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The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January-February 2023



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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January

- 6** Last Day to Register for Cloverbud and Grade 3-6 Discovery Boxes
- 9** 7pm Virtual Animal Science: Quiz and Knowledge Teams
- 15** Camp Counselor Training, 2-4pm at the Platteville Public Library
- 15** Archery Practice, 4-6pm at the Tri-County Archery Club, Platteville
- 17** Cloverbud Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm
- 23** Leaders Association/Council Meeting (if needed), 7pm at HHS Building
- 24** Grade 3-6 Box Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm
- 31** Cloverbud Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm

February

- 4** Project Learning Day, 9 to noon at HHS Building, Dodgeville
- 6** Virtual Animal Science: Beef Evaluation and Cookery, 7pm
- 7** Grade 3-6 Box Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm
- 12** Archery Practice, 4-6pm at the Tri-County Archery Club, Platteville
- 14** Cloverbud Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm
- 20** March/April Clover Connection Newsletter Article Deadline
- 21** Grade 3-6 Box Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm
- 25** State Dairy Quiz Bowl, Green Bay
- 28** Cloverbud Discovery Box ZOOM, 6pm

March

- 1** International 4-H Summer Inbound Host Applications DUE
- 6** Virtual Animal Science: Reproduction Technologies, 7pm
- 12** Archery Practice, 4-6pm at the Tri-County Archery Club, Platteville
- 15** Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships Applications DUE, 5pm
- 19** Day in Arts, 1pm at Mineral Point High School
- 25** Livestock Quiz Bowl, UW-Madison
- 27** Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm at HHS Building
- TBD** Iowa County Fair Beef Steer ID and Weigh-In
- TBD** Horse Kick Off Meeting
- TBD** State 4-H Art Beat, Grades 3-5, Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells

Archery Practice Information

There will be indoor Archery/shooting sports practice opportunities at Tri-County Archery Club in Platteville this year during the winter. Youth must be members of Iowa County 4-H and enrolled in the Archery or Shooting Sports projects in order to attend.



Practices will be offered on January 15th, February 12th, March 12th, and April 16th from 4-6pm each night. If you do not have your own equipment, please plan on being there at 3pm the first night to get your equipment set up. The club is located at 9145 Co Line Rd, Platteville, WI 53818. Space is available for drivers/adults to stay if they want.

If you plan on attending any of these events, please complete the online survey found here: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4DW5evTOjZuOge or scan the QR code.



Free Activities to Spark Kids' Curiosity



Sign up to download any (or all!) of our 4-H at Home Activity Guides for **over 150** fun, hands-on, educational activities for kids of all ages. Learn how to save and pay for college, bake delicious holiday cookies, cook healthy meals, harness the power of mindfulness, and more!

Our new online learning platform, CLOVER by 4-H, will be launching in early 2023! Complete form on website to stay up-to-date on launch plans and to be invited for early access to the new platform. Scan the QR code to begin!



SMART Goal Success Rewarded

Wisconsin 4-H promotes celebrating your successes through the offering of grants to clubs and groups that met their 2021 Charter SMART goals. Awards amounts were determined based on the level of youth involvement throughout the SMART goal process, including goal planning, actionable steps, and objectives to reach the goal, and the goal achievement celebration plans.



Five Point 4-H club was awarded **\$150**. Only 24 clubs across Wisconsin were awarded grants. Congratulations!

International 4-H Inbound Hosting

Konnichiwa – Hola – Guten Tag!

Wisconsin 4-H plans to welcome 20-30 young people from Japan from July 23-August 17, and possibly a smaller delegation from Costa Rica, Norway, and Mexico from mid-June to mid-July. The majority of delegates are between 12-16 years old and will be matched with a family who has a young person of similar age and gender. More detailed information about the host family application process can be found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/international/host/>. Application deadline is March 1st.



Horse Project News



A big shout-out to the Iowa County Horse Judging team that earned the opportunity to represent Wisconsin at the 4-H Eastern National Horse Round-up held at NAILE in Louisville, KY. Team members included Kristina Vinger, Landen Leibfried, and Jacob Barnett and were coached by Deena Vinger and Sami Longseth. The team did a great job and said they learned some valuable skills. Congratulations team!

Iowa County 4-H Horse members were well represented at the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Fall Conference held at UW-River Falls. Jessica Vinger received the State 4-H Sr. All Around Champion Award. June Spurley received the State 4-H Jr. Reserve Champion Award. Kristina Vinger received one of the State 4-H Sportsmanship Awards.



Horse Quiz Bowl Practices will start in January on Sundays at 6 p.m. at the Health and Human Service Bldg. Let Deena know if you are interested in participating dvinger@rv3d.com or 608-574-5453. State 4-H Horse Bowl is May 13 held at the Dodge County Fairgrounds.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2023. ***To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 5:00 pm.*** Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 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.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should 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 2023-2024 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

For more information, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship website here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>. A link to an information sheet is also posted on our website.

Summer Academy

Join Wisconsin 4-H on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, June 19-22, 2023. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Sign up to learn what it takes to have a career or a hobby in several SPARK areas, including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more! There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of Wisconsin.

There will be seven content tracks for the 2023 Summer Academy, with youth able to select their track and receive an engaging experience in their content area. The seven tracks for 2023 are Arts & Communication, Leadership & Civic Engagement, Agriculture & Animal Sciences, STEM, Hospitality/Culinary, Construction/ Trades, and Human Services.

More information will be coming soon about Summer Academy...stay tuned!

Project Learning Day

Project Learning Day will be on **Saturday, February 4, 2023** at the HHS building in Dodgeville. The morning will consist of 50-minute session for Iowa County 4-H members to learn a new skill, explore a project area, or make a project ready to exhibit at the fair.



Animal Quiz Bowl - Join Blue Ribbon 4-H Club in learning about a quiz competition, asking questions on dairy, beef, swine, horses, sheep, and meat goats. Quiz bowl is a great opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of animal science related subject matter. While it might be too late to join this year's competition teams, this session may encourage you want to sign up next year! *(12 people per session maximum)*

Nutritious Snack Mix Activity Session - Join Donna Peterson as she make a nutritious snack that you can then make at home. This is a hands-on activity creating a snack mix using a variety of snack foods. *(10 people per session maximum)*



Handmade Bookmarks - Create your own bookmark with Pleasant View 4-H. These are not your typical bookmarks...these will mark the pages in your favorite books for years to come! *(10 people per session maximum; grades 2 and up. Youth in grades 2-4 will need to be accompanied by an adult or older sibling to assist)*

Easy Science Experiments - Join Red Barn 4-H Club in having hands-on fun with some easy science experiments, including a make-and-take Oobleck, a magic leak-proof bag, dancing raisins, magic milk, and sugar water rainbows. *(15 people per session maximum)*



Picture Frame Art - Join the Five Point 4-H Club in creating a piece of art for your picture frame. Buttons, fabric, or whatever else we have on hand. *(10 people per session maximum)*

Valentines Day Necklaces - Join the Country Cardinals 4-H club to make your very own Valentine's Day necklace! Jewels, decals...we will have all the goodies to make your unique piece your own. This session will be best suited for Cloverbuds or interested younger members. *(15 people per session maximum)*



Cereal Box Collage - After reading Cereal Box Collage by Michael Albert, you will start making your own collage from an empty cereal box under the guidance of Sarah Weier. The artwork will need to be finished at home. *(8 people per session maximum)*

Introduction to Raspberry Pi - Tony Weier, Iowa County 4-H alumni, will show you how to get started with a Raspberry Pi. Raspberry Pi is a small, inexpensive, single-board computer to learn basic computer science skills. This session is best for youth in grade 5 and older. An adult is encouraged to accompany younger youth. *(8 people per session maximum)*



Project Learning Day

Project Learning Day Registration Form

Name: _____

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices for sessions per time slot:

Session 1 9-9:50	Session 2 10-10:50	Session 3 11-11:50
Handmade Bookmarks _____	Nutritious Snacks _____	Nutritious Snacks _____
Animal Quiz Bowl _____	Valentines Necklaces _____	Cereal Box Collage _____
Easy Science Experiments _____	Easy Science Experiments _____	Intro to Raspberry Pi's _____
Cereal Box Collage _____	Picture Frame Art _____	Picture Frame Art _____

Please note that sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If your first choice is already full, you will be placed in your second choice. If both are filled, you will be placed in an available session.

Please return this registration form to Extension Iowa County, Attn Tom Harman, 303 W Chapel St, Suite 1200, Dodgeville, WI 53533 **by January 30, 2023**. You may also take a photo of this registration form and send it via email to tom.harman@iowacounty.org.

2023 Conservation Poster Contest - One Water

The annual NACD and NACD Auxiliary Poster Contest provides students from kindergarten through 12th grade the chance to have their art displayed as part of a national conservation outreach initiative. The contest starts at the district level; winners advance to the state level, and then to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

The poster contest is open to public, private and home-schooled students. The top three posters in each category of the national contest will receive monetary prizes. First-place winners will receive \$200; second place winners will receive \$150 and third place winners will receive \$100.

Posters are due to the county by January 13th (see below). For more details and the entry form, visit their website: <https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/>

CONTEST RULES

- Poster size shall be 12"x 18" or 14"x 22".
- The 2023 National Contest Theme, One Water, must be written on each poster.
- All posters shall be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students.
- Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials. Hand drawn only. (Computer-generated posters will not be accepted)
- To be eligible for judging, each poster must have a completed and signed entry form attached on back.

**Posters
Due to
County**

- Date: January 13, 2023
- To: Sarah Hovis, Conservation Technician
- Location: 303 W. Chapel St, STE 2100 Dodgeville
- Contact Info: 608-930-9894



Art Camp Experiences



Art Camp was a great leadership experience for all different types of people, even if you aren't interested in art. During Art Camp, we participated in many diverse experiences, such as the photography track, where we learned about perspective. In the theater track we learned vocal exercises and fun acting tactics to help improve your acting skills. We also learned about the importance of teamwork and team spirit.
~Autumn Robb, Pleasant View 4-H Club

The 2022 state-wide 4-H Arts Camp was so much fun! It was held October 21-22 and was located at Upham woods in Wisconsin Dells. My favorite arts track was the theater arts class because we put on funny skits! We also learned about other kinds of art. I made some new friends there. Yay fun! ("Yay Fun" was a common cheer we did at camp!) I recommend more kids go in the future to experience 4-H Arts Camp, too.

~Makenna Gilbertson, Blue Ribbon 4-H Club

UW-Madison Science Opportunities



Where can you experience science as exploring the unknown? Discover UW-Madison's "Science Expeditions" open house April 14-16, 2023. Come to campus. Connect with the people, places, and programs in STEM at your public land-grant university. Chat with scientists, try your hand at Exploration Stations, and tour labs. Learn about agriculture, engineering, liberal arts & sciences, design technologies and health sciences.

It's free for everybody. Mark your calendars today. Watch for more information and schedules at www.science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions

There will also be a UW Family Gardening Day taking place on May 6th. Details are not out on that yet, but check back at their website for more details: www.science.wisc.edu/family-gardening-day/

**UW Family
Gardening
Day** 

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Programming

2023 Wisconsin Youth Livestock programming includes 3 virtual animal sciences sessions:

January 9th - How to get involved in Judging & Knowledge Teams, 7pm. Speakers/panelists: Bernie O'Rourke, Scott Howard, Stephanie Witberler, and Liz Gartman

February 6th – Beef Evaluation and Cookery, 7pm

March 6th – Reproduction Technologies in Animal Sciences, 7pm

For more details and to register, follow this link: <https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/animal-sciences-virtual-education-series/>



The Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) will host group tours of the facility on the following 2023 dates: January 28th, February 25th, and April 29th. You must email Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@wisc.edu to coordinate your trip to campus. Participants will see the new building and learn more about aspects of meat and food science. A small fee for frocks, hairnets, and booties will be assessed per participant.

<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>

Re-Enrollment Drawing Winners

Thank you to everyone who re-enrolled in Iowa County 4-H by December 1st! All names were put into a drawing for prizes, such as Culver's gift cards and 4-H swag. Congratulations to these 4-H'ers who were randomly drawn to receive a prize! If you have not yet picked up or received your prize, please stop by the Extension Office in Dodgeville or contact Tom at (608) 930-9850.

Brantley Batton
Brooklyn Casper
Alleigh Culver
Quayde Doyle
Naydeen Gilbertson
Blake Hathaway
Ella Horsfall
Michaela Howard
Joss James

Tatum Johnson
Mackenzie Liddicoat
George Linscheid
Maddie Mumm
Cyntanah Nafzger
Dawson Pete
Alyssa Peterson
Rex Poppe
Harlei Rochon
Aiden Sauer

Payton Schaaf
Blake Schauff
Luke Schubert
Julia Searls
Zander Simenson
Isaac Steele
Jadyn Swinehart
Owen Tassoul
Owen Tiber



Thrive Survey Drawing Winners



46 Iowa County 4-H members completed the Thrive Survey! Thank you to everyone who participated. Congratulations to **Breken Blackford-Hesselberg**, whose name was drawn by Wisconsin 4-H to win an Amazon gift card! In addition, these 4-H'ers were randomly selected to receive Culver's gift cards: **Jenna James, Alexandra Kleist, Abigail Murphy, and Morgan Oxnem**. Congratulations! You may pick your Culver's gift card up at the Extension Office in Dodgeville, or call Tom at (608) 930-9850 if you would like it mailed to you.

Club News

COBB BUSY BADGER CLUB NEWS by Natalie Mayne, Reporter

12/11/22 - For the December Cobb Busy Badger meeting, we met at the Dodgeville Walmart to go Christmas shopping for the families we adopted. We separated into four groups to shop. After shopping, we went back to the community center and wrapped the presents we bought at Walmart. Members delivered the gifts to be distributed. After we finished wrapping, we had a short meeting and discussed upcoming events. In the end, we enjoyed goldfish, cookies, and milk. Our next meeting is January 8 at 6:30pm.



REWEY LUCKY STARS CLUB NEWS by Blake Schauff and Tucker Leix, Reporters

On Sunday December 11, the Rewey Lucky Stars 4-H Club had their December meeting. We discussed a recreational event to be held sometime in the next few months. We decided to go to a Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game vs. the Waterloo Black Hawks on January 21.

We also elected new officers. Makaya McCarthy moved up to President. Owen Wyatt was elected Vice-President. Cole Schauff was elected Treasurer. Alayna Enloe is our new Secretary. Tucker Leix and Blake Schauff were elected as our Reporters. We frosted and ate cookies at the end of our meeting.

*Does your club have news that you would like to have featured in the Clover Connection newsletter?
Contact Tom Harman at tom.harman@iowacounty.org!*

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