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IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

July/August 2023



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July

- 7 Ambassador Applications Due
- 8-9 Farmers Appreciation Days, Dodgeville
- 15 Horse Showmanship Clinic @ Iowa County Fairgrounds (9am-Noon)
- 15 Horsemanship Clinic @ Iowa County Fairgrounds (1-4pm)
- 16 Trail Clinic @ Iowa County Fairgrounds (9am-Noon)
- 17 Ambassador Banquet
- 20 Cloverbud Day Camp, Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 22 Summer Project Learning Day, Iowa County Fairgrounds

August

- 1 Fair Entry Deadline
- 3 Foods Review @ Iowa County Law Enforcement Center
- 10 Clothing Preview @ HHS Building
- 26 Wisconsin State 4-H Agility Dog Show, Middleton
- 30 Face-to-Face Judging at Iowa County Fairgrounds (Ceramics, ALL Mechanical Science, and Child Development), 2:00pm to 7:00pm
- 31 Iowa County Fair Begins (through 9/4)

September

- 1 Club Financial Reports Due
- 1 4-H Registration for 2023-2024 Opens in 4H Online
- 9-10 State 4-H Gymkhana Horse Competition, State Fair Park
- 15-17 State 4-H Horse Expo, State Fair Park
- 25 Leaders Association Meeting



Meet the Summer Intern



Hello Iowa County 4-H members,

My name is Tamra Ihm, and I am the 2023 Iowa County Extension Summer Intern. I am currently a junior at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. I am majoring in Dairy Science with an Agricultural Business Management certificate. My 4-H background includes being a member of the Mounds View 4-H Club and a 4-H Ambassador. During my time in 4-H, I exhibited dairy, swine, rabbits, and many different projects in the exhibit hall. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at different 4-H events throughout the summer!

Horse Project News

The Iowa County 4-H Horse Project members performed extremely well at the State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Quiz Bowl, and Hippology on May 12-13. They brought home many ribbons. Congratulations to all who participated!

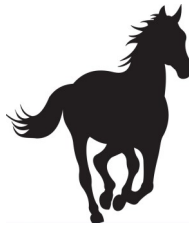
SPEAKING CONTEST

Grand – Sr. Team Illustrated Talk – Jake Barnett & Kris Vinger
Grand – Sr. Individual Illustrated Talk – Austin Shearer
Top Ten – Sr. Individual Illustrated Talk – Kris Vinger
Reserve Grand – Sr. Public Speaking – Jake Barnett
Top Ten – Jr. Individual Illustrated Talk – June Spurley
Reserve Grand – Beg. Individual Illustrated Talk – Sadie Spurley



HIPPOLOGY

Reserve Grand Jr. – June Spurley
Top Ten – Taylor Durst



HORSE BOWL

Sr. Team Top Ten – Jake Barnett, Kris Vinger & Austin Shearer
Jr. Team Top Ten – Taylor Durst, June Spurley, Raelee Hampton & Sadie Spurley
Jr. Top Ten Individual Points – Taylor Durst & June Spurley



CALENDAR:

Open Rides at the Iowa County Fairgrounds: July 5, July 10, July 21, July 24
July 15 – Horse Showmanship Clinic at Iowa County Fairgrounds from 9 am-Noon
July 15 – Horsemanship Clinic at Iowa County Fairgrounds from 1-4 pm
July 16 – Trail Clinic at Iowa County Fairgrounds from 9-Noon



Iowa County Fair Information



Face-to-face judging for this year's Iowa County Fair will take place on Wednesday, August 30th from 2:00pm until 7:00pm. Projects that will be judged face-to-face will be **Ceramics, Child Development, and ALL Mechanical Science**. Exhibitors may come anytime within the time frame to be judged.

Youth who are bringing **farm sets/dioramas** may bring them beginning at 1:30pm on Wednesday, August 30th to start setting up.

Entries for the Iowa County Fair are due August 1st, 2023. Late entries received after August 1st will be charged a **\$100** late entry fee. There will be absolutely **NO** entries accepted after **August 6th**.

To enter your projects for the fair:

- Go to <https://fairentree.com/Fair/SignIn/17884> (there is also a link on the "Exhibits" tab of the Iowa County Fair website)
- Select "Sign in with 4HOnline"
- Enter your 4H Online login information, then you may begin entering your projects

Please contact Clarisa Lindholm at (608) 574-0284 with any fair entry questions.

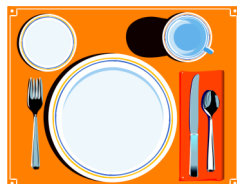
Foods Review & Clothing Preview

Those who wish to participate in either or both of these events must enter these projects (**Foods Review-Department 25** and/or **Clothing Preview-Department 26**) with your fair entries...see information above regarding how to enter your fair entries. Please enter these projects sooner rather than later so we can know how many will be participating and what we will need for judges.

Foods Review: Thursday, August 3rd at the Law Enforcement Center in Dodgeville

Clothing Preview: Thursday, August 10th at the HHS Building in Dodgeville (note: this is a different location than what was listed in the email that was sent in early May; we had to change locations due to a scheduling conflict at the original location)

Please take a moment to review the 2023 Fair Book pages for these two departments, as there have been changes to requirements and what is allowed. Copies of these pages were sent with the emails that were sent out on May 9th, or the Fair Book can be found online at the Iowa County Fair website (in the Exhibits section).



Project Learning Day

Project Learning Day will be on **Saturday, July 22, 2023** at the Iowa County Fairgrounds in Mineral Point. The morning will consist of 50-minute sessions 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.



Cookie Decorating – Clyde-Go-Getters 4-H Club. There will be a \$3 cost for this session. (10-12 people per session)

Mixed Media Art – Coon Rock 4-H Club (12 people per session maximum)



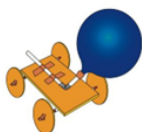
Pom Pom Cactuses – County Line 4-H Club (10 people per session maximum)

Woodworking 101 – Learn the basics of woodworking with the Jonesdale Jays 4-H Club. There will be a \$5 cost for this session. (10 people per session maximum)



Air Plant Terrarium – Rewey Lucky Stars 4-H Club (10-12 people per session)

Flower Planting/Fair Grounds Maintenance – Up and Over 4-H Club. There will be a \$5 cost for this session. (10-12 people per session)



Ballon Powered Car – Rockwell Mills 4-H Club (10 people per session maximum)

Pedal Tractor Pulls – Cobb Busy Badgers 4-H Club (10-12 people per session)



Ice Cream Making – Mounds View 4-H Club (10-12 people per session)

To register, please call Tamra at the Iowa County Extension Office (608-930-9854) or email her at UW.Intern@iowacounty.org. **The deadline to register is Monday, July 17th.** Please tell her your 1st and 2nd choices for sessions for each time slot:

Session 1 (9-9:50)

Cookie Decoration
Pom Pom Cactuses
Air Plant Terrarium
Flower Planting/Maint.
Pedal Tractor Pulls

Session 2 (10-10:50)

Cookie Decoration
Pom Pom Cactuses
Air Plant Terrarium
Flower Planting/Maint.
Pedal Tractor Pulls

Session 3 (11-11:50)

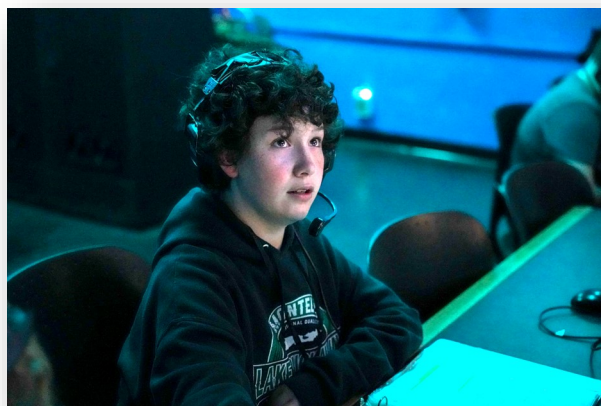
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Space Camp 2023



In late April, Wisconsin sent a delegation of 4-H youth to Huntsville, Alabama to take part in Space Camp's Pathfinder program. What exactly is Space Camp? Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's a camp experience for youth in grades 6-8 where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! This program is a 3-day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities, including a simulated space mission with a team of other 4-Hers (including roles at mission control, on the ISS, in a space shuttle, and on the surface of the moon), a variety of Space Simulators, learning about space exploration and astronaut life in museum tours guided by a Space Camp expert, and more!

This year, Riley Reynolds from the Five Point 4-H Club participated in this amazing experience. "My favorite parts of Space Camp were the scavenger hunt, meeting new friends, the rides (specifically Moon Shot), learning about rockets, and the Apollo space ships. It was neat to travel to states that I haven't been to before. I suggest all 4-Hers to sign up for this event!"



Interested in attending Space Camp in 2024? Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. Registration through 4-H Online usually opens around mid-November and is limited to about 100 youth state-wide (a wait list will be created after that cap is reached). Cost is approximately \$900, which includes coach bus travel and participation fees at Space Camp (scholarships are typically available to offset some of the cost). In order to attend, youth must be 4-H members in grades 6-8 (with a maximum age of 15 at time of trip), currently enrolled in 4-H, and carry county approval through time of trip. Enrollment in 4-H Aerospace project is not required, and youth may only attend Space Camp once as a delegate.



4-H Camp at Upham Woods



From June 20-23, 75 4-H youth from Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette counties attended 4-H camp at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

The campers went on several hikes throughout the week, which included hikes to Sunset Rock and around Blackhawk Island. There was plenty of time spent on the lake as well, whether it was canoeing, swimming, or experiencing the exciting Wildthing Jet Boat tours! The campers also had many opportunities at camp to get creative with arts and crafts. A couple of the camp favorites included tie-dyeing a camp t-shirt and making anti-gravity lava lamps.



Throughout the week, the campers learned about many different species, the environment, and the history of Upham Woods through activities led by the Upham Woods naturalists. Each night ended with a campfire that included camp songs and skits performed by the 11 outstanding youth counselors we had join us from Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette counties.

It was a great time, and we look forward to going back again next year!

Area Animal Science Days

On Friday, June 16th, youth from around the state attended Area Animals Science Days at the Iowa County Fair Grounds. The youth had the opportunity to judge dairy cattle, the seniors had to then also give oral arguments for their placings. Thank you to all the youth who attended and all the people involved to organize such a great event for the youth of Wisconsin!



Fundraising Opportunity



Dairyland Dare

Summer is here, which means **Dairyland Dare is back!** The Dairyland Dare is a bicycle ride/race through the Dodgeville area and surrounding communities. The race will be on Saturday August 5th this year, and there are many open volunteer positions that can be found at [Dairyland Dare Volunteer Registration \(runsignup.com\)](https://runsignup.com/DairylandDare). All volunteers can earn \$20 for their non profit group or charity! "Bring your family, friend, sister or neighbor...we need all of the help we can get to make this one the best yet!"

Iowa County 4-H Club News

PLEASANT VIEW 4-H CLUB NEWS by Hunter Robb, Reporter



April - The Pleasant View 4-H Club made dog toys for the Iowa County Humane Society. The club delivered the toys to the Iowa County Humane Society at the April meeting. We also had our April meeting at the Iowa County Humane Society. At our April meeting, we talked about the Farmer's Day Parade Stand and the Iowa County Fair volunteer opportunities.

PLEASANT VIEW 4-H CLUB NEWS by EJ Chapman, Reporter

May - The May meeting of the Pleasant View 4-H Club was held at the Pete's. The meeting started by taking attendance. Then, they discussed their budget and the food stand for the Iowa county fair. Then, the potted flowers to give to the churches in the area.



They talked about the food stands for the fair and they decided that they were going to run the water stand. Then they decided to make plant baskets for the fair. A finance report was presented. They were able to transfer the money to a savings account to earn more interest.

For the potted plant project, they decided who to give the potted plants by taking a vote. They decided that they would give the plants to the local churches. The club split into groups and each group had 3-4 people and 1 pot. They were given a variety of flowers to choose from.



COBB BUSY BADGER 4-H CLUB NEWS by Natalie Mayne, Reporter

At the June meeting we talked about old business and Project Learning Day that will be held on July 22. Our club will be holding a pedal tractor pull at project learning day. We did the newsletter report in which we talked about Cloverbud day, signing up to be an ambassador, and 4-H camp. We had Laura Daniels come and do a presentation about the different careers in the agriculture field. The club approved the purchase of t-shirts for members. Espn submitted a design for the t-shirts. Demonstrations were done by Clara, Maggie, Kristina, Rex, June, and Myah. After that the meeting was adjourned.



The Five Point 4-H Club held their June meeting at Kate's Bait just outside Dodgeville. Before the official meeting, they were given a presentation about fishing, including fish identification, reel types, bait, knots, casting, and more. Afterwards, as a wrap-up to June Dairy Month, each person in attendance was treated by the club to a scoop of ice cream! Thanks to Kate's Bait for sharing their time and expertise!



*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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