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Iowa County 4-H Clover Connection

August 2025

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2025

17 - Clothing Review, HHS Building 1PM

22 - Club Annual Financial Reports DUE

27-31 - Iowa County Fair

September 2025

1 - Iowa County Fair

26 - Junior Leaders Applications Due

22 - Leaders Association Meeting, 6pm

October 2025

5 - Junior Leaders Banquet, HHS Building

5-11 National 4-H Week

31 - Record Books & Awards Due to County

31 - Fall Forum

November 2025

1 - 4-H Re-enrollment for All DUE in 4-H Online

1 - Annual Club Charter Renewal Due Online

7 - Travel Experience, Awards, and Scholarships Applications Due to the Extension Office

17- Leaders Association Meeting, 6pm

December 2025

1 - 4-H Re-enrollment DUE Online

7 - Iowa County 4-H Awards Day

4-H Leaders
Upcoming Meeting:
Mon. Sept. 22nd
6PM HHS Building
Dodgeville

4-H Leaders
Upcoming Meeting:
Mon. Nov. 17th
6PM HHS Building
Dodgeville

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4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle



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IOWA COUNTY 4-H

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BB GUN & AIR RIFLE PROJECT



Iowa County Fairgrounds
900 Fair St.
Mineral Point, WI 53565

PRACTICE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- APRIL 27 @ 5PM
- MAY 4 @ 5 PM
- MAY 11 @ 5PM
- MAY 18 @ 5PM

PRACTICE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- JULY 27 @ 5PM
- AUG. 3 @ 5PM
- AUG. 10 @ 5PM
- AUG. 17 @ 5PM



We are looking forward to a new year of shooting. For those enrolled in the project we will be holding practices starting in April. Practices will be held at 5 pm.



If you have any questions please contact Don Kreul at 608.574.2693

4-H Dog Project



IOWA COUNTY 4-H



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DOG PROJECT



Iowa County Fairgrounds
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Mineral Point, WI 53565



ALL PRACTICES START
AT 5:30PM

SUNDAY

PRACTICE DATES:

- JUNE 22
- JUNE 29
- JULY 13
- JULY 20
- JULY 27
- AUG. 3
- AUG. 10
- AUG. 17
- AUG. 24

MONDAY

PRACTICE DATES:

- JUNE 23
- JUNE 30
- JULY 14
- JULY 21
- JULY 28
- AUG. 4
- AUG. 11
- AUG. 18
- AUG. 25

We are looking forward to a new year of dog practices. For those enrolled in the project we will be holding practices starting in April. Practices will be held at 5 pm.

If you have any questions please contact Pam Pishion at 608.574.5152

Archery Project



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ARCHERY PROJECT



Iowa County Fairgrounds
900 Fair St.
Mineral Point, WI 53565

PRACTICE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- MAY 12 @ 6-7PM
- JUNE 16 @ 6-7PM
- JULY 21 @ 6-7PM
- AUG. 18 @ 6-7PM



If you have any questions please contact
Leah McDonald at 608.558.9302 or
leah.holmes@hotmail.com.

We are looking forward
to a new year of
shooting. For those
enrolled in the project
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practices starting in
May.

4-H Cloverbud Day



It was a moo-velous day for our youngest 4-H members as Iowa County 4-H hosted a special "Down on the Farm" Cloverbud Day at the Iowa County HHS Building!

Cloverbuds, youth in grades K-2, spent the day exploring life on the farm through fun and hands-on activities designed just for them. The day included a STEM challenge to build mini barns, farm-themed crafts, music, storytime, and a special barnyard-themed snack break. Youth even enjoyed a Pizza Hut lunch party and had the opportunity to showcase what they learned for their families.

Each participant received a personalized certificate celebrating their hard work and imagination during their time "on the farm." The event helped build confidence and connection among Iowa County's youngest 4-H members, encouraging them to grow in their journey through the 4-H program.

A BIG thank you goes out to Julia Harman of Five Point 4-H Club, Laura and Briceson Anderson of the Country Cardinals 4-H Club, and Livia and Quayde Doyle of the Jonesdale Jays 4-H Club for helping run and plan the event.



Extension Office

UPDATE

As some of you may already know, Tom Harman, our office assistant, has accepted a new position with Iowa County and will no longer be working in the Iowa County Extension Office.

Please Note: Our Office Door is Now Locked During the Day

If you need to drop something off or stop by, please arrange a time in advance and let the appropriate staff member know. There may not always be someone in the Extension Office during the day. Thank you for your understanding!

We don't know if or when they may be filling this position, but for now please direct all inquiries directly to Dan at 608-930-9850 or dan.brandt@wisc.edu.

As some of you may already know as well, due to recent county budget cuts, we will not have an intern assisting us this year. While we know the extra help has been valuable in past summers, we are committed to continuing our programming and events with enthusiasm and dedication. We appreciate your understanding and support as we adjust to this change. As always, your involvement is what makes our work possible, and we are grateful for everything you do to support youth and families in Iowa County.

Iowa County 4-H Junior Leaders

IOWA COUNTY 4-H



Become an Iowa County 4-H Junior Leader

This new program is open to all 7th–12th grade 4-H youth and is designed to be more youth-led and self-directed. Members will have the opportunity to elect their own officers and will work together to determine the activities and events they'd like to support and participate in throughout the year.

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The Iowa County 4-H Junior Leaders Association aims to:

Apply by Friday, Sept. 19th



- ✓ Encourage teamwork and collaboration
- ✓ Cultivate leadership skills
- ✓ Foster civic engagement
- ✓ Serve as mentors and role models
- ✓ Support 4-H program growth
- ✓ Enhance youth representation

Scan the QR Code or go to the following google forms link to apply:

<https://forms.gle/mXSNkA3u8gP5vUbQ6>



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4-H Exploration Day



Iowa County 4-H youth rolled up their sleeves and dove into hands-on fun and learning at Project Learning Day held on Saturday, July 12. The event brought together young people from across the county to explore a variety of creative and skill-building workshops designed to spark curiosity and develop new talents.

Participants had the chance to express themselves through art, science, fashion, food, and more. Sessions included:

- Pouring with Color - Youth explored abstract art techniques using acrylic pouring.
- Resin Creations - Members learned how to safely work with resin to make custom resin coaster.
- Juggling Junction - A lively session teaching coordination and persistence through the art of juggling.
- Tile Picture Tales - Participants created personalized tile artwork.
- Fashion Forward - Young designers explored clothing design and expression through wearable art.
- Bite Into Foods Review - A hands-on look at what is all involved for foods review at the fair.
- All That Glitters - Sparkling crafts let youth play with shimmer and shine while making unique projects.
- Get Your Motor Runnin' - Youth explored mechanical principles and design through motors and movement-based experiments.

AFR Workshops



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW (AFR) SESSIONS



IMPORTANT

**AFR's are DUE
Monday, Aug. 25
at the
Extension Office**

Session Options:

 Tuesday, July 29 | ⌚ 5:00–7:00 PM



 Tuesday, August 5 | ⌚ 5:00–7:00 PM

 Health and Human Services (HHS)
Building, Dodgeville

Iowa County 4-H is hosting two Annual Financial Review (AFR) sessions to support all club leaders responsible for finances. These sessions are a great opportunity to work on and complete your AFR with guidance and support available.

Bring your club's financial records, checkbooks, and any necessary documentation. Whether you're new to the process or just want extra support, this is a great way to get it done and get signatures if needed in one sitting!



Please RSVP by emailing Dan or calling the office at 608-935-9850 if you plan to attend so we can prepare materials accordingly.

4-H Sign Making Class



4-H SIGN MAKING CLASS

Join us for a festive Fall & Halloween Sign-Making Workshop where youth will get creative designing and painting their very own seasonal signs! From spooky ghosts to cheerful pumpkins and cozy autumn sayings, each sign will be a one-of-a-kind creation to take home and display. Parents are welcome too! Sign up to make your own sign or team up with your child for a fun fall activity you can enjoy together. No experience needed – just come ready to create!

August 12th 5-7pm at HHS Building in Dodgeville

<https://forms.gle/SGsKXMzWPCBz98bo7>

To sign up for this class simply copy the google form link or scan the QR Code and sign up by Aug. 6th. Space is limited to 15 spots.



Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

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Wisconsin 4-H Arts Camp



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**WISCONSIN
4HARTS**

ARTS CAMP



**OCTOBER
4-5**



**UPHAM
WOODS,
WISCONSIN
DELLS**



**YOUTH IN
GRADES
6-8**



REGISTER BY AUG 29:

NEW Enrollment Deadline

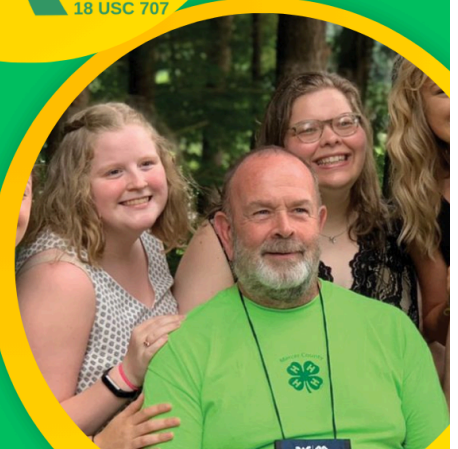
4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

ALL ENROLLMENTS
NOW DUE
NOVEMBER 1ST

Starting this year, November 1st is the statewide enrollment deadline for ALL 4-H youth and volunteers in Wisconsin. Be sure to log in and sign up before then to join all the fun.

Why Enroll in 4-H?

- ☀ Build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills
- 🔍 Explore your interests through hands-on projects in STEM, arts, agriculture, and more
- 🎪 Participate in fun events, camps, and fairs
- 👫 Make new friends and connect with your community
- 🕒 Discover your spark and grow your confidence
- 🎓 Gain experiences that help with college and job readiness
- 💚 Be part of Wisconsin's largest youth development program!



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Iowa County Fair News

Iowa County Fair Schedule 2025

Harvesting Memories

The schedule is subject to change.

Visit lowacountyfair.com or follow on facebook at Iowa County Fair-Wisconsin for more information.

Wednesday, AUGUST 27, 2025

12pm-5pm Dioramas may begin to be set up - Exhibit Bldg.
 2pm- 7pm - Face-to-Face Judging - Exhibit Bldg. (Ceramics, Leathercraft, Theatre Arts-Dept 19; Woodworking - Dept 22; Scale Models-Dept 24; Foods and Nutrition, Food Preservation-Dept 25; Clothing Construction, Consumer Savvy -Dept 26)
 2pm - 7pm - Check-in for exhibits-Exhibit Bldg.
 2pm - 6pm - Poultry check-in - Sm. Animal Pavilion
 5pm - 8pm - JR. Rabbit check-in - Rabbit barn
 5pm - 7pm - Sheep check-in - Sheep/Goat Barn
 6pm - 7pm - Goat check-in - Sheep/Goat Barn
 6:30pm - 9pm Swine check/weigh-in- Swine Barn

Thursday, August 28, 2025

8am - 10am - Swine check/weigh-in - Swine Barn
 8am - 10am - Check-in for exhibits- Exhibit Bldg.
 8am - 4pm - JR. Rabbit check-in- Rabbit Barn
 10:30 am - Judging begins in Exhibit Building
 12pm - 2:30pm - Dairy check-in - Schimming Bldg
 1pm - 2:30pm - Beef weigh-in, Schimming. Bldg.
 1pm Jr. Meat Goat Show - Sheep/Goat barn
 2pm Jr. Poultry Show - Sm. Animal Pavilion
 2:30pm Jr. Dairy Goat Show - Sheep/Goat barn
 4pm. Dog Agility Show - Schimming. Bldg
 5pm Dairy Fitting Clinic & Contest-Open Dairy Barn
 5pm - 11pm Badgerland Midway Opens
 6pm Jr. Market Gilt Show - Swine Barn
 7pm (Pee Wee Show to follow Gilt Show)

CCBull Company Bull Riders and Barrel racing in the Grandstands

Friday, August 29, 2025

8am Jr. Barrow Show & Showmanship-Swine Barn
 8am Jr. Dairy Show-Schim. Bldg.
 10am- 7pm Vendor Fair-Commercial bldg.
 10am-2:30pm Hodan Center Fun Day
 2pm Bacon Buddies
 3pm-11pm Badgerland Midway Opens
 6pm Wine Judging -By Commercial Bldg
 7pm **Dueling Pianos with Felix & Fingers**
 8:30pm **5th Quarter Football After Party-Ent. Garden**

Saturday, August 30, 2025

8am Jr. Rabbit Show - Sm. Animal Pavilion
 8:00am Jr. Beef Show & Showmanship-Schimming. Bldg.
 10am. Open & Junior Sheep Show - Sheep Barn
 10am - 7pm. Vendor Show -Commercial Bldg.
 11AM Craft Time with the Fairest in commercial bldg
 12pm- Get "Cheesy" with the Jr. Fairest of the Fair
 12pm - 11pm Commercial Bldg.
 Badgerland Midway Opens
 Meat Paddles in the Ent. Garden
 2:30pm Daniel Nordstrom live music
 Livestock Auction in Schimming Bldg.
5:30pm - Tri-state Truck and Tractor Pullers with Local tractor pull to start the show in the grandstands

8:30pm - 11:30PM Zac Graham

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8-9:30am Open class rabbit check-in. Sm. Animal Pavilion
 9am. Show begins at 10AM
 10am Gymkhana Horse Show -Horse Arena
 10:30am Beef Extravaganza Schimming Bldg.
 Hay Bale throwing contest. All ages welcome. Prizes for all age groups!
 10am - 7pm. Vendor Show -Commercial Bldg.
 11am. Jr. Cat Show -Sheep & Goat Barn
 11:30am Master Showman Contest -Swine Barn
 12pm - 11pm Badgerland Midway Opens
 12pm Kiddie Tractor Pull below the exhibit building
 Sponsored by Ritchie Implement
 1pm - 3pm Jr. Explorers show and tell-Exhibit Bldg.
 1pm-3pm Daniel Nordstrom live music
 1pm. Hootin Hill bean bag tournament by entertainment garden. Registration at noon
 2pm All Dairy Breeds Futurity Show Schimming. Bldg.
 4pm. Storytime with Fairest of the Fair-free book for first 50 kids sponsored by Iowa County Library System in the Commercial building

5pm Demolition Derby at the Grandstands

8:30pm - 11:30pm-Nashville Recording Artist Eli Alger

Monday, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

8:30am Mini Dairy Showmanship - Schimming. Bldg.
 9:30am Open Class Dairy Show- Schimming
 11am Euchre Tournament- Entertainment Garden
 11am Barnyard Olympics - Sheep & Goat Barn
1pm. Harness racing - Grandstands
 1pm Crowning of the 2025 fairest in the grandstands
 12pm-6pm Midway Open
 3pm Exhibit building closes
 4pm Exhibits released in Exhibit Bldg.
 4pm Livestock exhibits released from the barns. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Mechanical Bull Everyday on the Midway by Tough Entertainment!

Family entertainment on the grounds daily
 Just for Laughs Kids Zone Entertainment

Team Zoom Canine Entertainment

Admission Prices:

Adult daily \$10
 Youth 8-12 daily \$5
 Age 7 and under Free
 Adult season \$40
 Youth season \$15



Iowa County Fair News



Stop by the Clover Craft Corner at the Iowa County Fair and let your creativity shine! This fun and welcoming space is open to all youth and offers a variety of hands-on crafts to enjoy throughout the fair. Each day will feature different craft activities, so there's always something new to create!

 Location: Iowa County Fairgrounds

 Open Hours:

- Wednesday, August 27: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Thursday, August 28: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Friday, August 29: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Monday, September 1: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Crafts are available each day while supplies last, so be sure to stop in early. Come make a memory and take home a masterpiece—no sign-up needed, just drop in and have fun!

Iowa County 4-H Club News



4-H volunteer, Mike Anderson, shared his love for small engines with youth at the Project Learning Day. Youth took apart and reassembled a two-stroke engine, learned the different parts of a small engine, saw examples of small engines, and got to ask questions. Lots of questions, smiles, and fun was had!



Iowa County 4-H Livestock Judging



The Iowa County 4-H Livestock Judging Team had a strong showing at the district qualifying contest for state. Congratulations to Grant Schauff for earning top honors as the winning junior, and to Ty Vondra and Payton Heins for placing in the top ten—Ty in the junior division and Payton in the senior division. Great job representing Iowa County 4-H!



GROWING YOU, GROWING YOUTH

Knowing Your Specific Volunteer Role

Adult volunteers are key elements of why 4-H has been such a long-standing and impactful program. If we were to map out all the details of what it takes to run a 4-H program, there simply is no way that one person could be successful--it takes a team. Here is a basic list of the types of volunteers in Wisconsin 4-H:

- Activity/Event Volunteer
- Adult Advisor/Chaperone
- Club Enrollment Coordinator
- Club Leader
- Committee Volunteer
- Project Leader

When you were approved as a volunteer, depending on what type of volunteer role you chose, you received a position description. Within that description is an explanation of your purpose and responsibilities. It also outlines what qualifications you should have, as well as the benefits to your own development. If you have not taken the time to read your position description, you are

strongly encouraged to do so. Feel free to have a follow up conversation with your club leader or County Educator. If you feel that the description doesn't fit what you are doing or wish to do, you are able to change your volunteer role or add multiple roles. A list with all of the roles and their descriptions can be found at the QR code listed below.

Having roles and position descriptions help volunteers to be specific and organized, no matter their level of involvement. It boosts impact and shows youth how to implement organizational skills effectively.

Position Descriptions: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/become-a-volunteer/>



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Core Competency: 4-H Program Management
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Policy Spotlight

Did you know that there are several types of activities that Wisconsin 4-H does not allow? One of these activities is trampolines, and/or jump parks. However, there are many other great alternatives!

Where in Iowa County?



Can you guess where in Iowa County this photo was taken? If you have a guess email Dan at: dan.brandt@wisc.edu to submit your answer and look in next month's issue to learn the location.

Last months answer: Taliesin, Spring Green, WI

4-H At Home

SCIENCE OF SEASONS:

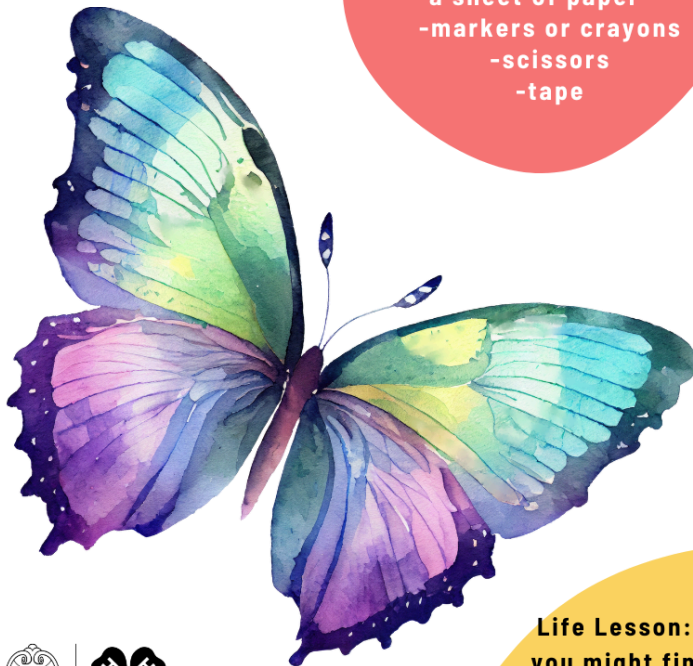
NOW YOU SEE ME

WHAT IS CAMOUFLAGE?

Camouflage is a way that an animal protects itself from predators. They can mask how they look so that they blend in. For example, some insects live in green, leafy trees. Over time, they have changed by having a green body shaped like a leaf. Chameleons have the ability to change their colors instantly so that they blend into most things.



You will need:
-a sheet of paper
-markers or crayons
-scissors
-tape



LET'S EXPERIMENT

Draw an insect or small shape about half the size of your hand. Find a spot around your home and color this shape to match the color of wall, the woodwork, or a spot you have found. Then cut out your shape and put some tape on the back and place it on that spot. It should blend in well enough that you can look quick and not see it. Then ask your guardian or a friend to try and find your hidden shape. Did your guardian or parent find it? Why do you think it is important for animals to hide sometimes?

Life Lesson: If you take your time and look very closely, you might find an animal that is camouflaged. Sometimes we can get so busy that we forget to look closely for things. Try taking a few minutes each day to sit quietly and look at things around you. Make a nature journal and draw what you see!



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