

Trip Opportunities

Each year, Iowa County 4-H sponsors a variety of fun and exciting trips for youth in 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. The same application will be completed for all trips. **Trip application forms are available in the Extension Office and on our website (<http://iowa.uwex.edu/>) and are due on October 1, 2019** No late applications will be accepted. Complete instructions for these applications are included with the forms. Trip interviews will be conducted on **Sunday, October 13, 2019, beginning at 1:00 pm**. The 4-H Leaders Association provides financial support for these trips.

Graduating member scholarship (application)-If you are a graduating 4-H member, you may apply for the scholarship. This will be due on October 1st. Applications will be emailed to eligible members.



National 4-H Congress (Application and interview required) -- Approximately \$1200 -- National 4-H Congress will be held November 27- December 1 in Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Participants must be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection with a maximum age of 18 as of January 1, 2020.

4-H Key Award (Application and interview required) -- This state level award is sponsored by Wisconsin Farm Bureau and its affiliates, and provides special recognition to 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their club program, who have developed their leadership abilities; and who have been helpful in their club and community.



Citizenship Washington Focus (Application and interview required) --Approximately \$1400 – (June 13-21 or July 4-July 12) 90 Wisconsin Youth attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips, and social events. Participants must be in 10th - 12th grades as of October 1, 2019.

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Space Camp (application and interview required) –10-15 youth—approximately \$625—Selected 6th-8th grade youth travel from April 16-20 to Huntsville, Alabama at the US Space and Rocket Center as part of the 4-H Missions in Space program. This is a fun-filled weekend where participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about astronauts. Delegates must be in 6th - 8th grade at the time of the program.

State 4-H and Youth Conference (application and interview required)—10-15 youth-- Approximately \$300--Selected youth spend 4 days on the UW-Madison campus (June 22-25) where they choose to participate in a variety of seminars, tours, general assemblies, and recreational activities. Youth must be in 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th grades as of October 1, 2020.



National 4-H Conference (Application and interview required) –Approximately \$1300--This conference is future focused with emphasis on youth giving input on future direction that 4-H takes at the national level. Only 8 - 10 Wisconsin youth are selected each year to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Participants must be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection.



IOWA COUNTY FAIR Herdsmanship Results

Thank you to all the 4-H members, volunteers, leaders, and clubs who demonstrated confidence, responsibility, and team work at the Iowa County Fair.

The following clubs were awarded Herdsmanship Awards:

BEEF Sloan Implement - \$50 - Country Cardinals
\$25 - Blue Ribbon
\$25 - Five Point

SWINE Sloan Implement - \$50 - Country Cardinals
\$25 - Mounds View
\$25 - Bloomfield Buddies

DAIRY

Sloan Implement - Top Overall Club – \$100.00 — Blue Ribbon

Dodgeville Agri Service—2nd overall – \$25.00 – Mounds View

Frontier FS Large Clubs: (\$7) - Pleasant View
(\$5) - Rockwell Mills

Frontier FS Small Clubs: (\$7) - Kountry Kousins
(\$5) - Five Point

SHEEP

Sloan Implement – \$25 - County Line
\$25 - Jonesdale Jays
\$25 - Rockwell Mills
\$25 - Blue Ribbon

GOATS

Sloan Implement -- \$50 - Bloomfield Buddies
\$50 - County Line

Also, thank you to the businesses that donate money for these awards!

A Note to 4-H Parents from Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Coordinator

This past county fair season I noticed several instances of adult conduct that was wonderful – you may have encouraged a youth, you may have listened, you assisted youth in getting projects ready, you thanked the volunteers at the fair. Here are a few tips for parents and adults to have a positive 4-H experience at the fair and all year.

Follow the rules and encourage your child to do so. Teach youth the importance of following rules. When parents remove items from the fair house or barns before allowed, it sends the message that rules don't need to be followed. Please remember not only your children but other youth are watching.

Follow the instructions from the volunteer superintendents. The key here is volunteer. We are very fortunate to have people give their time so generously at the county fair. Many times the volunteers are following the rules set by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Tie your cattle in the assigned space, respect superintendents' decisions including not addressing a judge, understand food items for safety reasons cannot be taken home, and much more.

Focus on what your child does well. Your child may never excel in dairy showmanship, but they can calm a bunny with a gentle touch. Your child may not be able to grow a perfect pumpkin, but they can make the best pumpkin pie. Your child may not be able to control watercolors, but they can take a gorgeous photograph from the perfect angle. All too often our society has focused on the lowest ribbon or grade received, not the highest. Encourage young people to develop skills that come naturally to them.

Forgive other adults, parents and youth. Most of us are exhausted by the end of the Iowa County Fair, including the youth. Sometimes we all take a misstep. Missteps are not a failure but a way for us to gain an understanding of our strengths and limits.

Formula for understanding and learning about 4-H is to keep informed. Read the newsletter, attend club meetings, volunteer at the fair, write down important dates, ask questions.

Finish the 4-H year by helping your child see progress and knowledge gained. Ask them what they learned. Ask them what they would like to explore next year in 4-H. Ask, ask, ask and listen, listen, listen.



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Cloverbud Corner

The nighttime sky is one of the most beautiful things when camping. It is difficult to appreciate when living in the city, but once you are away from the city lights, it can be stunning. The stars are not only pretty, but they have also been very important for explorers and travelers for thousands of years. Christopher Columbus and the Pilgrims used the nighttime stars to help guide them across the Atlantic Ocean to the New World. Even today with modern gadgets, like global positioning systems (GPS), stars still play a central role in navigation. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) even uses them to guide unmanned space explorers to far away planets like Jupiter and Saturn and the former planet Pluto!

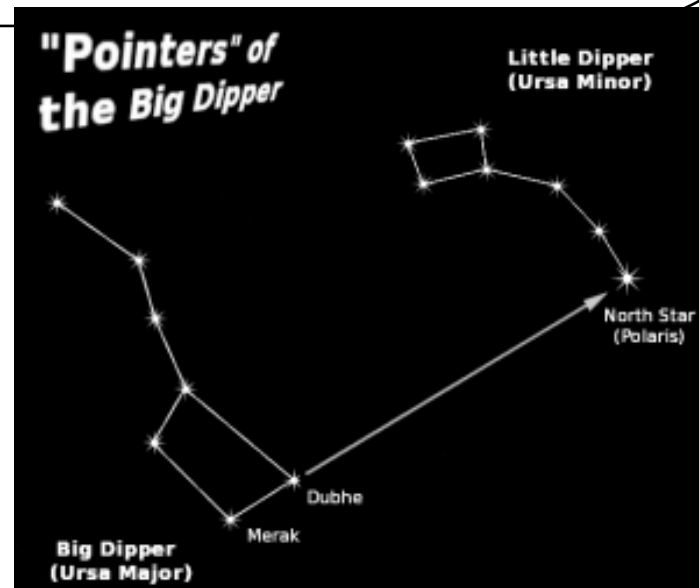
Being able to locate the North Star (also called Polaris by astronomers) is quite useful when trying to find your way. It can help guide those who are lost in the woods to safety. The North Star is cleverly named that because it is always due North. Once campers find it, it is easy to determine the other directions. West is to their left, east to their right, and south is behind them.

Look at the night sky. You'll notice the stars make some patterns and shapes - called constellations. Can you find any?

Do you see a group of seven stars that look like a long ladle or a pan with a curved handle? Look carefully, it may be upside down! Three stars form the handle and four stars form the pan. That group of stars is called the **Big Dipper**. If you draw a line between the two stars that form the pan on the opposite side of the handle, the line would point to the North Star.

The North Star is located in another smaller ladle. Since this constellation is smaller than the Big Dipper, it is called the **Little Dipper**. The North Star is the brightest star in the Little Dipper, so the rest of the stars may be more difficult to see than those in the Big Dipper. Like the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper is made of seven stars – three form the handle and four form the pan. The North Star is the last star in the handle of the Little Dipper.

Adapted from
Joyce Shriner,
Clover Connections,
Summer 2011



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Livestock & Dairy Judging Teams and Individuals who competed at the state level!

Junior Livestock Individuals - Joey Robinson, 3rd place, Payton Heins, 7th place, and Luke Schubert, 10th place. The Junior Team consisting of Joey Robinson, Payton Heins, Luke Schubert and Ryan Schubert placed 3rd.

Senior Livestock Individuals - Kyle Vondra, 3rd place, Blaine Springer, 7th place, and Emma Steffes, 9th place. The Senior Team consisting of Kyle Vondra, Blaine Springer, Emma Steffes and Skylar Garthwaite placed 2nd.

The Junior Dairy Team consisting of Julia Searls, Tucker Dannenberg, Abby Murphy, and Izabel Durst took 9th.

Congratulations to all participants!

Congratulations to the following individuals who received special merits on their non-animal state fair entries:

Bethany Harman, Emily Graber, and Austin Alexander. Virginia Weigel received the staff favorite award.



Miscellaneous Information

4-H Leaders - Secretary & Treasurer's Books and club charters are due by November 1 to Sarah Weier at the Extension Office.



Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops.

Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Coordinator, will be co-presenting a session on Saturday morning. Call to reserve your seat in her car and discuss attendance options.

The event will take place November 1st through the 3rd at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake WI. You can find all the details at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/events/fall-forum/>



Iowa County 4-H Family Hosts Japanese Youth

Amanda, Jason, Lily, Evy and George Linscheid hosted Mitzuki, a youth from Japan, this summer through Wisconsin 4-H. The Linscheid family brought a whole new culture into their home for a month and Mitzuki had an opportunity to learn about our culture and work on her English. Wisconsin 4-H International programs encourage belonging and understanding of global citizenship which very important in today's world. Many thanks to the Linscheid family for opening their home!

Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone that sold raffle tickets! Below are the winners. Checks will be mailed out in the near future.

Load of Gravel from Ivey Construction -	Laura Yanna
\$250 - James Esser	\$25 - Kent Enright
\$150 - Dan Potterton	\$25 - Kristen Lynch
\$100 - Dennis Laufenberg	\$25 - Jana Steffen
\$75 - John Spurley	\$25 - Tom Darrow
\$75 - Bill Wolfe	\$25 - Lorrie Schriefer
\$50 - Becky Miess	\$25 - Grant James
\$50 - June Spurley	\$25 - Skylar Garthwaite
\$25 - Jim Zradicka	\$25 - Mike Christensen
\$25 - Cooper Palzkill	

Record Books

Check with your 4-H Club leader to find out when books are due for your 4-H club. Try not to think about your 4-H record book as a mundane, outdated chore or something you do at the last minute. Think of your 4-H book as a way to help you:

- Learn how to organize and set reasonable goals
- Recognize what you learned in your 4-H projects;
- Explain what you've learned;
- Keep track of costs of your projects;
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships;
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Qualify for trips and the ambassador program

Start early! Find time to work on your 4-H record book today! Record books are due in September to your 4-H club leader.

Here is the link to the record book pages online:

https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/files/2018/05/record-books-2018_fillable.pdf

Record Book Review

4-H Leaders - Record Book Review will take place on Monday, October 14th from 3 to 5 pm at the Health & Human Services Building. We will review all books nominated for Best Record Book by the club leaders. Please plan to attend!

Note - members must turn in their record books to their club leaders, NOT the Extension Office.

IT'S 4-H RE-ENROLLMENT TIME!

<https://wi.4honline.com>

Online re-enrollment will be the same as in the past years.

Enrollment Notes:

√ Youth in 3rd grade this year are full 4-H members and are able to choose from any of the projects listed. Youth in K-2nd grade can choose from Cloverbud, Cloverbud 2 or Cloverbud 3.

√ **Current members must re-enroll by December 1 to be eligible for trips, county fair, camp and other 4-H events and activities. New members can join anytime, however if you want to exhibit at the 2020 fair, you must be enrolled by April 1.**

√ The enrollment fee must be paid to your 4-H leader when you re-enroll. The fee is \$10 per youth member, or \$30 for a family of three or more. Please make checks payable to: Iowa County 4-H.

√ If you are interested in being a 4-H volunteer leader, complete a leader enrollment form and plan to attend a volunteer orientation program.

√ If you have any questions, please contact Muffy or Sarah at 930-9850.

Attend your October or November club meeting for all the details! (And as always, bring along a friend who is new to 4-H!)

NEWS FOR YOUTH

Remember to cash your fair premium checks right away, they are void after 90 days!

SEND THAT THANK YOU NOTE

Be sure to send a thank you note to the livestock auction buyers, sponsors of merit ribbons and sponsors of trophies. These businesses and individuals support 4-H, the Iowa County Fair, and the youth of Iowa County year after year.

Addresses for most sponsors can be found in the back of the Fair book. Each year we have sponsors decide not to provide awards because they DID NOT receive a thank you!

Thank you notes are important!

Foods Review & Clothing Review



The Iowa County 4-H Foods Review was held on Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 in the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville. Eight Iowa County youth participated in this event and prepared meals such as veggie pizza, breakfast sundaes, and baked macaroni and cheese. Pictured above are the three Special Merit recipients: grades 3-4, Allison Tiber; grades 5-6, Morgan Oxnem; grades 7-9, Elyse Linscheid.

The 2019 4-H Clothing Preview was held on August 13th at 6:30 PM in the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville. Entries included sewn sleepwear and jumpsuits to remodeled and recycled clothes. Five 4-H members from across the county participated including Maizey Strobush, Whitley Starr, Natalie Kieffer, Emily Graber and Morgan Oxnem. Shown to the right are the Clothing Preview Special Merit winners – pictured from left to right: Emily Graber, Natalie Kieffer, and Morgan Oxnem.



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Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is also a phone with voice mail available nights and weekends and a drop box by the flag pole.

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IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



September 2019



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**4-H...Growing for the
Future, Rooted in the
Past**



SEPTEMBER 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 23 4-H Leader's Association Meeting, 7 pm HHS Bldg
- 25 Iowa County Fair Evaluation Mtg, 7 pm Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Trip Applications Due
- 1 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 3 Equine Board Mtg, 5 pm HHS Bldg
- 6 - 12 National 4-H Week

The next 4-H Leader's Association Meeting will be held on Monday, September 23rd at 7 pm at the Health & Human Service building. We will be discussing the Iowa County Fair and sharing re-enrollment information.

The Iowa County Fair Board Wrap Up Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25th 7 pm in the fairhouse. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts with the Iowa County Fair Board.



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