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The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

October 2021



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2021 Theme:

**4-H Lights the Path
for a Bright Future**

October

- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 15 Trip & Key Award Application Due Date
- 10 Richland County 4-H Rabbit Show (project members were sent information via email)
- 15 Awards Paperwork Due to Extension Office
- 15 Scholarship Applications Due to Extension Office

November

- 1 Club Charters Due
- 6 Fall Forum (Virtual)
- 7 Awards Day, 1:00pm (location TBD)
- 22 4-H Leaders Meeting, 7:00pm



December

- 1 Member Re-enrollment Deadline



**National
4-H Week
October 3 - 9, 2021**

More details inside!



4-H Week

October 3 to 9, 2021



		PASSION	CREATIVITY	INTELLECT	CONFIDENCE
UNDERSTANDING FUN LOGIC LEARNING	SUN	<i>Service Project Sunday</i> Do something nice for someone.		LIFE SKILLS COMPASSION HEALTHY HABITS	
	MON	<i>Memories Monday</i> Share your favorite 4-H memory.			
	TUES	<i>Teamwork Tuesday</i> Showcase a 4-H teamwork skill.			
	WED	<i>Wear Green Wednesday</i> Wear your 4-H t-shirt today!			
	THUR	<i>Throwback Thursday</i> Share how you have grown in 4-H.			
	FRI	<i>Favorite Project Friday</i> Share your favorite project area in 4-H.			
	SAT	<i>Shoutout Saturday</i> Thank someone who helped you in 4-H.			
		CAREERS	PERSERVERANCE	WORK ETHIC	

It's 4-H Re-Enrollment Time!



Re-enrollment for current families (and enrollment for new families) in your 4-H club and projects is done through 4-H Online. The address is <https://wi.4honline.com>.

User friendly instructions and further details of how to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H can be found on the Iowa County 4-H website here:

[https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/07/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide .pdf](https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/07/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf)

Youth in 3rd grade and up are full 4-H members and are able to choose from any of the projects listed in the project guide. Youth in grades K-2 should choose "Cloverbud".

Current members must re-enroll by December 1st to be eligible for trips, county fair, camp, and other 4-H events and activities. You can add projects and make changes until April 1st. New members can join anytime, but have to enroll by April 1st to be eligible to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair.



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.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Weier at 930-9850 or sarah.weier@wisc.edu.

Reminders

IOWA COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS: If you receive a premium check for the projects you entered in the Iowa County Fair, remember to cash them as soon as possible. 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!

CLUB LEADERS: The second part of 4-H charters is due November 1st. This will be completed via an electronic survey. It has been simplified and looks very different. You will be asked for contact, meeting time, and planned activities, but not a calendar. A paper version is available by contacting the Extension office. Please submit paper copies by October 20th as these will need to be entered into the program.

Iowa County Fair News

The Iowa County Fair Carcass Show was held on Wednesday, September 8th. Here are the top three finishers in each category. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Lamb Carcass

1. Jaron Gerber
2. Jaidyn Rasmussen
3. Teagan McConnell

Market Barrow Carcass

1. Jaxon Busse
2. Garrett Rech
3. Ella Hellenbrand

Beef Carcass

1. Chelsey Mueller
2. Samuel Sennhenn
3. Anna Tisch



4-H Barn Quilt Project

Iowa County 4-H clubs were invited to create their own barn quilt for display at the Iowa County Fair. This project was funded by a memorial in memory of Russell Nelson, who was the Iowa County 4-H agent from 1951-1982. Thank you to all of the clubs who participated - the barn quilts look amazing and were a welcome addition to the exhibit hall. If your club didn't finish the quilt, you can do so for next year. Contact the Extension office for supplies and directions.

Herdsmanship Results

Thank you to all the 4-H members, volunteers, leaders, and clubs who demonstrated confidence, responsibility, and teamwork at the Iowa County Fair. Herdsmanship awards are paid by the Iowa County Fair.

The following clubs were awarded Herdsmanship Awards:

BEEF - Sloan Implement: Blue Ribbon
 Five Point
 Jonesdale Jays

SWINE - Results not available

DAIRY - Results not available

SHEEP - Sloan Implement: Rockwell Mills Blue Ribbon
 Rewey Lucky Stars Cobb Busy Badgers

GOATS - Sloan Implement: Rewey Lucky Stars Insight FS: Rockwell Mills
 Jonesdale Jays County Line



Thank you to the businesses that donate money for these awards!

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 associated with 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 book pages can be found on our website here:

<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects/>

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

Graduating 4-H Member Scholarships



Students who are graduating from the Iowa County 4-H program are eligible to apply for a scholarship for college, sponsored by the Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association. Students who would have been eligible last year (scholarships were not offered last year) are also encouraged to apply. Those who are eligible will be contacted via email.

Scholarship applicants must be a 4-H graduate, have been an Iowa County 4-H member for three years prior to graduation, be a 4-H member in good standing, and demonstrate a positive attitude, leadership, and responsibility. Applications must be submitted to the Extension Office by October 15th.

Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be inviting members ages 13-18 to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of October. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to receive gift cards, scholarships to 4-H events, and other prizes.

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.





Below are selected highlights from the changes over the past year to Wisconsin 4-H Policies for specific projects and/or activities. To review all Wisconsin 4-H Policies please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>. As a reminder, all Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a staff member or an adult, 18 years of age or older, who is an enrolled and approved 4-H volunteer. The primary purpose of this process is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants (i.e., youth, their parents and families, volunteers, and staff.)

Animal Science Projects and Activities (Update)

Cloverbud project members, youth in grades 5K-2, may participate in small animal clinics, demonstrations, workshops or other non-competitive educational activities with one-on-one adult supervision. Cloverbud project members may observe large animal clinics, demonstrations, workshops or other non-competitive educational activities.

ATVs and UTVs (New Policy)

The use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and/or Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) by youth is prohibited at all 4-H meetings, activities and programs unless they meet ALL of the conditions outlined in the policy.

Bounce Houses and Moonwalks (New Policy)

The use of bounce houses and moonwalks is acceptable as a 4-H activity at a licensed organization/facility that follows the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Administrative Code SPS 334 and has trained staff who will provide supervision.

Challenge Course and Zip Lines (New Policy)

4-H members, participants, and volunteers may engage in challenge course or zip line activities at a facility that has been certified by the American Camping Association (ACA) or a facility that can produce documentation that has met the minimum standards as outlined by the ACA. More details listed in the actual policy.

Dog Project (New Policy)

This new policy outlines standards for dogs participating in the dog project including required vaccinations and types of acceptable equipment. The policy also provides staff and volunteers the authority to remove dogs that are determined to be dangerous or unmanageable.

Fishing and Ice Fishing (Updated)

Clarifies that PFDs are only required when wading in water that is more than ankle deep or when fishing at sites with swift current, steep banks, other hazardous conditions. It also outlines the procedures for conducting ice fishing activities.

Go-Karts (New Policy)

Youth may ride Go-Karts as a 4-H activity at a licensed organization/facility that follows the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Administrative Code SPS 334 and has trained staff who will provide supervision.

Horse Policy (Reminder)

All 4-H Horse project volunteers will annually agree to and sign the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Policy Acknowledgement Form via the online enrollment system or paper registration before they are approved to hold 4-H Horse Project riding or driving programs/activities. The supervising 4-H volunteer will immediately remove a participant from the 4-H Horse Project riding or driving project/activity if the 4-H volunteer determines that the 4-H member/participant exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury –OR– the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck.

Horseless Horse (New)

The new policy was developed to provide consistent guidance to 4-H volunteers and 4-H members enrolled in the Horseless Horse project. The policy was based on the guidance already provided by the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association for participation in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Expo.

Paddle Sports (Updated)

- All youth and adults must wear a properly-fit personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water.
- No lifeguard is required unless paddle sports activities are being conducted at a 4-H Camp. The reason for this exception is camp requirements are higher under ATCP 78
- An adult certified in first aid and CPR is required when youth are boating.

Paintball and Laser Tag (Reminder)

Paintball and Laser Tag are not approved 4-H activities.

Parades (Reminder)

All 4-H parade float drivers must be an enrolled and approved 4-H volunteer AND an authorized driver.

Skiing (Downhill) and Snowboarding (New Policy)

- 4-H clubs and groups may participate in downhill skiing and snowboarding at premises of a “ski area operator” as defined in Wisconsin Statute 167.33.
- 4-H youth leaders, adult volunteers and/or staff must develop a safety plan referring to the Alpine Activities tip sheet for additional information.

Sledding, Tubing and Tobogganing Policy (New Policy)

4-H sledding and/or tubing activities must take place on a hill designated by a local municipality or other government entity as approved for that purpose or on the premises of a “ski area operator” as defined in Wisconsin Statute 167.33 OR at a hill that can meet all the relevant safety standards listed below and is approved by the 4-H Program Educator. A visual inspection at the site of the hill must take place prior to approval.

- Participants may not ride near roads, wooded areas, or bodies of water.
- Ensure the path is clear of rocks, sticks, poles, ice, permanent obstacles, and other potential hazards.

Trampolines

The use of trampolines is not an approved 4-H activity.

Woodworking (New)

Basic safety standards and a new Wisconsin 4-H Woodworking Risk Management Tip Sheet for 4-H Volunteers and Members.

Updated Wisconsin 4-H Meeting Guidelines

As we learn more about the more infectious Delta variant of COVID-19, we continue to refine our program safety guidance in alignment with updated recommendations from the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).

For all Extension programs, we ask that individuals who are not fully vaccinated, including all youth under 12, wear a proper-fitting mask indoors. In [counties where there is substantial or high transmission](#), it is strongly recommended that all individuals (regardless of vaccination status) wear a mask when indoors. In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.

Although these are recommendations for all youth programs, in some circumstances masks may be required for programs (for example where youth are particularly vulnerable.) Accommodations for individual health situations can also be requested.

All individuals are encouraged to wear a mask in any program setting, indoor or outdoor, if they are more comfortable doing so.

While there is no limit on size of indoor or outdoor gatherings, maintaining 6 feet of physical distance from individuals outside your immediate household is highly recommended as a way to further reduce transmission risk. Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette are also important measures to keep individuals and our communities healthy.

We continue to require all staff, volunteers, and participants to stay home when they have signs of infectious illness.

All Extension staff, volunteers and programs should continue to follow [local public health guidance](#) in addition to Extension guidance.

Plarn Mat Service Learning Project



According to EarthDay.org, about one trillion single-use plastic bags are used every day in the U.S. This year's statewide Wisconsin 4-H service learning project involved putting plastic bags to good use and helping those in our community who are experiencing homelessness.

Youth involved in the Plarn Mats project learned how to create plastic yarn (plarn) from bags, and then crochet those bags into mats. The mats will be donated to local organizations. Thank you to all who participated in this fun and worthwhile service activity!



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 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 at sarah.weier@wisc.edu.



Foods Review & Clothing Preview



The Iowa County 4-H Foods Review was held on Monday, August 16th at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Thirteen Iowa County youth participated in this event and prepared meals such as veggie pizza, breakfast sundaes, and chili. Pictured left are the three Special Merit recipients: Scarlett Raab (grades 3-4); Leah Raab (grades 5-6); and Elyse Linscheid (grades 7-9).

The 2021 4-H Clothing Preview was held on Monday, August 23rd at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Entries included sewn sleepwear and jumpsuits to remodeled and recycled clothes. Eight 4-H members from across the county participated in the event. Shown to the right are the Clothing Preview Special Merit winners: Charity Oxnem, Maizey Strobush, Morgan Oxnem, and Rachel Heisner (also Emily Graber, not pictured).



Virtual Fall Forum 2021 - November 5-6



Registration is open for Fall Forum 2021 "Fourward Together"! This event is open to youth in 7th grade and up, adult volunteers, and 4-H Youth Development staff, and it offers an opportunity to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and to build excitement for the new 4-H year.

Over 25 educational sessions taught by youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff will be offered, including a presentation and workshops by keynote speaker, Chad Littlefield.

Registration can be done through 4-H Online and is open through Sunday, October 10th. Cost is \$30 and includes a t-shirt, which will be mailed to you. Register by October 1st to be entered into a drawing for 4-H prizes and fun learning tools!

Check out the website for more details & information: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

4-H Ambassadors

Congratulations to the 2022 4-H Ambassadors selected at interviews this summer. The seventeen youth are Emily Graber and Kelly Gaffney (Royalty), Ellie Ihm (Head), Luarianna Dannenberg (Heart), Emi McCarville (Hands), Alana McCarville (Health), Logan Eastman, Natalie Giddings, Bryce Grolbert, Evan Hathaway, Ella James, Erica Rose Lease, Abigail Murphy, Morgan Oxnem, Emma Steffes, Jadyn Swinehart, and Kristina Vinger.



Emily



Kelly



Ellie



Laurianna



Emi



Alana



Logan



Natalie



Bryce



Evan



Ella



Erica Rose



Abigail



Morgan

Thank you to Potterton Rule and Farmers Savings Bank for supporting our Ambassadors!



Emma



Jadyn



Kristina



Open to 4-H'ers in Iowa and Lafayette Counties!

4-H Bingo

Can you find the location and answer the clue? Go for a "blackout" and win a prize! For extra chances, submit a picture of you at each location to sarah.weier@wisc.edu



Made possible with a Mineral Point Community Chest Grant

Scan here to submit your answers:



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Deadline is October 25th!

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