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Iowa County 4-H Clover Connection

February 2026

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February 2026

13- Club Exploration Day Topic due to Dan
22- 4-H Bake Off, HHS Building 1pm
22- Clover Connect, Zoom Meeting 7pm
23- Clover Connect, Zoom Meeting 12pm
25- St. Patrick's Day Sign Making

March 2026

21- County Exploration Day, Mineral Point HS
22- Clover Connect, Zoom Meeting, 7pm
23- Clover Connect, Zoom Meeting, 12pm
25- Easter Sign Making

April 2026

23-27 Space Camp
27- 4-H Leaders Meeting, HHS Building 6PM

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

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Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service, or activity. For communicative accommodations in languages other than English, please contact oaic@extension.wisc.edu. For communicative accommodations based on a disability, please contact Heather Lipinski Stelljes at: heather.stelljes@wisc.edu for the public.

4-H Craft Night



4-H ST. PATRICKS DAY SIGN MAKING CLASS



Join us for a festive St. Patrick's Day Sign-Making Workshop where youth can get creative designing and painting their very own lucky-themed signs! From shamrocks and rainbows to leprechauns and cheerful St. Patrick's Day 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 St. Patrick's Day activity you can enjoy together. No experience needed — just come ready to create and share a little luck! 🍀



**Wednesday, February 25th
5-7pm**

<https://forms.gle/22q7iR1KrqeCbtj17>

To sign up for this class simply copy the google form link or scan the QR Code and sign up by February 18th Space is limited to 20 spots.



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Iowa County Attendance Policy

Iowa County 4-H Attendance Policy

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Being part of 4-H is an opportunity to explore new interests, develop life skills, and grow as a person. This attendance policy is designed to encourage youth to stay engaged and explore new sparks—areas of interest and passion they may not have discovered before. 4-H is about learning by doing, building connections, and growing into capable, caring members of the community.

All Iowa County 4-H members must participate in at least four (4) 4-H events or meetings by their club's June meeting date in order to be considered a member in good standing with 4-H.

A member in good standing has the opportunity to show at the Iowa County Fair that year.

Attendance may include:

- Monthly club meetings (in-person or virtual)
- County-wide 4-H events or workshops
- 4-H community service activities
- 4-H fundraisers or educational opportunities
- Club or county-level leadership activities
- Other determined at the club leader's discretion

New Members

If a new member joins 4-H during the program year, they must meet the four-event requirement or follow an adjusted attendance plan as determined by their club leader.

Returning Members

Returning members' attendance counts start in September. Members who transfer from one club to another during the year will not have their attendance requirement reset to the month of transfer.

Digital Participation

Members may participate in club meetings digitally (e.g., Skype, FaceTime, Google Meet, phone, etc.) if the club allows it. Arrangements for digital participation must be made with the club leader. Clubs are encouraged to develop a digital participation plan for the year.

Parent Attendance

Parents may not attend meetings or events on behalf of their child to fulfill the member's attendance requirement.

Make-Up Opportunities

If a member cannot participate in four 4-H events or meetings, they may coordinate with their club leader to attend another approved educational opportunity. All make-up activities must be completed by the club's June meeting date.

Special Circumstances

Members with special circumstances may submit a written request for review by the County 4-H Educator and the Attendance Committee. Following review, all decisions made by the 4-H Educator and Attendance Committee are final.

Attendance Committee

The Attendance Committee will consist of:

- The County 4-H Educator
- 4-H Adult Leaders Board
- Two (2) youth representatives from the 4-H Junior Leaders

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Exploration Day

Iowa County 4-H Exploration Day — Discover Your Spark!
Youth can sign up for 50-minute interactive sessions that introduce a wide variety of 4-H project areas, skills, and experiences. Whether you're new to 4-H or ready to branch out into something new, this day is designed to help youth explore what excites them.

Location: Mineral Point High School

Date: Saturday, March 21 9am, 10am, 11am & 1pm

Free lunch at noon

Be watching your inbox in the middle of February for the sign-up link — don't miss the chance to explore all that 4-H has to offer!

Watch your inbox in February for a google forms sign-up.

Lunch will be provided this day.



Saturday, March 21st

Save
the
Date



Mineral Point High School



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4-H Junior Leaders

Meet our 2025–2026 Iowa County 4-H Junior Leaders! We're so proud of these youth who are stepping up to take on leadership roles and help shape the future of 4-H.

Iowa County 4-H

**JUNIOR
LEADERS**



MARK TROESTER

Red Barn 4-H Club



How long have you been a 4-H member?

2 years

What is your favorite 4-H activity and why?

The dog project, I enjoy training my dog.

What is a hobby/interest you have outside of 4-H?

wood working

Why did you want to become a Junior Leader?

I thought it might be fun.

What projects do you show at the fair?

wood working, art, food preservation, and dogs



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4-H Camp Counselors

Do you love camp, working with younger youth, and making summer memories that last a lifetime? Here's your chance to be part of the 2025 4-H Summer Camp team!

✦ Camp Counselors: Open to youth in grades 9–12

✦ Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program: New this year! Open to 8th grade students only

Gain leadership experience, build teamwork skills, and help create an unforgettable camp experience for others!

 Applications are due February 16th, 2025.

📱 To apply, scan the QR code or copy and paste the link below:

<https://forms.gle/kHixyYYTh34zbf727>



The poster features a yellow background with a green 4-H clover logo at the top right. On the left, there is a line drawing of a campsite with tents and trees. The text 'IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA' is written in a green, outlined font. Below this, 'SUMMER' is in large white letters, '4-H' is in large green letters, and 'CAMP' is in large white letters. To the right of 'CAMP', 'COUNSELOR SEARCH' is written in green. Below this, 'CAMP DATES JUNE 15-17 2026' is written in green. A QR code is located at the bottom center. On the right side, there are three circular photos: the top one shows a group of people sitting on the grass, the middle one shows a group of people standing around a large colorful structure, and the bottom one shows a large group of people posing for a photo. The bottom left corner of the poster has the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension logo and the 4-H clover logo.

IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA

SUMMER
4-H
CAMP

COUNSELOR SEARCH

Applications are now open for 4-H Summer Camp Counselors and our new Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program! Youth in grades 9+ are eligible to apply as Camp Counselors, while the CIT program is open to 8th grade students only who are interested in developing leadership skills and learning what it takes to be a future camp counselor. Simply scan the QR code below to access the application. Applications are due February 16th, 2025.

CAMP DATES
JUNE 15-17
2026



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4-H State Clover Connect

Save the Date for the Clover Connect idea sharing zooms this spring!

Two engaging and interactive sessions will be held –

Hands to Larger Service: Community Service Ideas

Sunday, Feb 22 at 7 p.m. & Monday, Feb 23 at Noon (same content will be repeated)

Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter and Learning to 4-H Meetings

Sunday, Mar 22 at 7 p.m. & Monday, Mar 23 at Noon (same content will be repeated)

Register for one or both topics by visiting

<https://go.wisc.edu/pbm474>. Both sessions will be recorded, and resources will be shared with those who sign up!

Zoom connection information will be shared closer to each session date.

SAVE THE DATE!

Clover Connect

Idea sharing zooms for 4-H volunteers and older youth

Hands to Larger Service: Community Service Ideas

Sunday, Feb 22 @ 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb 23 @ 12 Noon

Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter & Learning to 4-H Meetings

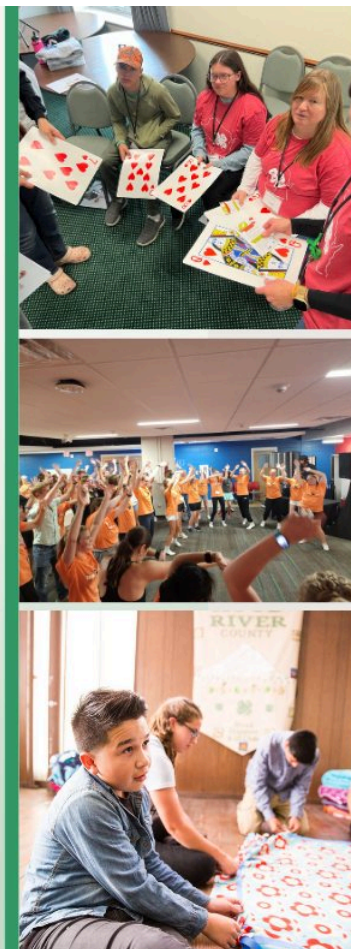
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For More Info:



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4-H Camp

Save the date for the 2026 4-H Summer Camp. Once again, this year we will be camping with Portage and Waupaca Counties. Mark your calendars for June 15-17th to experience a fun filled 3 days at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. More information to come soon!

IOWA, PORTAGE, AND
WAUPACA COUNTIES
4-H SUMMER CAMP

**JUNE
15-17**

Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells



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4-H Summer Academy

Applications are open for Summer Academy 2026 Young Adult Leaders! Summer Academy will take place June 14–18 on the UW–Madison campus, and young adult leaders play a key role in mentoring youth and supporting the overall program experience. Adult advisor positions are also available for those aged 25 or older and interested in serving as mentors and guides during the event.

Learn more and apply here: [Mark your calendars for these upcoming State 4-H Dog Events. Looking for more information?](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../agriculture.../dogs-project/)
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YOUNG ADULT LEADER POSITION

For Summer Academy 2026

Applicants Must be:

- ☒ Between the ages of 19 and 25
- ☒ Able to work cooperatively with others
- ☒ A role model and support system for youth attendees

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE: MAR. 1ST**

Young Adult Leaders also must be able to attend trainings and an on-site orientation



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Cobb Busy Badgers

At the Jan. meeting our new officers took charge. We discussed the county newsletter and upcoming events. Demonstrations were done by Lily, Evy, Natalie, and Clara.

Our club officers for 2026 include: President Lily Linscheid, Vice President Ever Shilling, Secretary Natalie Mayne, Treasurer Evy Linscheid, Reporter Clara Mayne, Sunshine leader Deklynn Butteris.



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4-H Archery



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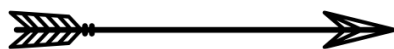


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WINTER ARCHERY PROJECT



Tri-County Archers
9145 Co Line Rd
Platteville, WI 53818



**PRACTICE DATES ARE
AS FOLLOWS:**

- JANUARY 11 @ 4PM
- FEBRUARY 1 @ 4PM
- MARCH 8 @ 4PM

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

If you have any questions please contact either:

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4-H Coloring Page



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