27J: Knitting and Crocheting
- Dept. 28J: Home Furnishings (Environment)
- Dept. 29J: Family Living

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

JUNE 30 – JULY 2 CAMP KIWANIS

Many activities to choose from
FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
For youth 9th grade and older, Please apply online:
<https://go.wisc.edu/gxm84s>

Attend Trainings Deadline to apply: February 6 Gain Leadership

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date



GRANT COUNTY JUNE 19TH



CLARK COUNTY JUNE 30TH



Check inboxes and social media for future registration information



Livestock Upcoming Events.

2026

YQCA CLASSES

12:30 pm
February 22, March 1, 8, & 15
Polk County Government Center
Pre-registration required at
yqcaprogram.org

FEB
22

SHEEP KICK-OFF EVENT

2:00-4:00 pm
Polk County
Government Center

FEB
22

DAIRY KICK-OFF EVENT

1:00-3:00 pm
Polk County
Government Center

MAR
1

BEEF KICK-OFF EVENT

2:00-4:00 pm
Polk County
Government Center

MAR
8

SWINE KICK-OFF EVENT

1:30-3:30 pm
Polk County
Government Center

MAR
15

GOAT KICK-OFF EVENT

2:00-4:00 pm
Polk County
Government Center

MAR
15

SHEEP WORKSHOP

3:00-5:00 pm
Government Center
Learn about tagging,
docking, and selecting
your show lambs!

APR
11

BEEF CLIPPING CLINIC

More details to come!
Location and time
TBD

APR
25

SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH IN

9-11 a.m.
Polk County Fairgrounds
Pre-registration required.

MAY
2

BEEF FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

More details to come!
Location and time
TBD

MAY
9

KUHL SHOW PIGS CLINIC

Join Kuhl Show Pigs
to learn more about
how to elevate your
swine project!



Upcoming events.

2026

**MAY
18**

SWINE DNA KITS DUE

All Swine DNA kits are due at the Polk County Extension Office

**JUNE
10**

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

6:00 pm at Wood Family Farm

**JUN
27**

INTERSTATE LIVESTOCK SHOW

Polk County Fairgrounds

**JUN
30**

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY

Clark County

**JUL
11**

ALL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DUE!

NEW FOR 2026! All educational requirements and YQCA are due by July 11

**JUL
22**

ENTRY DAY FOR POLK COUNTY FAIR

Please check fairbook and

**JUL
27**

SHEEP/SWINE BARN TAKE DOWN

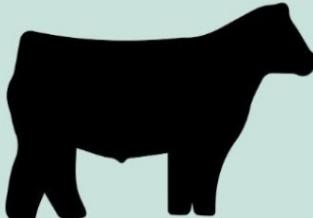
All families should plan to assist with the take down and cleaning of the sheep/swine barn

**AUG
11**

QUALITY MEATS APPRECIATION PICNIC

6:30 pm
Polk County Fairgrounds

All exhibitors are required to attend TWO educational events sometime during the year between the end of the previous fair and the current fair weigh-in. This applies to exhibitors of all species. In addition to these two educational events exhibitors must also have Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to participate in the Polk County Quality Meats program.



CLUB NEWS

Pleasant LAKE

The Pleasant Lake 4-H Club enjoyed a month filled with fun and engaging activities throughout January!

Winter Fun Day at Oak Forest



Members embraced the chilly weather during our winter fun day at Oak Forest!



They donned cross-country skis, enjoyed sledding, engaged in board games and card games, pieced together puzzles, and faced off in ping pong, air hockey, and pool.



Additionally, we held a brief photography workshop, equipping members with cameras to learn the art of capturing stunning photos!

Cooking with Club Members



During our cooking meeting, members prepared a delightful meatloaf dinner for their friends and family.



The meal featured homemade meatloaf, creamy mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, and chocolate pudding for dessert.



Members also learned how to properly set a table and practiced some table etiquette.

LEGO Day

The Pleasant Lake 4-H Club gathered for a delightful session of LEGO fun! Children had the opportunity to bond while unleashing their creativity.



KNOTTY PINE

Knotty Pine 4-H visited the Rose Lee WPA today to clean out our Wood Duck houses and replace them with fresh wood shavings.



This activity is crucial for maintaining a healthy environment for the ducks, and the team approached it with great care and attention.



As part of our efforts, we examined each house for eggshells to report our findings to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife. This helps monitor and protect our local wildlife populations.



Thank you Knotty Pine for your efforts!



Jolly MILLTOWN

In January, our officers (shown in the photos below) conducted their meeting featuring an exciting new annual educational activity.



During this event, youth shared about projects they are passionate about and take pride in. Other members had the chance to ask questions and connect with adults and kids who can help them in getting started if they are interested.



Our officers have excelled this year in running meetings and warmly welcoming new families.



A heartfelt thank you to Haze, Charlie, Aidan, Merritt, Ashton, and Alec for providing valuable information about available opportunities!

CLUB NEWS

BEYOND THE CLOVER: ADVENTURES IN 4-H

MY EXPERIENCE AT THE UW-RIVER FALLS 4-H HORSE CONFERENCE

JESSICA CARLSON, PLEASANT LAKE

My Experience Attending the UW-River Falls 4-H Horse Conference

Hello everyone! My name is Jessica Carlson. I'm from Osceola, Wisconsin, and I'm a proud member of the Pleasant Lake 4-H Club here in Polk County. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a statewide 4-H horse conference at UW-River Falls—a day designed to help youth deepen their understanding of the horse world while connecting with others who share the same passion. I went into the experience hoping to learn a few new things and I left feeling inspired. I also had the opportunity to meet new people from all over the state who I know will be lifelong friends.



The conference also opened my eyes to some of the challenges that exist within the horse community. We had meaningful conversations about the pressures young people face in competitive environments, including issues such as negative talk among participants, trainers pressuring kids to cut corners, and other situations that can take the fun out of learning. These discussions helped me better understand how important good sportsmanship and strong ethics are, not only at the county fair, but in everyday life. Our breakout sessions gave us real strategies for handling unfair situations, supporting one another, and becoming positive leaders in our clubs and counties.



The conference was an amazing experience. My father and I attended together, as the only two participants from Polk County, and it was incredibly worthwhile. I encourage more people to attend events like this, even if it's not your main animal species. I learned many new things about horses that I didn't know before.

I ATTENDED SEVERAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS, INCLUDING:

Medical Wrapping: A veterinary student taught us how to safely and correctly wrap a horse's legs.



Farm Tours: We toured the UW-River Falls farm and learned about its operations.

Horse Judging: We discussed the positives and negatives of breeding, judged five horses ourselves, and compared results.



Trivia: A fun Kahoot game covering many horse-related facts.

Talking with the Judge: We learned what judges like and dislike when horses are being prepared.

Draft Horses: We learned about draft breeds and the different ways to keep them neat and braided for shows.

There were also other breakout sessions I was unable to attend due to time constraints. Overall, this event was incredibly fun and educational, and I would encourage other 4-H members to look into opportunities like this in the future.



Clover College

Saturday, February 28, 2026, 9:00AM - 2:30PM

St. Croix Falls High School 740 Maple Dr, St. Croix Falls, WI

Open to all youth grades K-5th

Registration begins at 8:30AM / Sessions at 9:00AM

Registration Fee: \$20.00 / youth



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

2026 Clover College Participant Registration

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Grade _____ Parent (s) name _____

Gender _____ Health Concerns: (allergies, etc.) _____

Emergency contact name _____ Emergency contact telephone _____

I am currently a 4-H member: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Club Name _____

I require an accommodation for a disability to participate in this program: _____ Yes _____ No _____

Please bring a bag lunch. Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per youth)

Check _____ Cash _____ Club Paying _____ Fee Waiver _____ (please email kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)

Registration Deadline: **Feb. 6, 2026** No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

Make check payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association

Return to: SCC 4-H, Attn: Clover College, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002

Please rank your TOP TEN choices (1 highest to 10 lowest). First come / first serve for session choices. All youth will attend 3-5 sessions. Limited participants in each session.

<input type="checkbox"/> Build a Model Rocket (1-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Etched Easter Eggs (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Feathered Friends: All About Chickens (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Reaching for Rabbit Time (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Scientist (G 3-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing - Pillow (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Horsing Around (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Glass Etching (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Succulent Garden (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Growing with 4-H: Learn About Plant Life Cycles (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewlery Making (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hopping Fun: All About Rabbits (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Goat Milk Soap Making (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Beads, Beads, and More Beads (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cat Care and Treats (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Wooden Model Building (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Build an Electric Car (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild About Nature (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cookie and Mini Cake Decorating - Beginner (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbooking (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk'n Dogs (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cookie and Mini Cake Decorating - Intermediate (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gumball Machine Making (K-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Felted Cookies (K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Time in the Woods(K-5)		

Yes _____ No _____ I am available to help at Clover College 2026 (hall monitors, classroom assistants, etc.)

Name: _____

Clover College: Session Descriptions

Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Build a Model Rocket (55 minutes)

Matthew Logering

Discover the excitement of model rocketry! How are they designed, what makes them soar, and the science behind each launch. Youth will explore the basics of rocket flight, hands-on building skills, and create their own model rocket to take home. *Grades 1-5 Class Limit: 12*

Reaching for Rabbit Time (55 minutes)

Valerie and Elsja Meijer

Learn about Rabbit and guinea pig breeds and activities you can do with your pet in 4-H. Meet some different Rabbit and guinea pig breeds and learn showmanship, Agility and other showing information and activities. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Horsing Around (55 minutes)

Cassie Rose

Discover the exciting world of horses through hands-on, horse-themed activities! Put on your cowboy hat and boots, and get ready for a fun, interactive session where youth can explore and learn more about the 4-H Horse Project. This engaging experience is perfect for young participants interested in horses and eager to deepen their knowledge. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Growing with 4-H: Learn About Plant Life Cycles (55 minutes)

Annette Schladweiler

Participants will be able to plant their own spider plant, and take home "planted" (in a bag) flowers. Both projects would be able to be used as a fair entry! *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Goat Milk Soap Making (55 minutes)

Sarah & Natalie Chartrand

We will make 1 bar of goat milk soap embellished with flowers and scent of your choosing. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 8*

Introduction to Wooden Model Building (55 minutes)

James Bartlett

In this workshop, you'll be introduced to wood model building kits. Workshop members will have a choice between a few different balsa wood model kits, which are all snap and insert (no glue or nailing used). Participants will learn how to read the directions, sort wooden sheets, remove the parts, and assemble it. Participants will walk away with a small model they can submit at the fair, if they choose! *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Cookie and Mini Cake Decorating (55 minutes)

Sarah & Trish Carlson

Youth will see and learn decorating skills by piping lines and other shapes. Then, decorating some cookies to show off their new skills! *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Wild About Nature (55 minutes)

Chad & Stacey Lutsey

Please join us for an interactive workshop where you will learn about the natural world around you. Please bring a light colored, plain T-shirt for decorating. Dish towels may also be available. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Etched Easter Eggs (1 hour and 55 minutes)

Megan Jansa and Lynnae Nehring

Create a beautiful and unique etched Easter egg. In this workshop students will use a kitska (wax pen) to apply a melted wax design on a chicken egg. Parts of the shell will be removed by an acid, while the wax seals in the design. When the wax is removed, the design will be revealed! Students will need to follow directions carefully when working with an open flame and a mild acid. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Becoming a Scientist (1 hour and 55 minutes)

Heather Vierling

Youth will have an opportunity to discover and explore science in a fun and magical way. They will participate in a variety of experiments while using their skills and knowledge to hypothesize, experiment and draw conclusions. *Grades 3-5 Class limit: 12*

Glass Etching (55 minutes)

Jeanne Alling

Youth will be able to choose from several designs that they will be able to put onto a glass mug. The chemical etching is applied and washed off by the presenter. Etched design is permanent on the glass. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Jewelry Making (55 minutes)

Cami and Ella Curtis

This introduction to jewelry making will provide participants with different opportunities to make jewelry using different techniques and materials. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Beads, Beads, and More Beads (55 minutes)

Jennie Bazille

Come explore making keychain and more using a variety of different types of beads. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Build an Electric Car (1 hour and 55 minutes)

Tyler Bohan

Youth will design an electrical circuit to build a battery powered car. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Scrapbooking (55 minutes)

Carole Schurtz

Bring 4-6 of your favorite 4-H photos (4 x 6) and we will show you how fun it can be to scrapbook them for your record book or just for fun. *Grades K-5 Class limit: 12*

Gumball Machine Making (55 minutes)

Carole Schurtz

Get ready to have some fun and create your own gumball machine to take home. *Grades K-5 Class limit: 10*

Feathered Friends: All About Chickens (55 minutes)

Sage Schladweiler

Learn all about chickens, their life cycle and how they develop inside the egg. Make a "bird seed" snack and leave with a fun poster that you can exhibit at the fair! *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Sewing - Pillow (55 minutes)

Jessica Robinson

A simple sewing project where youth will make a pillow from old button down shirts. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 9*

Succulent Garden (55 minutes)

Elizabeth Hesselink

Youth will plant succulents into various containers to create a one-of-a-kind creation. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Hoppen Fun: All About Rabbits (55 minutes)

Kendra Schladweiler

Learn about the 4-H rabbit project, and make a bunny painting that can be exhibited at the fair. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Cat Care & Treats (55 minutes)

Molly Ziegler & Allison Rhine

Learn more about caring for your friendly feline. We will also be making a treat and toy for your cat. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Talk 'n Dogs (55 minutes)

Deb Beyer, Jean Gustafson, Greta Gustafson w/Bert the Show Dog

In this class, we will learn about dog breeds and their intended jobs. How dogs "talk" to us and how we should and should not talk to them. We will practice some dog obedience training exercises with pretend dogs. You will also meet a real, live 4-H show dog. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Felted Cookies (1 hour and 55 minutes)

Suzanne Imhoff

Learn how to turn wool into a felted cookie! Participants will use needle felting techniques inside cookie cutters to create a refrigerator magnet, coaster or ornament. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 20*

Springtime in the Woods (55 minutes)

Michael Lindley

Hands on talk about getting outside in the spring and appreciating activities in our woods. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 40*

2026 Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships

Application Process

Wisconsin 4-H will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships from established donor funds to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education this year. Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals.



Timeline

- Applications Open January 1st
- Must be received NO LATER THAN 11:59pm on MARCH 1
- Award notifications will be announced by mid-May

Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible for any Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years, have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the following academic school year. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to receive a second Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship.

Application Instructions

Applicants will submit an online application form and upload a cover letter and résumé as a combined PDF and select all scholarship opportunities that they qualify for. The documents will provide 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements and future plans.

Available Scholarships

- Betty Krueger Memorial 4-H Scholarship
- Elizabeth Salter-Eby 4-H Scholarship
- Francis A. and Phyllis S. Conrad 4-H Scholarship
- Culver's 4-H Scholarship
- Gwen Wilson Memorial Scholarship
- Oscar G. and Mary M. Woelfel 4-H Scholarship
- T.L. Bewick Scholarship

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YQCA 2026 Scholarship Program

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must be in the age range of a high school senior to 21 years of age. Applicants must have experience with an animal project in one of the species covered by YQCA (beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, or rabbits). All applicants must show a commitment to pursuing a career path in agriculture, livestock, or food systems. Applicants must meet one of the following education and career pathway requirements:

- High School Seniors: High school seniors may apply if they have been accepted into an accredited college, university, or certification program in an agriculture-related field.
- High School Graduates: High school graduates must be currently enrolled in one of the following:
 - A 2- to 4-year college or university agriculture program
 - An agriculture-related certification program

Proof of enrollment is required before scholarship funds are released to the institution.

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YQCA 2026 Scholarship Program

Awards

A total of \$30,000 through 10 scholarships will be awarded, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Award amounts will be determined based on application scoring and final committee review.

Dates

The application will close February 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST. The application deadline is final, and no extensions will be provided. The system will automatically prevent application submission after the deadline. Please note technical assistance will not be available after 5:00 p.m. CST on the day of the deadline.

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Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the WROF Premier Scholarship. This is an award of up to \$10,000 to be presented to a senior in a Wisconsin high school – public or private - who has been living in rural Wisconsin for at least two years. “Rural” is defined as traditional rural areas and rural towns of 25,000 population or less. The award will support tuition only, up to \$2,500/semester, for any post high school educational experience in Wisconsin and will continue as long as a 2.5 GPA is maintained.

The recipient will be selected by an ad-hoc committee of the WROF, Inc. Upon selection, the recipient's high school will be eligible to apply for a \$5,000 grant to be applied to a STEM or agricultural project benefitting all students in the high school.

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AgSource Scholarship

The AgSource DHIA Foundation is offering scholarships for students who are either enrolled in or planning to pursue post-secondary education. Each scholarship recipient will receive a designated amount in financial support. To be eligible, applicants must have a family that resides in Polk or Burnett Counties or must be a current or former member of the Polk-Burnett DHIA AgSource.

Preference may be granted to students majoring in agriculture-related fields and those from farming families. Scholarship funds will be disbursed only after the student has successfully completed one semester of post-high school education and has submitted a transcript indicating this completion. Applicants may either be entering or currently enrolled in post-secondary education programs.

Applications must be turned into the Extension office by APRIL 4th

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