

## YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)



*Iowa County Fair board is requiring any youth who show animals in the following departments: dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry to take YQCA in order to exhibit at the 2021 Iowa County Fair.*

*No other educational requirement will be needed to participate in the Iowa County Fair Auction.*

*Youth will need their YQCA certification number to complete fair entries by the deadline of August 1.*

Iowa County will offer in-person classes this summer if approved and a space is available with PowerPoint capabilities. Watch the next newsletter for dates or contact Sarah Weier if you would like her to visit your area to present YQCA.

Youth can also take YQCA online. In the online version, the youth exhibitor will complete 3 interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. The 3 modules includes information about animal welfare, food safety, and character education. The modules will provide new information every year. The modules take roughly 60 minutes to complete each year.

There are fees associated with YQCA. The online version is \$12 per youth and in-person is \$3. Youth must register and pay for YQCA at <http://yqca.org> and follow the step by step instructions.

**\*\*\*\*\*4-H Members should log-in with their 4-H online account!\*\*\*\*\***

***This allows Extension staff to view certification number and expiration date.***

### **YQCA Test Out Option**

An online YQCA test out option for multi-year certification is available. You can only take these tests when you are 12, 15 and 19 (on December 31 of the previous calendar year). The test has 50 questions and you need to answer 80% correctly to pass. Youth can only take the test ONCE at the beginning of the age group – if you don't pass you must take the online course or attend an in-person meeting every year for the next three or four years. The credit card is billed when the youth passes the test. To find the test out option, scroll to the bottom of the course list when you are logged into YQCA.

12 – 13 -14: You can only take the test as a 12 year old. Cost is \$36.00.

15-16-17-18: You can only take the test as 15 year old. Cost is \$48.00

19-20-21: You can only take the test as a 19 year old. Cost is \$36.00.

This is available for those who exhibit in breed shows until they reach the age of 21.

## Summer 4-H Opportunities

**Out of State 4-H Gathering:** Wisconsin 4-H is not approving any out-of-state travel this summer. Citizenship-Washington Focus will be announcing a virtual format. The future of this opportunity will be different due to the impending sale of the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. There will be no Space Camp, American Spirit or Western Spirit opportunities in 2021. No announcement has been made regarding National 4-H Congress in November at Atlanta, Georgia.

**State 4-H Youth Conference:** Wisconsin 4-H is planning for State Youth Conference in-person. The event will be modified to a possible 1-day conference and/or regional locations. No dates have been announced.

**Iowa County 4-H Project Learning Day:** A morning to explore new projects or learn a new skill is tentatively scheduled for July 17th. Location to be determined. Clubs in the rotation to teach a session will be contacted in late April when 4-H summer guidance is released.

**Horse Summer Events:** Horse project members should have received a calendar for dozens of open rides, clinics and shows. If you need a calendar, contact the Extension office or Deena Vinger. The mandatory horse kick-off meeting is 1pm on April 17 at Centennial Park, Dodgeville. One parent and youth need to attend.



**State Fair Non-Animal Exhibits:** Another change is coming from Wisconsin State Fair! This will significantly change our county exhibits that are selected in the fair house. Iowa County has asked for an exemption in 2021 so our items from 2019 and 2020 can be entered this summer. We will know in late April the status of our request.

Here are the changes:

- Youth who had an exhibit selected for State Fair at the 2019 or 2020 Iowa County Fair and wish to have the item sent to state fair this summer should email [sarah.weier@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.weier@wisc.edu) your name and exhibit description by **April 20**.

**\*\*\*\*\*Due to the change of record keeping and Extension office staff we may not have a complete list of State Fair exhibits and names\*\*\*\*\***

- Extension will coordinate the state fair entries IF the exemption is approved.
- After Wisconsin State Fair approves our exemption, we will know exhibit details including date to deliver items to the Iowa County Extension office. There is a possibility the date will be in May or June.

In 2022, youth will self-nominate exhibits by the end of April. The self-nomination process includes sending in three pictures of the item and a \$3.00 entry fee. Exhibits will be pre-screened in May by Wisconsin State Fair. If selected for judging/exhibition, exhibits will need to be delivered to Wisconsin State Fair in June. Exhibits judged will receive place ribbons and a monetary premium.

## 4-H Community Service

### No Food Fight Challenge in 2021

Iowa County Food Pantry has asked 4-H clubs to not have a food fight donation challenge in 2021 due to the pandemic and changes in the way people are accessing food. The 4-H Food Fight was a day for clubs to bring donations to the pantry. Clubs who had the most points awarded based on weight, type of product, etc. receive monetary award sponsored by the County Line 4-H Club.

County Line 4-H hopes to bring this worthy activity back in 2022!

### Iowa County Fair Projects

Iowa County Fair is looking for help with various projects at the fairgrounds this spring and summer. This would be a great way to gather members together in a safe environment, outdoors or in large spaces.

If interested in any community service hours/ club activity, have please contact Morgan Worek at 608-553-2196 or [morgan.pittz@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.pittz@gmail.com) for more information and to set a date.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wisconsin 4-H Service Learning Project

### Plarn Mats Project

**What is plarn?** It's "plastic yarn." Youth cut plastic shopping bags into loops. They knot those loops together to make plastic yarn. One youth or volunteer crochets the plarn into a mat. Reusing plastic bags helps the environment. Donated mats support individuals who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

**Who can be part of the project?** Everyone. From Kindergarten to adulthood, anyone can help. Youth can help collect and sort bags, cut plastic loops, knot plarn together. They can even crochet the plarn into a mat. Youth leaders play an important role in identifying where to donate plarn or mats, leading discussions, and organizing the project.

**What will the youth learn?** Youth learn about homelessness through the project, going beyond stereotypes we see on television. The Explore More section encourages youth to do research and get involved. Then, they can share what they learn with others. Information and resources are included to support youth participants who know someone or are experiencing homelessness themselves.

**How do I find out more?** Contact Sarah Weier at Iowa County Extension or visit the 4-H website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/plarn-mats/>. Then click the buttons for more:

1. "Access the Plarn Mats Activity Plan" –Get an email copy of the plan plus additional resources (short survey required).
2. Cutting Loops Video" and "Making Plarn Video" – Watch the how-to videos from Lily, youth leader and lead author.
3. "Project Donation Survey" – Share your group's donations with Wisconsin 4-H.
4. Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Coordinator, will work with clubs project. One club may collect plastic bags, another will make the 'plarn' while a third club does the crocheting.

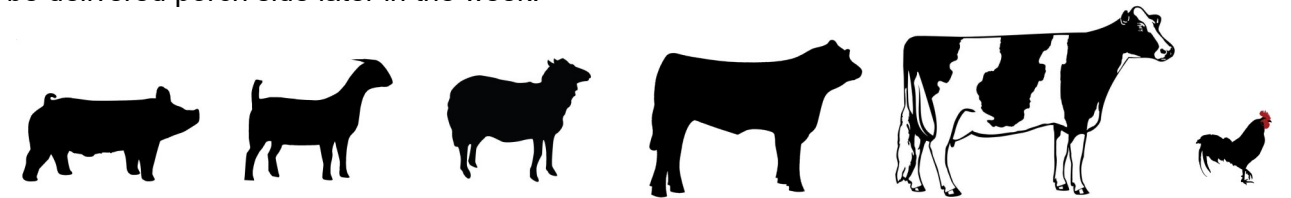
## 4-H Project News

**Project Literature** – Iowa County Extension has a variety of 4-H project literature free to members. The materials are geared to youth allowing them to explore and learn at different age levels. Email [sarah.weier@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.weier@wisc.edu) to see if we have material in a specific project area.

**Robotics Kits** – Iowa County 4-H has four LEGO Mindstorms Robotic kits. You build and program a robot using free software downloaded from LEGO. You don't need to be in the robotics project to borrow a kit. 4-H families can borrow these kits for one month by contacting [sarah.weier@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.weier@wisc.edu).



**Electricity Pilot Project** – Youth who have been invited to test a pilot project will have the first ZOOM meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. On April 13<sup>th</sup> kits will be at the Iowa County Extension office for pick-up or will be delivered porch side later in the week.



**Premise ID** – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture requires premises registration for all locations where livestock are kept or congregated. This includes farms, hobby farms, and county fairs. Iowa County Fair must provide premise ID's to WDATCP officials for all livestock exhibited. Livestock includes cattle, swine, goats, sheep, poultry, game birds, horses and more.

Premises ID numbers can be obtained by visiting <https://datcp.wi.gov/> and searching for premise ID.

**Area Animal Science Days (AASD)** – Wisconsin 4-H is in the baby steps of planning regional Area Animal Science Days. Format, locations and dates have not been announced.

**Swine, Goat, Sheep ID** – The identification rules and processes are determined by the Iowa County Fair. Animal identification materials will be emailed to project members as soon as they are sent to Extension. Watch your email carefully in the next month for details.

**Poultry** – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture has indicated they will be requiring testing of poultry for 2021 fairs and shows. Information will be provide to project members when the fair has more information.

**Dairy Judging** – We will be organizing dairy judging practices soon, and if members are interested they should reach out to Laura or Ashley, [lauradaniels@uwalumni.com](mailto:lauradaniels@uwalumni.com) or [aayager@uwalumni.com](mailto:aayager@uwalumni.com). Iowa County Dairy Judging has a private Facebook page. Ask Ashley to invite you to join for the most up-to-date information.

**Youth Livestock/Food Science Lessons** – The last virtual lesson will be May 13 at 7pm. Topic is Meat Science Cookery. For more information and how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>



**Dog** – Watch for information from Iowa County 4-H Dog Leader, Pam Pishion. We are currently hoping to hold weekly practices at the Iowa County Fairgrounds for dog obedience, showmanship, rally and/or agility. This is subject to change.

**Shooting Sports** – Our shooting sports program is still on pause due to the pandemic. We are hoping to begin practices in summer when Wisconsin 4-H has guidance.

**Art**— Dodgeville Public Library free cereal box art virtual lesson on April 17 at 10:00am. See Iowa County Facebook post from April 2 for link to register or visit <https://dodgevillelibrary.com/>



## 4-H Events

### Day in the Arts

2021 Day in the Arts went virtual with Green, Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties. There were 158 entries in Cloverbuds, Drama, Demonstrations, Speaking, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Dance, Arts, and Photography. Thank you for sharing your creativity!

Merit Awards: Emerson Harman, Khole Pauls, Olivia Koss, Norah Mullin, Kiara Mailloux, Natalie Giddings, Gabriel Mailloux, Gemma Mailloux, Reese Mullin, Matthew Mailloux.

Participants: Berlin Pauls, Abilene Bartz, Quayde Doyle, Celine Mailloux, Christian Mailloux, Isabelle Bowles, Kallie Oxnem, Lucy Howard, Isabel Howard, Henry Bartz, Jenna Kurschner, Evie Koss, Wyatt Oxnem, Morgan Oxnem, Charity Oxnem, and Emma Giddings.

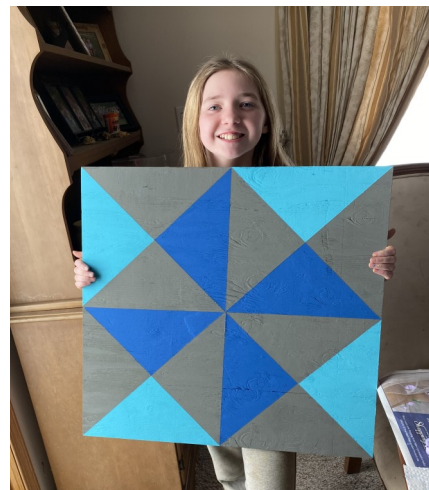
### Officer Training Gift Cards Awarded

On a snowy, winter evening nearly 50 4-H club officers and adult leaders gathered on ZOOM for training on how to run meetings, take minutes, correctly handle 4-H monies, and hear tips on how to include everyone in meetings.

Winners of the random gift card drawing were Youth: Mallory Gould—Jonesdale Jays and Elyse Lindschied—Cobb Busy Badgers. Adult: Shonda Pete—Cobb Busy Badgers

### Winter Discover 4-H Enjoyed

35 youth from Iowa County participated in the 4 weekly ZOOM programs to learn about foods, arts, fishing and photography. Thank you to Iowa County businesses Gollon Bait and Fish Farm and Katie's Bait for helping us plan and video parts of the fishing program. Katie's Bait also provide gift cards in kits for youth in 6 to 8th grade fishing lesson.



# Will you be my 4-H pen pal?

## AN IOWA COUNTY CLOVERBUD SUMMER AT-HOME ACTIVITY



- Learn how to write and address a letter!
- Receive mail addressed to you from your pen pal!
- Meet at the county fair during Cloverbud judging!
- Find a friend in 4-H!

Cloverbuds will receive a packet of idea sheets, envelopes and stamps. Mail three letters before mid-August to your Pen Pal.

To enroll, simply send the name of child to Sarah Weier at [sarah.weier@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.weier@wisc.edu) by June 1st.

Periodically, UW-Madison Division of Extension takes steps to assure that 4-H families know and understand our policy of nondiscrimination. This letter is to remind you that the University of Wisconsin Madison-Extension, Wisconsin 4-H and Iowa County 4-H does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals, in admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment.

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# 4-H Day Camp

**JUNE 29, 2021**  
**GRADES 3 TO 5**

**COST: 15.00**  
**INCLUDES SNACK!**

**BETHEL HORIZONS,**  
**DODGEVILE**

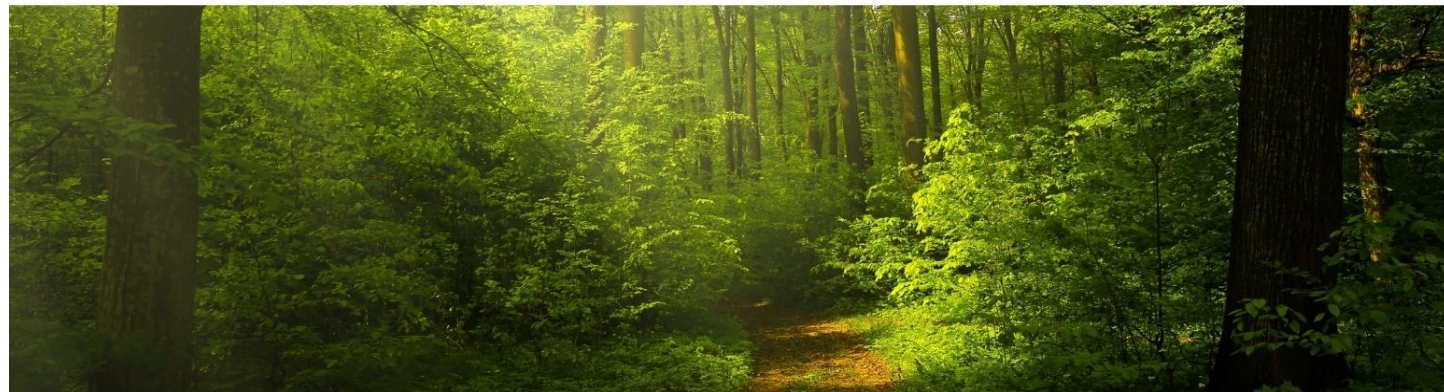
## NATURE WALKS! NATIVE CREATURES!

**8:30AM TO NOON**  
**OR**  
**12:30 TO 4PM**

**Choice of  
Two Times!**

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT  
DUE JUNE 5TH!**

**WATCH FOR EMAIL OR  
CONTACT EXTENSION IOWA  
COUNTY AT 608-930-9850**



# 4-H Day Camp

**JUNE 30, 2021**  
**GRADES 6 TO 8**

**COST: 30.00**  
**INCLUDES SNACK!**

**BETHEL HORIZONS,**  
**DODGEVILE**

## HIGH ROPES COURSE!

**8:30AM TO NOON**

**Limited  
Spaces!**

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT  
DUE JUNE 5TH!**

**WATCH FOR EMAIL OR  
CONTACT EXTENSION IOWA  
COUNTY AT 608-930-9850**

## *Welcome and Recognition*

### Welcome New Members

We are happy to have the following in our 4-H family and hope you enjoy the year.

**CLOVERBUDS:** Jolene Alan, Brooklyn Basting, Brantley Batton, Ellie Batton, Nora Howell, Callie Buechner, Naydeen Gilbertson, Addison Gruber, Haven Hampton, Emma Hathaway, Brielle Johnson, Espn Kennicker, Ethan Lee, Charli Leonard, Oliver Liddicoat, Veda Lindsey, Emmit Louis, Austin Ludlum, Celine Mailloux, Andrew Olson, Berlin Pauls, Everitt Pierson, Rex Poppe, Dekker Potterton, Jackson Prem, Robert Prem, Coryn Roethle, Hailey Schaaf, Hayden Steffes, Owen Tassoul, Marshall Thering, Eiven Turner, Lexie Walker, Mason Washa, Chelsie Wilson, and Auria Wittenwyler

**MEMBERS:** Kaitlynn Baumgartner, Parker Brown, Olive Corbit, Boone Dilley, Elliott Hathaway, Landen Leibfried, Camryn Neefe, Aleea Norton, Mya Norton, Kira Olson, Alexis Peterson, Brianna Peterson, Emma Rickey, Mia Rickey, Isabella Roberts, Sawyer Roberts, Lila Schlingen, Reid Schlingen, Samuel Sennhenn, Nora Thering, and Evelyn Wyse

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS:** Angela Gruber, Ben Gruber, Elizabeth Grunenwald, Destinie Larson, and Joan Steele

### Outstanding Record Books in 2020

**Congratulations to the following whose record books were nominated by club leaders!**

**3rd Grade:** Charity Oxnem—Five Point

**4th & 5th Grade:** Olivia Koss—Kountry Kousins, Carmen Parish—Kountry Kousins, Natalie Wilson—Rockwell Mills, Allison Tiber—Rockwell Mills, Riley Reynolds—Five Point

**6th & 7th Grade:** Quentin Koss—Kountry Kousins, Ella Paish—Kountry Kousins, Kaleb Dolan—Rockwell Mills, Morgan Oxnem—Five Point

**8th & 9th Grade:** Wyatt Oxnem—Five Point

**10th & Above:** Elisa Weier—Five Point, Dana Hanson—Five Point, Emerson Harmon—Five Point; Alexa Weier—Five Point

### Jessica Vinger and Lily Jenson Selected for State 4-H Awards

Jessican Vinger, Bloomfield Buddies 4-H Club, was chosen for the highly prestigious Presidential Inauguration Opportunity in January of 2021. Unfortunately with COVID restrictions, the group was unable to travel to Washington D.C for the inauguration.

Lily Jenson, Mounds View 4-H Club, is the 2021 Crowley Dairy Award selection. The next step for Lily is to interview for state awards and scholarships. Good Luck!

Iowa County is very proud of both of our members!



## 4-H NEWS

### 4-H Online

- ◆ Extension sends out emails with news of animal ID, camps, project meetings and more to the family email on file in 4H Online. **If you entered an email that is seldom checked, your family will miss updates.** Any email sent through 4H Online will have the sender as 4H Online in your inbox.
- ◆ Club Leaders have access to club roster using the club log-in code. Leaders, please be aware when you download the roster it will have more information than what you see on the 4H Online website page.



### 4-H Meetings in April & May

Adults need to complete the Program Planning Checklist for **ALL** 4-H meetings. Groups larger than 20 need approval from UW-Madison which takes 3 to 5 days. Participants should wear face coverings and maintain physical distancing.

Contact Sarah Weier at sarah.weier@wisc.edu before planning a club, project meeting or community service project.

INDOORS: Up to 50 participants or 30% of room capacity, pods of 20.

Time Limit: 4 hours

No food consumed, can hand out prepacked foods at end of meeting

OUTDOORS: Up to 150 participants, pods of 20

Time Limit: none

### 4-H Finances—Did you Know?

4-H Clubs can purchase plants, memorial items, etc. for a member or leader of a club who has passed away. You can also donate funds to a non-profit charity in remembrance of a person.

4-H funds should not be given to a family as a donation.

If your club is planning a benefit fundraiser, talk to Sarah to be sure the club is meeting all the requirements for our non-profit organization.



### Iowa County Spaces Opening Soon

Iowa County employees are scheduled to return to offices in early May. UW-Madison Extension staff will be back in offices full time by July 1st provided trends continue. In the meantime you can phone, email, mail and use the either drop box the HHS Building located by the main entrance which is opposite 303 W. Chapel Street, Dodgeville or on the north side by the ADRC entrance.

# Iowa County 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp Dinosaurs Rock!

Wednesday, June 16th

**Drop Off 9am - Depart 1pm**

**Iowa County Fairground, Mineral Point**

**Camp Cost: \$10.00**

**Open to 4-H Cloverbuds in Grades K to 2nd.**

**Register by: June 7th!!!**

Roar! The Cloverbuds are rocking and roaring with dinosaurs this year

Plan to join us and have fun digging for dinosaurs, going on a scavenger hunt, racing with a 'Dino' egg, painting rocks, making a dinosaur terrarium and dinosaur fossils! You will stomp and roar like a dinosaur, build a dinosaur skeleton and create your own dinosaur while you play games and sing songs!

Lunch and morning snack will be provided.

Transportation: Parents are responsible for getting youth to and from the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Parents can arrive at 12:30pm to see the end of the day performance.

\*Please remember to bring weather appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, and water (optional).

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**Registration and Payment of \$10.00 per youth Due: June 7th**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return by June 7th. Checks payable to Iowa County 4-H Leaders. Mail to Extension Iowa County 4-H, 303 W Chapel St, Dodgeville WI 53533 or use the drop box at the HHS building by the flagpole (opposite side from Chapel Street).



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# THE CLOVER CONNECTION

### IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

**President** – Shelly Osterndorff - 2022

**Vice President** – Beth Graber - 2021

**Secretary** - Jackie McCarville—2023

**Treasurer** – Angie Schubert—2023

#### Directors -

Beth Graber & Julia Harman– 2021

Shelly Osterndorff & Laura Anderson—2022

Angie Schubert & Jackie McCarville—2023

**Youth** – Ryan Schubert, Jessica Vinger

Emily Graber, Emerson Harman

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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 on the south side of HHS building.

# The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



April/May 2021

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2021 Theme:  
4-H Lights the Path  
for a Bright Future

### APRIL

17 Mandatory Horse Kickoff, 1pm– Centennial Park Shelter, Dodgeville

18 Pilot Electricity STEM ZOOM, 5pm

25 Pilot Electricity STEM ZOOM, 5pm

TBD Ambassador Meeting

### MAY

5 Pilot Electricity STEM ZOOM, 5pm

6 Equine Board Meeting, 5pm

13 Livestock Lessons: Meat Cookery, 7pm  
Virtual

TBD Swine, Goat, and Sheep ID

### JUNE

1 Horse ID Coggins Papers DUE

1 Horse State Virtual Speaking Entries DUE

3 Equine Board Mtg, 5pm

6 Western Horse Clinic

16 Gymkhana Clinic

16 Cloverbud Day, Fairgrounds

25-27 State 4-H Horse Show and Clinic

28 Leaders Association meeting, 7pm

29 3-5 grade Day Camp

30 6-8 grade Day Camp

TBD Area Animal Science Day

TBD YQCA Trainings

