

# IOWA COUNTY 4-H NEW FAMILY GUIDE



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## HELPFUL LINKS

Iowa County Extension Website -  
<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu>

4-H Online Enrollment Site -  
<https://v2.4honline.com>

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# WELCOME TO 4-H IN IOWA COUNTY

We are excited that you are interested in the Iowa County 4-H program. This handbook will help you learn more about the great things happening in our county and answer some common questions. You should also talk to families already involved in 4-H to learn more.

We want to be sure you know what's going on and how to do things so your family has the best experience possible in 4-H. Please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see you,

*Sarah*

Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension

## Stay Informed



### The Clover Connection

Eight times during the year, your family will receive via USPS mail, a 4-H newsletter – The Clover Connection. This newsletter includes information about county events and activities, reminders of deadlines, and state and national opportunities. It is important to read this newsletter and make notes of events and dates your family is interested in.



### 4-H Facebook Page

Like our page on Facebook to stay in touch with Iowa County 4-H. Posts are weekly or as needed with event reminders and pictures of activities. Search: Iowa County 4-H

### Digital Communications

Wisconsin 4-H, Iowa County UW-Extension, or your club will occasionally contact members, leaders, and families through e-mail with project information, deadlines, and opportunities using the e-mail entered into 4-H Online. Be sure to check your 'junk' folder and add addresses to your inbox.



## What are the 4-H Emblems & Symbols?

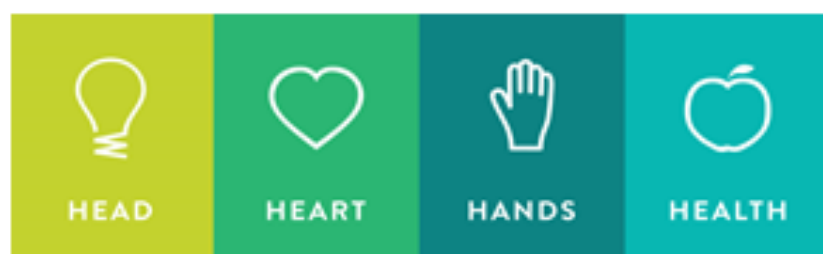
The National 4-H emblem is a four leaf clover with the letter "H" written on each leaf. It is a federally recognized logo, so there are policies that need to be followed for printing (i.e. t-shirts, etc.).

The colors of 4-H are green and white. The white background of the flag symbolizes cleanliness and a fresh start. 4-H green is nature's most common color in the great outdoors, and the green is also the color of springtime, life, and youth.

The four H's stand for HEAD, HEART, HANDS, and HEALTH. These four H's represent the four fold training and development in which members participate, which is described in the 4-H pledge.

### The 4-H Pledge

4-H members should learn the national 4-H pledge, as it, and the Pledge of Allegiance, are generally said at the beginning of each club meeting. There are hand gestures that go with the pledge as well. These can be learned at a club meeting. The 4-H pledge is listed to the right.



*I pledge:*



*...for my Club, my Community, my Country and my World.*

**I pledge my...**

**Head to clearer thinking**

**Heart to greater loyalty**

**Hands to larger service**

**And my Health to better living**

**For my Club, my Community,**

**my Country, and my World.**

# About 4-H: The Basics

## What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members, their families, and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. It is a community of young people across America, learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of local county government, the Division of Extension of University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

## What Makes 4-H Different?

4-H is unique because it is the only youth organization tied to the research base of our nation's land grant universities. In Wisconsin, this is the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Coordinator, is hired by the University of Madison Division of Extension to work with youth and families in our communities.

## 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment is done online at <https://v2.4honline.com>, or assistance can be provided by the UW-Extension office for those without internet access. When enrolling, members will be asked for the following information:

- Basic contact information
- General demographic info, such as age, gender, grade in school, school attending, etc.
- A health history, including allergies and special needs. This is required for many educational events, such as camps, trips, and county programs
- Agreement to the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Choice of club, project areas, and other activities/interests

Members must enroll in at least one project area per year. Enrolling in a project lets club leaders and 4-H staff know what types of projects members in our county are interested in exploring. This allows staff to distribute pertinent information to members interested in specific projects via e-mail or letters.

If you forget your family password, you are able to reset it online. If you are having trouble logging in, contact the Extension office at 608-930-9850. DO NOT create a new account!







### **What is the 4-H Year?**

The 4-H year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Re-enrollment takes place in the fall months for continuing members with a deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible to show at the Iowa County Fair, receive awards, or go on trips. New members can join anytime; however, if you wish to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair, you must enroll by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Who can join 4-H?**

Any youth in Kindergarten (age 5) through the year following high school can be a member of a 4-H club.

### **Membership Dues**

All members pay \$10.00 per year for membership. There is a maximum of \$30.00 per family for membership. This covers insurance and project support.

### **4-H Code of Conduct**

Youth participating in or attending local, regional, state, or national 4-H programs are required to conduct themselves according to the Wisconsin 4-H Code of Conduct, which they sign when they enroll in 4-H. All adults are expected to behave in ways that promote positive role modeling for all youth.

### **4-H Theme**

Every year, the 4-H Leader's Association votes on a new 4-H Theme. This theme is used in all promotions for the year, including any floats in local parades, and for the barn decorations that are used in the livestock barns at the Iowa County Fair each year.

The theme for 2021 is ***"4-H Lights the Path for a Bright Future"***.

## **Iowa County 4-H Leaders Council**

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**President:** Shelly Osterndorff

**Vice President:** Beth Graber

**Secretary:** Jackie McCarville

**Treasurer:** Angela Schubert

**Directors:** Julia Harman, Laura Anderson

**Youth Directors:** Ryan Schubert, Jessica Vinger  
Emily Graber, Emerson Harman

# THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

4-H is about creating experiences that help youth, and adults, learn in new ways and gain new experiences. Parents are encouraged to attend 4-H meetings with their child(ren). Below, you will find the general learning experiences that you will face while involved in the 4-H program:

**4-H Club Meetings**...are held for a variety of reasons. Most organized clubs meet monthly to discuss general business, conduct recreation, and learn something new. Clubs have elected officers, by-laws, and a treasury. 4-H Clubs are non-profit organizations.

**4-H Projects**...should fit individual member's interests and should fit into the member's home and community life. By "project" we mean work done with animals, articles made, crops grown, robot programming, or some other definite undertaking planned and carried out by the 4-H'er. Through project work, 4-H members learn improved ways of doing things, which, in turn, serve as examples for others and for the community. Members can also learn about subjects that interest them as possible career choices. Members select projects when enrolling through 4-H Online.

**4-H Activities**...such as judging, demonstrations, public speaking, exhibiting, and nursing home visits that center on 4-H projects and community service. They supplement the project and add greater depth to it. Various activities related to project areas are planned and conducted on county, district, state, and national levels.

**4-H Events**...are most often thought of as once-a-year happenings, such as an annual recognition program for youth and adults, a music/drama festival, a family 4-H picnic, the fair, or summer camp. During these types of events, 4-H members might present aspects of their 4-H projects, teach younger youth, and lead activities.





# **Educational Opportunities**

## **4-H Camp**

In June, Iowa County 4-H usually teams up with Lafayette County for 4-H Camp. 2021 Camp will be held at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville. Our camp is 2 days and 1 night during June. Youth have many learning opportunities, and it is a great chance to meet other local youth the same age. Older 4-H youth have the opportunity to be a camp counselor.

## **Educational Traveling**

The State 4-H program offers various travel opportunities to youth. Iowa County requires an application to be completed and an interview performed. Travel opportunities include: 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington DC, Space Camp in Alabama, American and Western Spirit, National 4-H Congress in Georgia, International trips (in 2019 sites were Costa Rica, Finland, and Japan), and hosting international 4-H'ers during the summer. Information and registering for these events is mainly completed through 4-H Online. Due to COVID-19, traveling will not happen in 2021.

## **State Art Events**

Older youth in grades 9-13 and adults are welcome to apply for statewide 4-H art experiences in visual arts, communications, theatre, and music. State Art Camp, which is held in the fall, is open to middle school youth, and Art Beat in March is for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Project Learning Day**

Held every February and July, Project Learning Day is a great opportunity to get a jump start on your fair projects. 4-H clubs, leaders, and youth volunteers lead sessions on different project topics.

## **Quiz Bowl**

Practices are held in the winter and spring. Competition is held in late winter for livestock and dairy quiz bowl. Dog Quiz Bowl practices are held in late spring/summer with competition happening during the summer. Horse Bowl practices are held on Thursday evenings from September through April, with the state Competition in May.

## **Animal Judging**

Livestock, dairy, and horse judging practices are held starting in late spring. Competition is held during Area Animal Science Days in June.

## **Summer Art Days**

Every summer, we team up with Shake Rag Alley in Mineral Point and Grandview in Hollandale for project days. Projects range from crafts to cooking...there is something for all to enjoy!

## **Cloverbud Day**

A day program held at the Iowa County Fairgrounds for members in Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to explore 4-H projects, learn the 4-H Pledge, and make new friends.

# 4-H Terminology

If you are new to the 4-H program, it can be a lot to take in. 4-H has a long and rich history- we are over 100 years old! Sometimes this means that volunteers, families, and staff may forget that the terminology we use is not something that everyone understands yet. Hopefully this will help you out a bit on that front; however, **NEVER** hesitate to ask questions!

- **4-H Ambassador:** Youth in grades 9-12 are able to participate as an Iowa County 4-H Ambassador. They take an active role in promoting 4-H throughout the county, support county events, and mentor younger 4-H members. Application and an interview are required.
- **4-H Key Award:** The highest honor awarded to a 4-H member in the state of Wisconsin. Iowa County requires an application and an interview of older members to be considered for this award.
- **4-H Leader's Association:** This organization is made up of 4-H youth and volunteer leaders representing each of the clubs. The group meets 5 times per year to discuss program directions, events, and ways to strengthen the county 4-H program.
- **4-H Program Coordinator:** A county-based professional who works for the Division of Extension, University of Wisconsin-Madison, who guides, teaches, and administers the 4-H program.
- **4-H Online:** Site where you enroll in 4-H, select projects, and register for many events/trips.
- **Activity Leader:** a volunteer who is responsible for organizing and conducting special club activities.
- **Adult Leaders:** All adults who volunteer for Iowa County 4-H have attended a training meeting, had criminal background checks performed, and completed mandatory reporter training.
- **AASD:** Area Animal Sciences Day is held in June at several sites around Wisconsin. Many animal project members participate in judging and other contests during the day.
- **Charter:** A 4-H Charter is granted to 4-H clubs when the minimum requirements are met to start a 4-H club. Club leaders are in charge of ensuring that club charters are completed each year (usually due on November 1<sup>st</sup>).
- **Cloverbud:** These are youth who are in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Cloverbuds can only enroll in the Cloverbud project. They can exhibit three projects at the county fair for participation ribbons and take part in county-wide events.
- **Clover Connection:** A newsletter that is mailed eight times during the year to 4-H families with tons of information!
- **Danish Judging:** Youth projects at our county fair are awarded ribbons using this formula – not more than ¼ Blue, not more than ½ Red, not more than ¾ White and the remaining Yellow.
- **Enrollment:** One becomes a part of the 4-H program through completing enrollment on 4-H Online. Each year following when you first join 4-H, you will have to fill out re-enrollment by December 1<sup>st</sup>.



- **Fair:** An event where project work is exhibited. Information about the county fair is distributed from the Iowa County Fair Board in Iowa County, as they plan and execute the event. Junior Fair is for youth enrolled in 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or any youth organization with adult leadership. Members may only exhibit in areas in which they carry a project. Adults and youth who are not members of a recognized organization may enter the Open Fair.
- **Fair Auction:** Livestock, small animals, dairy, and goat may sell an animal/cheese at the auction. There are educational and testing requirements that vary by species. Information will be in The Clover Connection newsletter.
- **Fair Premium Book:** The book that lists the Iowa County Fair entry classes and rules for entry. This is often just referred to as the "Fair Book".
- **Fall Forum:** Annual state-wide gathering of youth and adults to elect representatives to the state council. In addition, attendees select sessions to learn how to strengthen and enrich their clubs and county 4-H programs.
- **General Club Leader:** An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational part of the club.
- **HHS:** Health and Human Services Building, 303 W Chapel St, Dodgeville, WI, and site of the Iowa County UW-Extension office. Many county 4-H events are held here.
- **Iowa County Fairgrounds:** Located on Fair St, Mineral Point, WI, and the site of many summer 4-H programs.
- **Projects:** A unit of 4-H work which is the basis of "learning" experiences involving learning a skill.
- **Project Leader:** A volunteer who helps 4-H members as they learn, make, or create something. This person can be a parent who agrees to help with a project, a youth leader, or a person from the community who has knowledge in a particular subject matter area.
- **PLD:** Project Learning Days are held in February and July. Sessions are announced in The Clover Connection, the county newsletter.
- **Project Literature:** The information is written by University specialists and serves as suggested areas to study in your 4-H projects. You may request literature from the county Extension office.
- **Record Book:** Is an individual report of the 4-H records accomplishments in projects and activities during the current year. Members should complete and submit a record book to be eligible for county awards. Record books are submitted to club leaders in September. Record book pages can be found on the Iowa County Website under 4-H/Record Books.
- **Volunteer in Preparation:** All adults who wish to volunteer for 4-H must attend a session on the roles and responsibilities of volunteers.
- **Youth Leader:** A 4-H member in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older and is enrolled in the Youth Leadership project. They take an active part in helping the younger members in their club. By doing this, they grow, mature, and learn leadership skills.
- **YQCA:** Youth for the Quality of Care of Animals is a national multi-species program to train youth in the quality care of animals. Iowa county fair exhibitors who care for animals overnight on the fairgrounds must have completed the training. Wisconsin State Fair requires YQCA for many species to be exhibited. Watch your newsletter for training opportunities.

# Iowa County 4-H Clubs

## BLOOMFIELD BUDDIES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 6 pm; Springer's Garage  
Deena Vinger, (608) 574-5453

## BLUE RIBBON

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1pm; New Hope Luth. Church  
Kathy Fargo, (608) 214-5281

## CIRCLE A

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 6:30 pm; Avoca Comm. Bldg  
Kathy Elliott, (60) 532-6388

## CLYDE GO GETTERS

1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 pm; Clyde Community Center  
Mia Hillebrand, (608) 459-0752

## COBB BUSY BADGERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 7 pm; Cobb Comm. Bldg  
Sara Droessler, (608) 732-8752

## COON ROCK

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 5 pm; Arena Fire Station  
Kristen Strobush, (608) 279-5170

## COUNTY LINE

1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 pm; Hope Lutheran Church  
Beth Graber, (608) 987-4555

## COUNTRY CARDINALS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 3 pm; Highland School  
Linda Roum, (608) 929-7753

## FIVE POINT

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6 pm; HHS Building  
Sally Hanson, (608) 574-1385

## JONESDALE JAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 6 pm; Mineral Point Fire Station  
Jim Vondra, (608) 987-2636

## KOUNTRY KOUSINS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 1 pm; Parish home  
Jim and Karen Parish, (608) 623-2110

## MOUNDS VIEW

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 4pm; Barneveld Lutheran Church  
Meghan Durst, (608) 574-8821

## PLEASANT VIEW

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 6:30 pm; Hope Luth. Church, Mineral Pt  
Jessie Potterton, (608) 574-4066

## RED BARN

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 6 pm; Montfort Community Bldg  
Brittany Ogden, (608) 943-8910

## REWEY LUCKY STARS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 6:30 pm; Rewey Fire Station  
Shelly Osterndorff, (608) 574-0869

## ROCKWELL MILLS

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 7:30 pm; HHS Building  
Heidi Tiber, (608) 574-6187

## SECTION LINE

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 5pm; Pam Fishion's home  
Samantha Holz, (608) 341-7583

## UP AND OVER

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6 pm; location varies  
Sara lhm, (608) 967-2156



# 4-H Projects

## ANIMAL SCIENCES

Beef  
Cats  
Meat Goat  
Horse  
    Clothes Horse  
    Horseless Horse  
    Model Horses  
Dogs  
Dairy  
Dairy Goat  
Poultry  
    Bantams  
    Pigeons  
    Turkeys  
    Waterfowl  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

## COMMUNICATION ARTS

Communications  
Creative Writing

## VISUAL ARTS

Art  
Ceramics  
Drawing & Painting  
Leathercraft  
Photography  
Scrapbooking  
Wood Burning  
Theater Arts

## FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH

Child Development  
Home Environment  
Personal Finance  
Intergenerational Programs

## CONSUMER EDUCATION

Consumer Savvy  
Personal Finance

## FOODS AND NUTRITION

Food Preservation  
Foods & Nutrition

## CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Clothing  
Consumer Savvy  
Crocheting  
Knitting

## MECHANICAL SCIENCES

Computers  
Electricity  
Scale Models  
Small Engines  
Tractors  
Woodworking

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Backpacking & Hiking  
Canoeing  
Entomology  
Fishing  
Forestry  
Geology  
Wildflowers

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Air Rifle & BB Gun  
Archery

## PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES

Crops  
    Corn  
    Forage  
    Small Grains  
    Soybeans

Flowers  
Home Grounds  
House Plants  
Vegetables

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

Aerospace  
Geospatial  
Robotics

## SERVICE LEARNING & CITIZENSHIP

History & Heritage  
Self-Determined  
Youth Leadership

## YOUNGER MEMBERS

Cloverbud (K– 2nd grade)

## CLOVERBUD YOUTH LEADERS

Ambassadors, 8th grade and up.



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