



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Iowa County 4-H Clover Connection

July 2025

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2025

12 - Exploration Day, Fairgrounds

17 - Cloverbud Day, HHS Building

27 - Foods Review, HHS Building 3PM

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

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

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4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle



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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



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DOG PROJECT



Iowa County Fairgrounds
900 Fair St.
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

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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



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

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

4-H Club News



Blue Ribbon and Up and Over 4-H clubs recently had the opportunity to experience the work of the Hollandale Fire Department and UW Health Med Flight during an educational event.

The event included activities and presentations. Firefighters demonstrated their equipment and explained emergency procedures. The UW Health Med Flight crew showcased their helicopter and the medical equipment used for critical care transports.

4-H members learned about the roles of the flight crew, including the pilot, doctor, nurse, and how they work together. The event also included a discussion on safety protocols when interacting with the Med Flight helicopter and the equipment inside.



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.

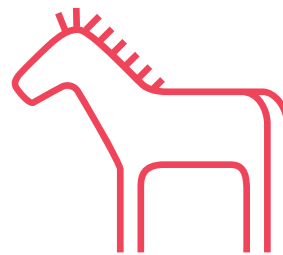
As some of you may already know as well, due to recent county budget cuts, we will not have an intern assisting us this year. While we know the extra help has been valuable in past summers, we are committed to continuing our programming and events with enthusiasm and dedication. We appreciate your understanding 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.

4-H Summer Academy

This year, I attended Summer Academy 2025 and was part of the Civic Engagement track. We learned how to design new spaces that would benefit our communities, which was such a fun and meaningful experience. On the second day, we visited the Capitol and the Dane County Courthouse, where I got to see how local government works up close.

I had an amazing time learning about how I can make a difference in my community—and I made so many new friends along the way. I'll definitely be going again next year because of how much fun and inspiration I found this time!

Evy Linscheid, Cobb Busy Badgers



4-H Summer Camp



Another fun year at 4-H Summer Camp with Portage, Iowa, and Waupaca Counties! Thank you so much to all of the older youth counselors and adult volunteers for giving us 3 days of your summer to support over 60 campers in teambuilding, outdoor education, making friends, learning new skills, and having fun! Thanks also to our campers and we hope to see you all next year!

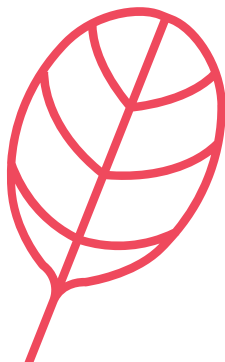


4-H Summer Academy

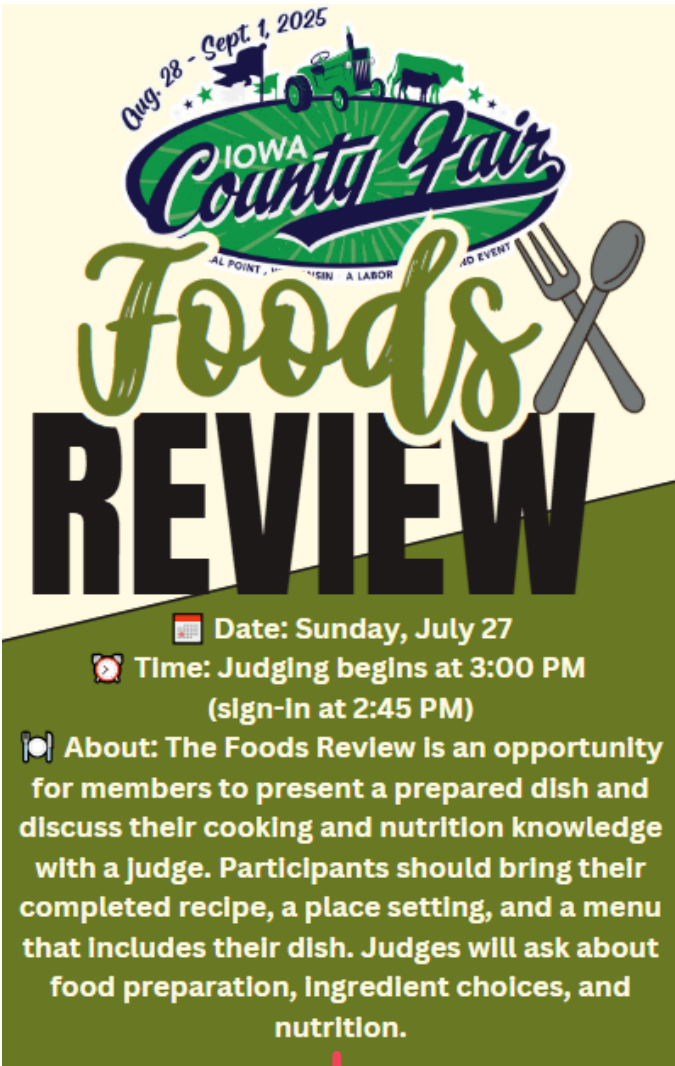


This year was my second year attending summer academy and I had so much fun! I was in the construction and skilled trades track and I had the opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills. I learned about plumbing, construction, electric, youth and adult apprenticeship opportunities, and green energy. I also got to go paddle boarding and I had so much fun at the dance. I think everyone should go to summer academy! !

Lily Linscheid, Cobb Busy Badgers



Foods & Clothing Review



Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 2025

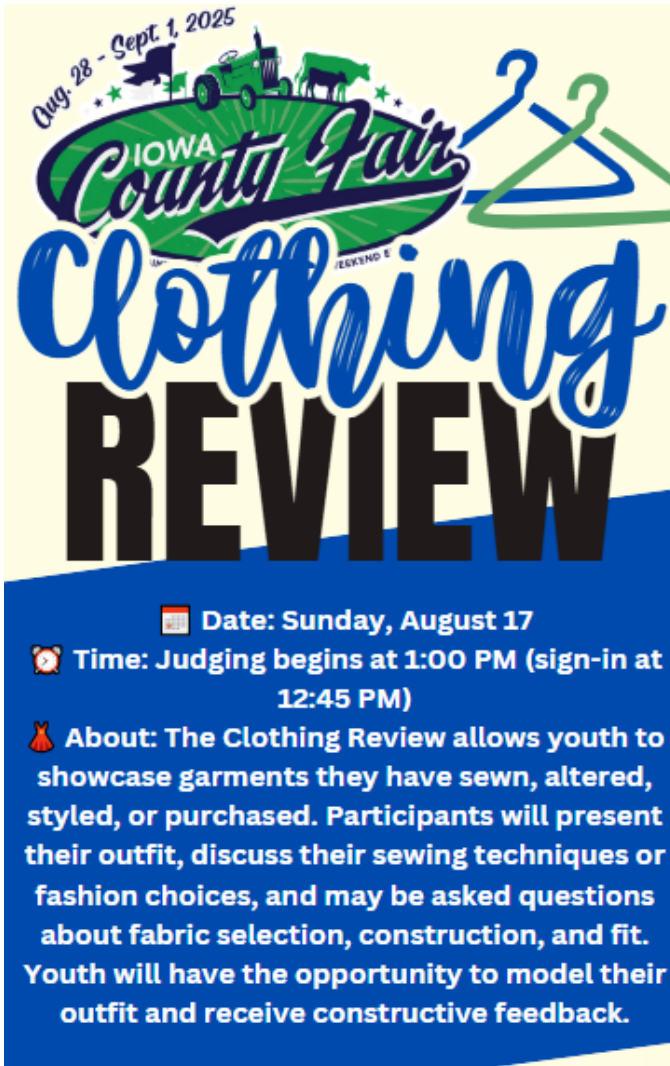
IOWA County Fair

Foods REVIEW

Date: Sunday, July 27

Time: Judging begins at 3:00 PM (sign-in at 2:45 PM)

About: The Foods Review is an opportunity for members to present a prepared dish and discuss their cooking and nutrition knowledge with a judge. Participants should bring their completed recipe, a place setting, and a menu that includes their dish. Judges will ask about food preparation, ingredient choices, and nutrition.



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IOWA County Fair

Clothing REVIEW

Date: Sunday, August 17

Time: Judging begins at 1:00 PM (sign-in at 12:45 PM)

About: The Clothing Review allows youth to showcase garments they have sewn, altered, styled, or purchased. Participants will present their outfit, discuss their sewing techniques or fashion choices, and may be asked questions about fabric selection, construction, and fit. Youth will have the opportunity to model their outfit and receive constructive feedback.

Entries need to be made in FairEntry by July 11th.

Questions about Foods Review or Clothing Review can be directed to fair superintendent Emily Oxnem at: 608-574-8514



4-H Club AFR Information

As in past years, all 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete and submit the following documents to their 4-H Program Educator by Friday August 22, 2025:

1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report
2. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Audit Checklist
3. A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30
4. A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
5. A current inventory of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or greater.
6. Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

All this information and more can be found on the NEW [Annual Financial Report \(AFR\)](#) webpage.

4-H Cloverbud Day



Iowa County 4-H Cloverbud Day 2025 Down on the Farm

Thursday, July 17 - 9:00am to 1pm

HHS Building, Dodgeville, WI

Camp Cost: Free

Open to 4-H Cloverbuds in Grades K to 2nd

Register by: Monday, July, 7!!! Limit of 20 participants!



Howdy from the Barnyard!

The Cloverbuds are headed Down on the Farm for a moo-velous day of fun! Put on your boots and grab your straw hats – it's time for a barnyard bash full of farm-themed crafts, STEM fun, stories, songs, and tasty country snacks. Make your plans now to join us for a rootin'-tootin' day that's udderly unforgettable!

Lunch and morning snack will be provided.

Transportation: Parents are responsible for getting youth to and from the HHS Building in Dodgeville. Parents can arrive at 12:30pm to see the end of the day performance.

<https://forms.gle/YQfehHC6u66KF7UP6>

Please fill out the google form by Monday, July 7th
If you have any questions, please call 608-930-9850
or by email dan.brandt@wisc.edu

Iowa County Fair News

Pre-Exhibitor Letter Can be found on the fairs website along with all ID and Livestock information can be found on the fair website at: <https://iowacountyfair.com/exhibits/>



Fair Entry is now OPEN to register your exhibits.
2025 Theme:
Harvesting Memories

Questions about the Iowa County Fair can be directed to Mary Foley at: iowacounty01@gmail.com

GROWING YOU, GROWING YOUTH

What's your learning objective?

A learning objective is what your audience will learn and be able to do at the end of a lesson or presentation. They should be specific and something that you can measure. As volunteers, you put in a lot of time working with youth to plan a wide variety of opportunities, and incorporating learning objectives will increase the quality of programming.

Learning objectives get to the purpose, or the 'why' of what you are doing. For example, if your youth leaders are planning to teach a cooking class, spend time thinking about the "why." Perhaps they are offering the class to low-income youth who have limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables. What is the bigger picture you want them to gain? Your learning objectives may look like:

1. **Youth will be able to** make healthier choices because they will know how to cook with vegetables.
2. **Youth will be able to** safely cook meat using a meat thermometer.

These learning objectives are simple, yet powerful and impactful. Many times, we are so busy offering the

programming, that we don't think about what the deeper goals are. You can either design a program, project or club meeting around a learning objective or identify learning objectives after you have thought out a program. They should always start with "Youth will be able to..." One good way to make sure you have great objectives is to use some of the 4-H Foundations, such as the Targeting Life Skills Wheel: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/08/Life-Skills-Wheel.pdf>

At the end of the event, make sure to evaluate whether or not the objective is met by using a survey or observing. Finally, when you have the chance to share about your 4-H volunteer work with others, now you will have a clearly defined explanation of the impact and/or skills learned.

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Policy Spotlight

Policy helps everyone to stay safe and consistent. Our policies are online and get updated often. This month's policy highlight is parades! Here is the link to all you need to know if your group decides to participate in one:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-parades-policy/>



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: Grandview, Hollandale, WI

4-H At Home

SCIENCE OF SEASONS:

THE INVISIBLE SHIELD

HOW DOES SUNSCREEN WORK?

Have you ever been in the sun too long and received a sunburn? Ouch! Those can really hurt. A sunburn is caused by too much time in ultraviolet light or UV light. UV light comes from the sun. UV light damages skin cells, which makes the immune system in your body react by increasing blood flow to the that area, which causes the sunburn.

When you put sunscreen on your skin it creates an invisible shield that protects your skin from being burned. This thin layer is what prevents you from getting burned by the UV light.



You will need:
-Roll-on sunscreen
- Colored paper



LET'S EXPERIMENT

Go outside and take 2 or 3 different colors of paper and roll-on sunscreen with you. On the colored paper draw an image, shape, or anything you want on it with the roll-on sunscreen. Then place a rock or something heavier to hold down the paper. Come back in a few hours to check on your paper. Where on the paper has the color changed and why do you think it has changed?



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Written by: Dan Brandt, Iowa County 4-H Educator

Life Lesson: Sunburns can damage your skin and hurt really bad. It is important to plan for when you go outside. Make a list of items you will need if you decide to spend the day outside. Work with a trusted adult to create a kit that you can easily grab to take with you that has all of your items in it.