

# Iowa County 4-H Clover Connection



#### October 2025

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5 - Junior Leaders Banquet, HHS Building 5-11 National 4-H Week 31 - Fall Forum

#### November 2025

- 1 4-H Re-enrollment for All DUE in 4-H Online
- 1 Annual Club Charter Renewal Due Online

3- Record Books & Awards Due to County

3 - Awards and Scholarships Applications Due to the Extension Office (via google docs)

#### December 2025

7 - Iowa County 4-H Awards Day

MANDATORY:
4-H All County Leaders
Upcoming Meeting:
Mon. April 27th
6PM HHS Building
Dodgeville

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## **NEW Enrollment Deadline**

# 4-H & ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

ALL ENROLLMENTS
NOW DUE
NOVEMBER 1ST

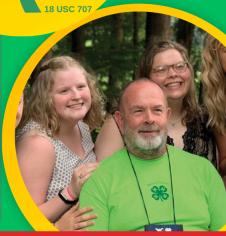
Starting this year, November 1st is the statewide enrollment deadline for <u>ALL 4-H youth</u> <u>and volunteers</u> in Wisconsin. Be sure to log in and sign up before then to join all the fun.





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!





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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## 4-H Craft Fair

## A Lowa County 4-H A QUE CHOW SHOW

Iowa County 4-H will be hosting an Art and Craft Show at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. 10'x10' spaces available.



Book & Register Here

Saturday, Oct. **25**th

> 9 am to 2 pm

#### https://forms.gle/Lhz2emFmx7Qm8YbQ9

For more information contact Dan Brandt at dan.brandt@wisc.edu or 608-930-9850

#### **4-H T-Shirt Contest**



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#### 4-H WEEK



#### 2025 GRANT & IOWA COUNTY

## 4-H WEEK

SUN. OCT. 5th - SAT. OCT. 11th



#### SUNDAY, OCT. 5th - 4-H FAMILY DAY

Spend time with your family doing something fun together, wear 4-H gear, and share a photo with your loved ones.



#### MONDAY, OCT. 6th - DRESS LIKE A FARMER

Celebrate our 4-H agirculture roots wear your best flannel, boots, jeans, and hats



#### TUESDAY, OCT. 7th - HAT DAY

Show off your favorite hat (farm hats, fun hats, or club hats



#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8th - 4-H GREEN DAY

Wear your 4-H attire, dress in green or the clover!



#### THURSDAY, OCT. 9th - THROWBACK 4-H DAY

Post or wear something from your early 4-H years (old ribbons, past projects, or retro 4-H shirts)



#### FRIDAY, OCT. 10th - FUTURE YOU DAY

Dress as your future career goal or dream job, show how 4-H helps you get there!



#### SATURDAY, OCT. 11th - COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wear 4-H shirts while volunteering or doing something kind in the community. Share your story with pictures!



## 4-H Awards Day



## 4-H Sign Making Class



## Click Here to Register Today



## **Awards and Scholarships**





## 2025 4-H Volunteer Awards



The 2025 4-H Volunteer Awards are now open for applications. Show your appreciation and nominate a volunteer who goes above and beyond to support 4-H youth.

Volunteer Nomination Form –
10 years and Under
Google Form Application Link:
<a href="https://forms.gle/HxXSF84B3nF">https://forms.gle/HxXSF84B3nF</a>
<a href="mailto:acNS6A">acNS6A</a>

Over 10 Years
Google Form Application Link:
<a href="https://forms.gle/uqf5VX29U8u">https://forms.gle/uqf5VX29U8u</a>
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Volunteer Nomination Form -



VOLUNTEER

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## 2025 4-H Volunteer News



Starting this year:

- One training video to watch (done through 4-H Online)
- Background Check every two years (separate email from HireRight)
- NOTE: This training and background check needs to be completed by Nov. 1st.



**4-H Volunteer VRKC Guide** 

# GROWING YOU, GROWING YOUTH

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## Cloverbud Project: More Than Crafts

Young people, ages 5-8, make wonderful additions to any club! Here are a few suggestions about how to incorporate this age group into your meetings and activities.

- -Try not to refer to this age group as "cloverbuds," instead refer to them as young people enrolled in the cloverbud project.
- -Many times, leaders separate this group during the business portion of meetings. However, they should be encouraged to contribute ideas, vote, and make motions just as much as any age group.
- -While crafts can be a fun project, remember to embrace learning objectives. How can you introduce new life skills and concepts to them? What other topics could they explore? Make sure to prioritize physical activity, short activities, or hands-on work.
- -Utilize your older youth as teachers and helpers.
  Teaching cements knowledge and allows a youth to practice leadership, patience, communication, and empathy. Be intentional about how you want this to occur. Perhaps you can match partners and assign them to work together for a year on a shared interest and give a club presentation together, as an example.



#### **Policy Spotlight**

ATV's and UTV's are growing more and more popular with families and young people. The use of these vehicles is prohibited at all 4-H meetings, activities, and programs. There are a few exceptions, which you can find on our poilcy page under the heading: ATVs and UTVs.

UW-Extension has a lot of great resources to help you navigate your work with 5-8-year-olds. If you are not familiar with Ages and Stages of 4-H Youth Development, it is a resource that outlines the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional characteristics of each age group. It will help you choose and tailor your activities.

Link: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/ages-and-stages-of-youth-development/



Extension has also worked to provide a thorough curriculum that covers all sorts of topics within the cloverbud project, from art to science to baking. You can access these online: Cloverbud Activity Plans and Family Letters.

Link: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/cloverbud-activity-plans-and-family-letters/



## **State Level 4-H**

# WISCONSIN 4-H STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT

Let's "pledge our hands to larger service" for National 4-H Week!

#### October 5-11, 2025

We encourage every club to participate in a service project during (or around) National 4-H Week!

Live the 4-H Pledge and give back to our local communities!







## 4-H At Home



#### SCIENCE IN THE SEASONS:

Fall

## THE COLORS OF FALL

#### **DO LEAVES CHANGE COLORS?**

Did you know that leaves wear masks?
Well, not really, but they actually hide
secret colors inside them! All summer
long, leaves are green. The green is called
chlorophyll, and as the weather gets
colder, it goes away revealing the color
hidden inside! Usually, this color is yellow,
orange, or red. The brightest colors are
seen when late summer is dry and fall has
bright, sunny days and cool nights.





YOU WILL NEED:
-glasses or jars
-rubbing alcohol
-white coffee filters
-spoon
-colorful leaves

#### LET'S EXPERIMENT

Grab several green leaves and tear them into small pieces. You can use the back of a spoon to help mash them a bit. Put them into a glass jar. Pour in enough rubbing alcohol to cover the pieces then place the jar in a bowl of warm water. Wait 30 minutes. Then use a coffee filter strip and place one end into the alcohol with the other end hanging over the side of the jar. Watch what happens over a period of time. Were the leaves hiding a color under their green masks?



they're getting ready for something new. People change, too—we grow, learn new things, and try new activities. Change might feel a little scary sometimes, but it can also be exciting and fun—just like seeing all the colors in fall leaves! What is something new you've tried or learned lately? How did it feel? What is something you're excited to try or learn this year?