

# Clover Flyer Dispatch



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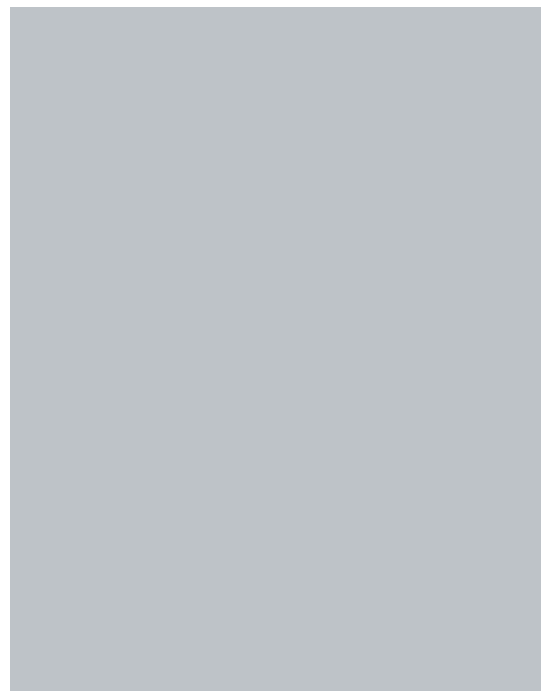
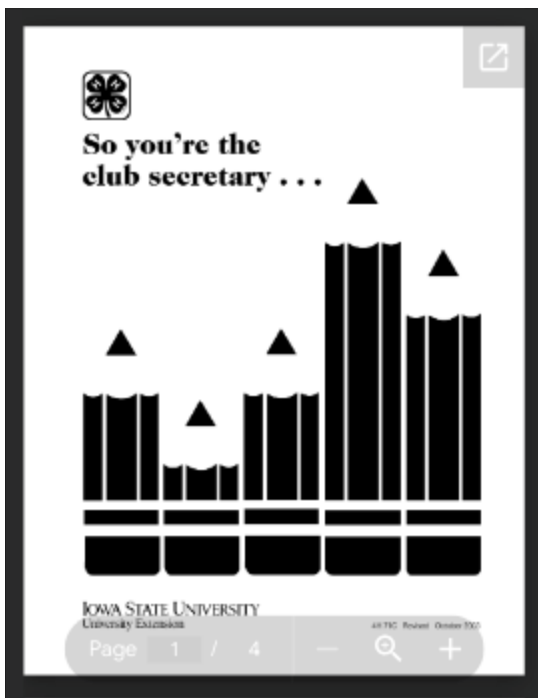
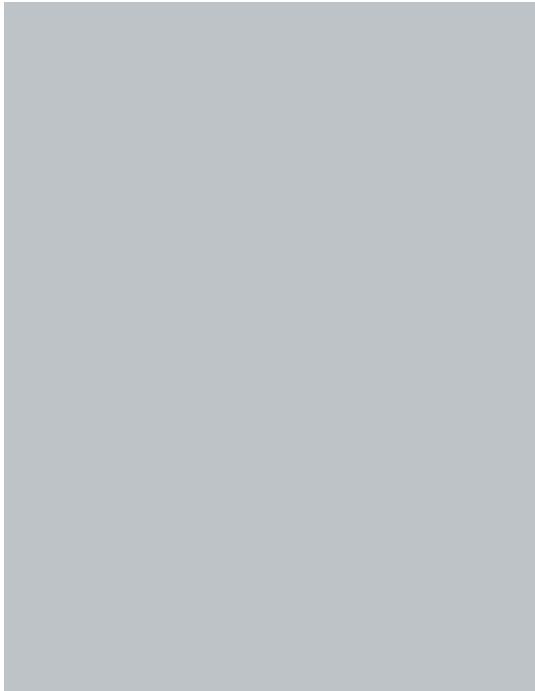
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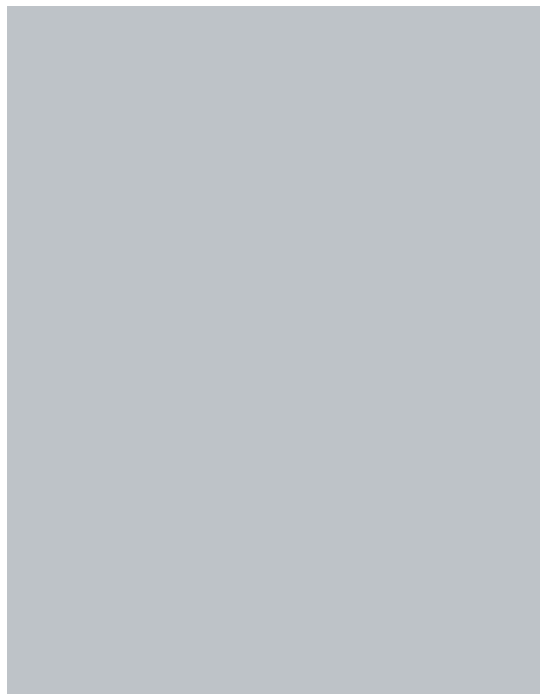
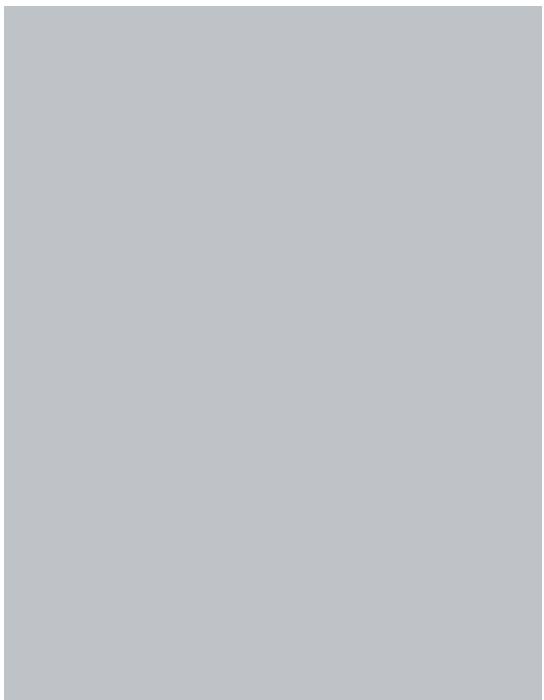
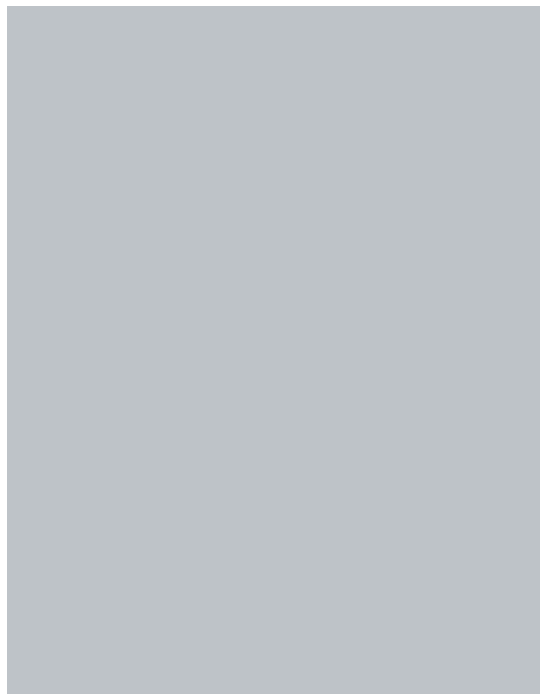
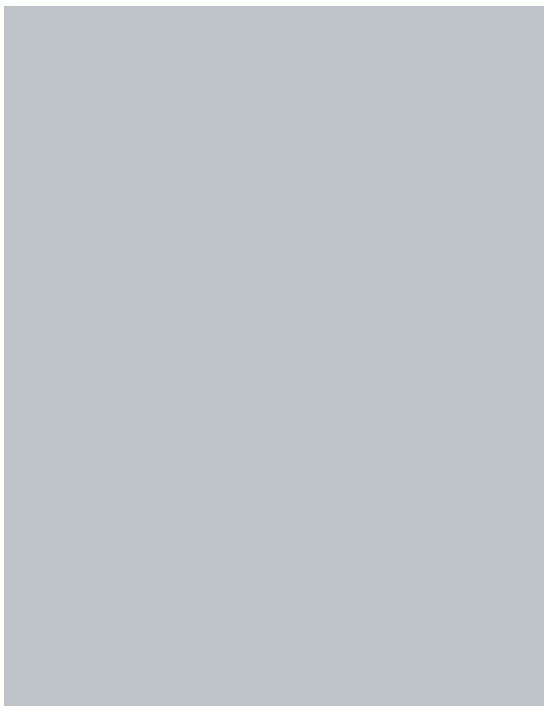
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# Club Leader Corner

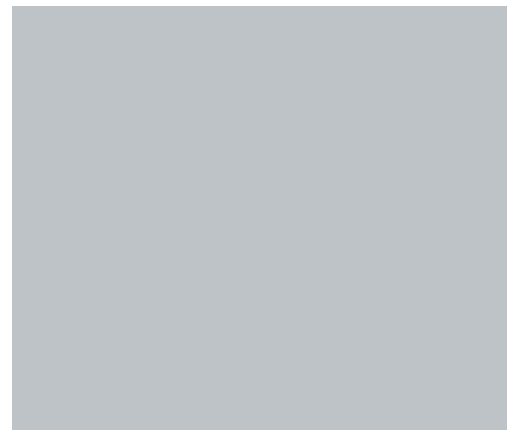
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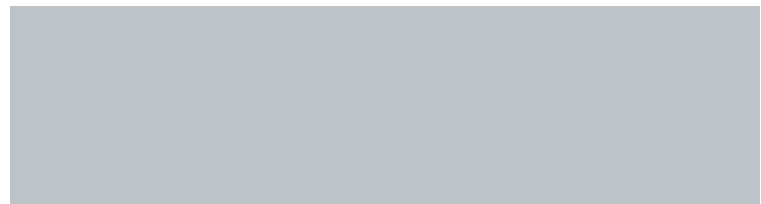
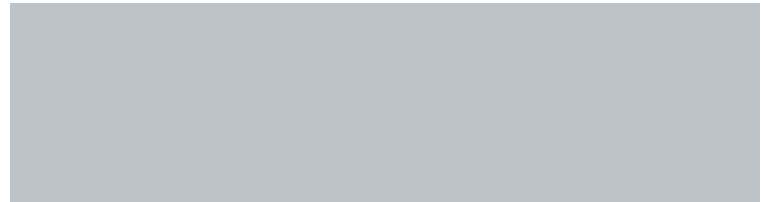
## Shooting Sports Leader Information

Adult volunteers interested in becoming Certified Shooting Sports leaders can check the state 4-H website for more information. The state website has all the upcoming training where leaders can train in a discipline. Jackson County has a thriving shooting sports program, and Trempealeau County is building theirs from the ground up. Both programs are always looking for more volunteers. Use the link to visit the state website and learn more.



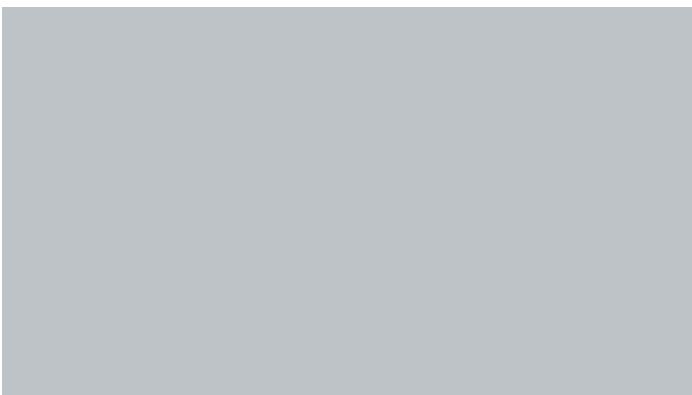
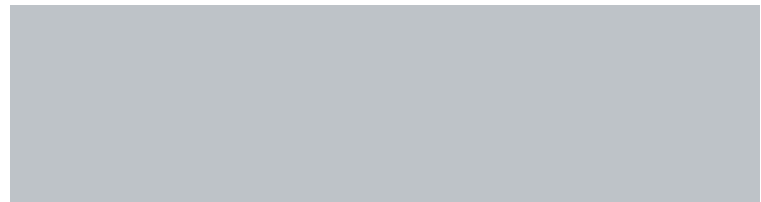
## Forms and Applications

If you are ever looking for a scholarship application, funding request form, New Family Handbook, Participating Disc Catalog, Project grants, and more, check out the Forms and Applications page on both County websites. Each county has many available resources specific to the program they support.



## Financial Management

Are you looking for resources to manage your club's finances better? The State 4-H website has some great new resources! Check out their 4-H Club Treasurer Handbook! This was updated this year and is ready for you! The financial management page has lots of information for any questions, from charters to bank accounts and what to do with membership dues; this page has the answers!

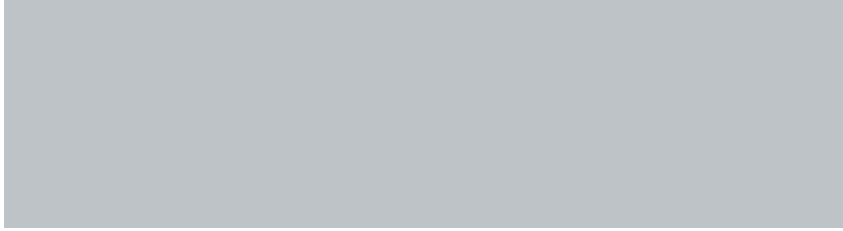


## Clover Connections

Clover Connections is a video series that is available on YouTube. Educators from Wisconsin 4-H have put together a series about running meetings and many other details that can help your club run smoothly! This is an excellent resource for new and experienced club leaders! Some videos were filmed during Covid, but the information is still relevant! Check them out at the link below!

## Club Administration Resources

Here are some great resources for leaders who need guidance with club administration! You will find information on Bylaws, Financial Tools and Resources, 4-H Online and Forms. Bylaws are super important to all clubs and groups! If your club has lost its bylaws or wants to create new ones, check out the new bylaws template! This is a project I have been working on for over a year with other educators to help support community clubs! We only have one geared toward Community Clubs. Still, we will soon have one for Project Groups and Leaders Associations. 4 Clover Flyer Dispatch Financial Tools and Resources Money Management resources and financial policies. If you want to touch on these details, please check them out! 4-H Online, here are some resources to help you navigate 4-H Online. There is a resource library to help you use the program. Be sure to check out these at this link:



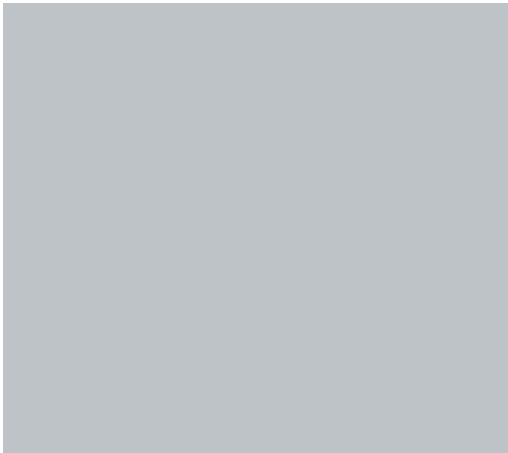
### VIP Training

VIP or Volunteers in Preparation training is for anyone who wants to work with youth one-on-one and teach sessions like a project or club leader. If you have signed up to volunteer in 4-H Online and I have yet to approve you, it is because of this: You must complete either VIP (in-person Training), mandated reporter training (Online), or Title IX Training (Online).

I will shift towards less pre-scheduled VIP training and more to working with your schedule. I am also willing to come to club meetings and train adults there! Please contact me if you are interested in scheduling a VIP training!

The mandated reporter is an online course in 4-H Online that you can complete over time. VIP, however, has to be taught by either myself or another educator virtually or in person. This training covers topics like creating a safe environment for youth, insurance, what to do in an emergency, and more. It takes about 90 minutes. I prefer to do VIP training on weeknights in September-May because the rest of the year gets pretty busy for everyone, especially in the summer. Want more information about VIPs? E-mail me! I would be happy to answer your questions!

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### State Policies ( Update Sheet)

Here is the link to the State 4-H Policies. This sheet has updates for a number of Wisconsin 4-H policies that have been updated like Bank accounts, Chaperones, Membership Dues and Fees Cash awards and prizes, and more!

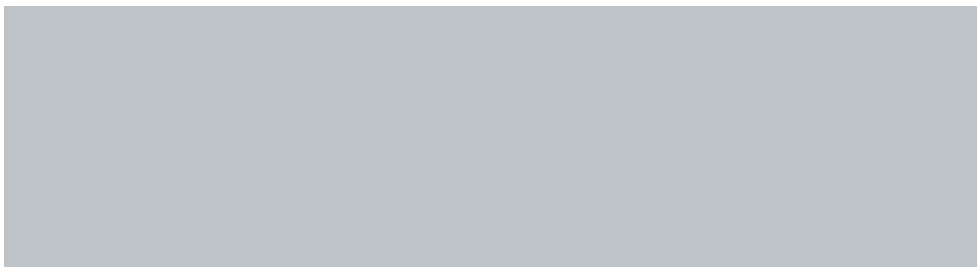
## What are Charters?

Charters are an annual report that club leaders fill out detailing the club's SMART Goals, Annual activities, high-risk activities, and meeting times and locations. This form may seem like a silly task but it is essential. I use this information to update our website with current club leaders and meeting locations. This process is important because it gives a club or group permission from the state to use the 4-H name and emblem.

This process has been updated in the past couple of years and is now available online! It is also something that can be filled out during a club meeting. Giving members a chance to create club-wide goals and talk about activities they want to participate in during the year is a great way to lighten the load of a club leader and give youth officers/members a leadership opportunity.

Charters are always released on August 1st and due to me on **November 1st**. This document can be submitted to the office as a paper copy or emailed electronically.

I have sessions in the fall to help club leaders complete their charters and ask questions. I have had low attendance the past couple of years, if this is something you are interested in please reach out to me.



## What is the Annual Financial Report?

The annual financial report is a document that clubs submit to track their year of finances. It is a way to keep clubs accountable for spending and make sure that we are using sound fundraising and spending practices. This document seems daunting but if proper records were kept throughout the year it should be straightforward. Here is a list of the **REQUIRED** documents to accompany the Annual Financial Document:

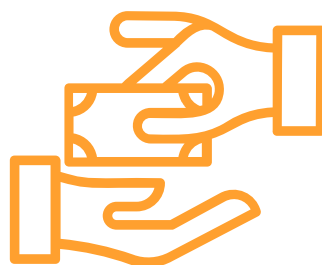
1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups Annual Financial Report
2. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups Audit Checklist
3. A Copy of the checkbook and or savings account registry covering July 1- June 30th
4. A copy of the Bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statements and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and 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 Treasurers Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

I have been very relaxed about the submissions in the past couple of years but this year I am going to be expecting more from club leaders who are submitting this form. The top four mistakes:

1. Signatures for both youth and adults on **ALL** the pages.
2. Having someone audit your annual financial report that is **NOT** related to the current account signer.
3. Not submitting a copy of the checkbook/ savings registry.
4. Submitting Annual Financial report paperwork that is out of date.

These are due to me or my office by **September 1st**. If all of these documents are not submitted by the deadline the club or group can lose tax-exempt status, forfeiture of all financial assets, and non-renewal of the 4-H Club or Group Charter. This also means that the IRS gets involved if this is not submitted.

The paperwork is available on the state 4-H. I make sure to only share a link to the state website as it will always have the list of required and current paperwork.





# Both County Programs

## Where is My Newsletter?

I often get this question: “Can I be added to your newsletter list?”. You must enroll or re-enroll in 4-H Online to be on the mailing list. This is where I pull my lists from. Before sending out large emails, I update this list. Check your SPAM folder if you have enrolled in 4-H Online but have not seen an email lately. I switched email systems to avoid this issue, but I need your help. This will help keep you connected and informed!

## Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Would you happen to have something you want in the following newsletter? Club Leaders, did you do something remarkable? Add it to the newsletter! Have your information typed and sent to [andrea.ripple@wisc.edu](mailto:andrea.ripple@wisc.edu) by the 15th of the month! Getting knowledge in by the 15th will ensure your addition is added. I will not type something up for you, so please have everything ready.





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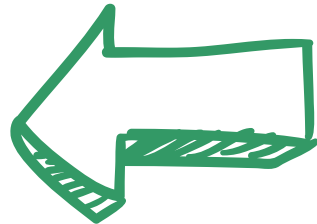
### National 4-H Week:

October 1-7th is National 4-H Week! In celebration, we will have to play virtual bingo! Download the bingo cards below and wait for the email every day during the national 4-H week! Email Andrea if you get a bingo, you will win an awesome prize!

Well, we are celebrating our youth let's tell others about 4-H! WHTL in Whitehall is looking for members who are willing to share their 4-H Experiences on the radio! This opportunity is open to everyone! If you are interested in participating please call and set up an in-person or phone interview with Steve Tudhope, at 715-538-4341.



## BINGO Cards



## Educational Experiences:

As the 4-H new year is starting back up again here is a reminder about all of the cool travel programs that the state 4-H Program has to offer. Here is a short list of some popular programs that your child should definitely look into. Below is a link to the State Website so you can explore these opportunities more.



### American Spirit:

Who can go: youth in grades 8-10

Cost \$1,900

Youth get to experience historical sights on the East Coast firsthand! This 10-day bus journey will stop at some amazing places like Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York, New York, Boston, Massachusetts, and Niagara Falls Canada!

### Citizenship Washington Focus:

Who can go: 4-H Members in 10-12th grades Minimum age 15 during the experience

Cost \$1750

Citizen Washington Focus or CWF is a great opportunity for youth who want to experience our national government in action. Youth from all over the nation come together in Washington D.C. to learn more about our Senators and representatives and how they come together to make laws. They will also participate in workshops about citizenship, Congressional Issues, Bill writing, and Action Planning.



### National 4-H Conference

Who can go: 8-10 4-H youth in 10-12th grade.

Cost \$1,500

This Educational experience included selected youth from the nation who came together in Washington D.C. to help strengthen the national 4-H program. Ideas that come from this program are shared with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture after each conference.

## Space Camp

Who can go: 6-8th Grades with a Maximum age of 15 at the time of the trip.

Cost \$900

This educational Experience is out of this world! Participants get to experience a simulated Space Mission, building and launching their own rocket, accommodations simulating real space training experience, and learning all about space exploration and astronaut life.

## Summer Academy

Who can go: 7-up Grades

Cost \$350

Formally Wisconsin Youth Conference, this educational experience is held at UW-Madison during June. The difference between this and the youth conference is the focus on post-secondary education. Youth pick one of 7 tracks to explore during the experience like Agriculture & animal sciences, Art and communication, Culinary and Health, Human Services, Leadership and civic Engagement, Trades, and STEM( Science, Technology, Engineering, and math).



## Travel Abroad

Who can go: Age 12-18 depending on the country.

The cost depends on the program.

Youth can experience different countries and cultures. Here are some of the places you can explore, Costa Rica, Japan (4-8 weeks), South Korea, and Taiwan. Countries are on a rotating cycle and change every couple of years.



## Art Beat

Who can go: 3-5th Grades, parents welcome.

Cost \$125 for youth, \$75 for Chaperones

4-H Art Beat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents, and leaders. Art Beat! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Art Beat! track leaders are older 4-H Youth, 4-H Leaders, and staff.

## Arts Camp

Who can go: 6-8th Grades

Cost \$100 Youth \$55 Chaperones

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- Encouraging expression and participation in the arts with middle school-age youth
- Supporting youth teaching opportunities where they learn to incorporate education, creativity, and reflection into the creative process
- Increasing awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level

## Fall Forum

Who can go: 7-13th Grade and adult chaperones.

The cost depends on how you spend the night and how many meals you will eat.

Use the link below to explore the Fall Forum Website



## September Birthday List:

If you see one of these members, wish them a happy birthday!

Celia S. 9/01  
Blakely Y. 9/02  
Carter S. 9/02  
Patty H. 9/03  
Caydence T. 9/04  
Lauren B. 9/04  
Grace K. 9/05  
Sawyer S. 9/06  
Ayla S. 9/07  
Louis B. 9/07  
Cole S. 9/08  
Otto A. 9/08  
Jack L. 9/09  
Olivia M. 9/10  
Leo R. 9/11  
Katherine E. 9/12  
Lauren R. 9/12  
Tirzah J. 9/13  
Carter W. 9/13  
Tanner B. 9/15  
Sawyer K. 9/15  
Paige L. 9/20  
Kathryn G. 9/22  
Brecken S. 9/23  
Alyssa S. 9/25  
Macen H. 9/26  
Alexis S. 9/27  
Jessica K. 9/29  
Aliyah W. 9/30





# Upcoming Programs

## Jackson County Programs

## Trempealeau County Programs

## Both/State Programs

### September 2023:

- 1st- Annual Financial Reports (AFR) Due The Extension Office.
- 1st- Record Books due to the Extension Office
- 9-10th- Horse Project, State Gymkhana Show @ State Fair Grounds in West
- 10th Beef Selection Workshop at N11471 Section One Rd, Hixton WI. Starts at 4 pm
- 12th- Small Animal Meeting 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 13th Livestock Education Committee Meeting – 7 pm - MLMA
- 15-17th- State Horse Expo
- 18th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting 6 pm
- 20th Livestock Sale Committee Meeting – 7 pm - MLMA
- 23rd- Horse Project Business Meeting
- 25th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm.

### October 2023:

- 1-7th- National 4-H Week
- 7th- Leadership Retreat
- 16th Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting 6 pm
- 20-21st- Youths Partners In Civic Leadership (State Educational Experience)
- 23rd Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders meeting 6:30 pm

### November 2023:

- 1st- Charters Due to the Extension Office/Online
- 4th Livestock Stocks Auction – 7 pm @ BRF High School
- 4-5th- Fall Forum at the Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake
- 7th- Small Animal Meeting 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 8th Livestock Education Committee Meeting – 7 pm – MLMA
- 15th- Registration Opens for Space Camp on 4-H Online
- 18th- 4-H Arts Camp @ Upham Woods (Register in 4-H Online)
- 20th Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting 6 pm
- 24-28th- National 4-H Congress
- 27th Trempealeau County Parents & Leaders 6:30pm

## December 2023:

## January 2024:

- 15th- State Teames Applications Due
- 15th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 22nd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

## February 2024:

- 19th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 26th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

## March 2024:

- 15-17th- Art Beat (Upham Woods, Apply in 4-H Online)
- 18th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 25th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

## April 2024:

- 1-30th- Summer Academy Registration Opens in 4-H Online
- 18-22nd- Space Camp
- 19-24th- National 4-H conference
- 15th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 22nd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

## May 2024:

- 20th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 27nd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

## June 2024:

- 14-23rd- American Spirit Trip #1
- 17th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 21-30th- American Spirit #2
- 24th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm
- 24-28th- Summer Acadamy at UW Madison (Tentative)



## July 2024:

- 5-14th- American Spirit #3
- 10-14th- Trempealeau County Fair
- 15th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 22nd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

## August 2024:

- 31-4th- Jackson County Fair
- 19th- Jackson County Parents And Leaders 6 pm at the Extension Office
- 26th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm

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# Jackson County Programs

## Parents and Leaders Meetings:

Join the Parents and Leaders meetings at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Extension office. If you can't join the meeting in person, you can use the link to access the virtual link.



## Funding Requests:

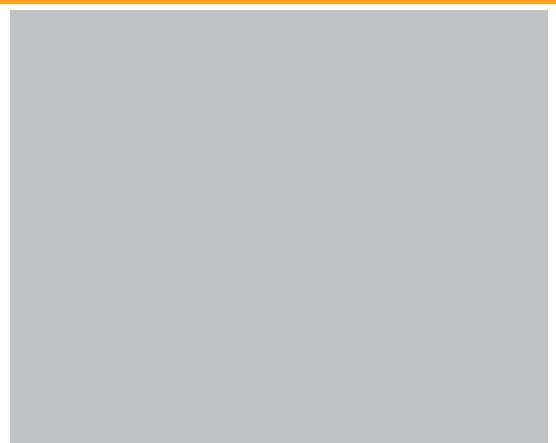
Parents and Leaders recently had many funding requests come in after an event. We encourage participation in training and conferences, but we would like to ask you to submit funding requests before you attend the event. Next time you have a funding request, please attend a Parents and Leaders meeting before. These meetings are every 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm in the Extension building. This will help us plan out our budget for the future.

## Cook Book Fundraiser:

Jackson County Parents and Leaders need your help! They have many cookbooks they want to sell but need help. They have come up with a challenge for each club to help! Clubs will receive 20 books for selling. Books are \$10 each. Clubs will be responsible for picking up and selling cookbooks. Club Leaders Should Contact the Office to schedule a time to pick up their books!

## Parents and Leaders Bylaw Review:

Clubs and Groups need to review their bylaws annually. The parents and leaders recently had a committee put together these proposed changes to their bylaws. The italics are the changes. Please review them as they will be voted on at the September 18th meeting.



**NEW**

## **Beef Selection Workshop:**

If you have not received the email from the Jackson County Livestock Project below is from one of their emails:

There will be a Beef Selection Workshop on Sunday, September 10 at 4 p.m. at Dan Laufenberg's. The address is N11471 Section One Road, Hixton, WI 54635.

This workshop will count as an education credit for the 2024 fair.

## **Club and County Awards:**

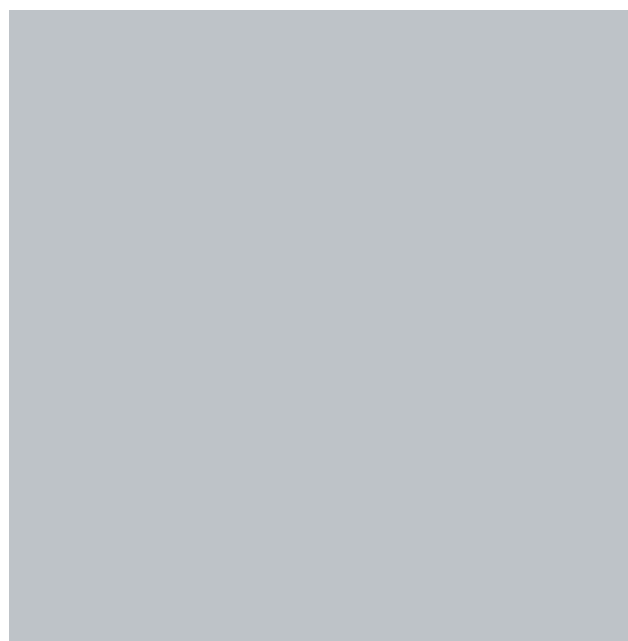
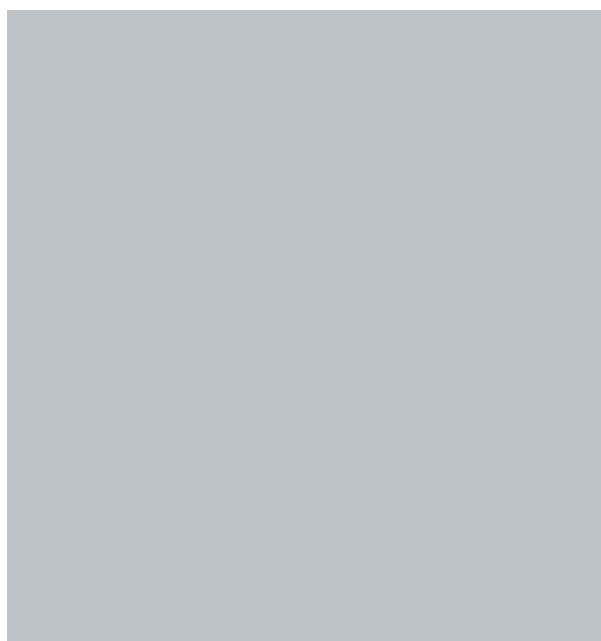
Club leaders and members now is the time to submit club, county, and specialty awards. below are the links to the Google forms where everything can be submitted. The deadline for all this information is **September 15th**.

### Specialty Awards

These awards can be filled out by ANYONE. The awards included in this form are the Achievement Award, Friend of 4-H Award, Distinguished Service, and Volunteer of the Year.

### Club Awards

These awards are for club leaders to fill out. These include record books, Graduating 4-H Members, Graduating Cloverbud members, First Year Members, Adult Volunteers, and Club Honor section.



Club	Leader/s	Contact Information	Location
BRF Trailblazers	Amy Carrier	715-896-6527	Black River Falls
Country Crystals	Karen Kling Kathlene Zipfel	715-662-2600 715-299-7912	Taylor
Hixton Lucky Clovers	Molly Kniesely	715-299-2470	Hixton
Melrose Satellites	Becky Radcliffe	715-896-1157	Melrose
Milk Duds	Mary Giese	715-896-1039	Garden Valley
Moundview Happy Workers	Angela Fisher	715-299-2872	Garden Valley
Northfield Go-Getters	Stephen Smith	715-984-2267	York
Osseo Wild Mustangs	Melissa Olson	715-586-0023	Osseo
Whispering Hills	Ellie Hurlburt Maribeth Graham	715-284-4917 715-896-3040	Black River Falls
Livestock Committee	Jerome Laufenberg	715-284-7598	Jackson County

Dog Project	Laurie Guza	laguza26@yahoo. com 608-864-0690	Jackson County
Shooting Sports	Justin Pleinis	jcpleinis@gmail.co m	Jackson County
Small Animal Committee	Alyssa Lindow	jacksonsmallanim al@gmail.com	Jackson County
Horse Project	Thomas Giese	giesethomas@yah oo.com	Jackson County
Dairy Project	Holly Meimann	Jacksoncountycd c@gmail.com	Jackson County
Parents and Leaders	Molly Kniseley	715-299-2470	Jackson County



# Trempealeau County Programs

## **Parents and Leaders:**

Join the Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Association on **Monday, September 25th at 6:30 pm in the Wisconsin Room** (Left of the Front Door) of the Trempealeau County Courthouse. The board is currently looking for new members for ALL positions (president, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer).



## Funding Request Form:

Are you planning on participating in an educational experience and would like to apply for possible reimbursement? Here is the form you would need!

<https://trempealeau.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/04/2019-Funding-Request-Form.pdf>

Club	Leader/s	Contact Information	Location
Arcadia Hummingbirds	Rosa Mooney	608-863-3482	Arcadia
Coulee Clovers	Cindy Peterson	608-989-2249	Blair
Etrick Eagles	Emily Osborn		Etrick
Frenchville Clovers	Heather Olson	608-484-0447	Frenchville
Glasgow/Hardies Creek Busy Bees	Heidi Johnson	608-865-8841 oakridgecanna@outlook.com	Galesville
Hale and Hardy	Lindsey Nelson	nelson.lindseya82@gmail.com	Plesentville
Lincoln Pioneers	Kim Pryzbylla	715-530-1443	Independence
Sunnyside	Nicole Borreson Bridget Barczak	608-797-3213 608-386-0564	Blair
Trempealeau Trusty Workers	Jenny Hilton Laura Roessler	608-539-2299 608-385-6710	Centerville



Whitehall Happy Hustler	Sharon Pederson	715-538-4856	Whitehall
Dog Project	Judy Betker Sandy Sygulla	608-989-2386 715-538-2331	Trempealeau County
Horse Project	Becky Hynes	608-865-1038	Trempealeau County
Parents and Leaders	Open Position		Trempealeau County
Llama Project	Becky Poulos	715-538-1444	Trempealeau County
Shooting Sports	Open Position		Trempealeau County

