

# A Journey Through Your First Year



## Clark County 4-H Program

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Welcome Clark County 4-H Families,

Whether you're a new family or have been in 4-H for years, we are happy to have you involved in the Clark County 4-H program—an exciting youth program sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension.

Clark County has an active and diverse program for over 650 members, 85 Cloverbuds, and over 300 adult volunteers. In this booklet you will find information to help you get started in 4-H. It includes common 4-H terms, expectations and 4-H activity lists which we hope you will find useful. We do encourage you to contact a few club leaders in your area to find out when they meet, some of the activities they do and which one meets your needs best.

After you join 4-H, your family will begin receiving “The Clover Leaf” 4-H newsletter. This newsletter contains important information about upcoming 4-H activities, events, dates, and fun information.

The purpose of this handbook is to explain the basic points of the 4-H educational program. People join the 4-H family because it is exciting and fun. At the same time, youth and adults develop basic life skills such as how to relate to others, solve problems, make decisions, and become productive citizens. The 4-H focus is on head, heart, hands, and health. In short, it touches every part of you.

Please remember that we want each 4-H year, for both new and continuing families, to be an enjoyable and productive one. Use the resources of your club and County UW-Extension Office to customize a 4-H program to fit your family's interests, goals, and schedules. **Your** active involvement in the program greatly enhances the benefits your family receives. Be sure to call with any questions or comments or stop by the UW-Extension Office to get acquainted.

Sincerely,

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# Clark County 4-H New Family Handbook



This 4-H handbook belongs to the

\_\_\_\_\_ Family

Our club is the

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club

Our club leader is

\_\_\_\_\_

We meet on

\_\_\_\_\_

Day *(example: 1st Thursday of the month)*

Location

Time

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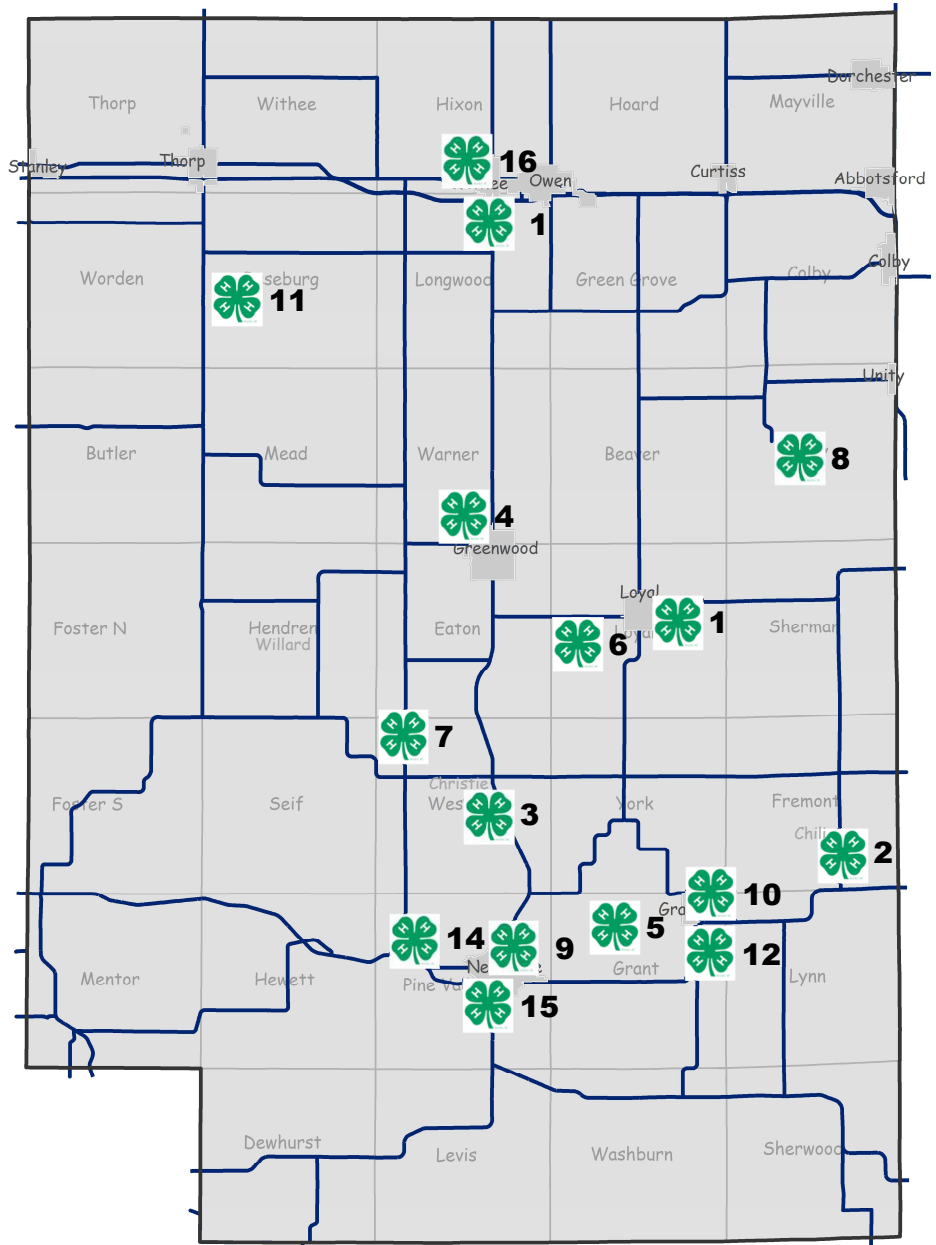
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4-H is for FAMILY!

**4-H** is where adults help young people explore their potential. It is where important relationships between adults and young people are developed. It's where the talents and interests of kids and adults come together are shared and expanded. It is where families together can experience hands-on activities in a variety of interest areas.

**4-H** youth programs is a learning by doing program.  
4-H helps youth develop:  
Competence, Confidence, Character, Connection,  
Caring, and Contribution.

# What is 4-H?

Here in Clark County the 4-H program begins at the club level. 4-H members, parents, and leaders have fun, learn and work together in project groups, club activities, special interest groups, and many events.

- 4-H is** → A youth development organization that belongs to the members, their families, and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. Professional leadership is given by Cooperative Extension faculty of the University of Wisconsin. Support for the 4-H program is a joint effort of local county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 4-H is** → An informal educational program through which parents, other adults and youth themselves, help young people develop confidence, social skills, decision-making abilities and subject matter knowledge.
- 4-H also** → Reaches out to youth who are not involved in the club program by partnering with other serving agencies such as local school districts or the Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts, or YMCA.
- 4-H is** → Open to all youth and adults regardless of race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental, arrest or conviction record, or veteran status. Most 4-H community clubs have meetings for the entire membership once a month. During these meetings, youth learn the process of decision-making, community service efforts and project opportunities. 4-H helps youth develop life skills which will help them become effective citizens and leaders in our community.

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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.





# Answers to Questions You Want to Know About the 4-H Program in Clark County

**Q. What is 4-H?**

**A.** 4-H is an informal, practical educational program for youth. 4-H is where there's fun in learning and learning in fun!

**Q. What is the mission of 4-H?**

**A.** The 4-H Youth Development program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world. This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

**Q. Isn't 4-H just for kids who live on farms?**

**A.** No! 4-H is for all youth, wherever they live—on farms or in cities. 4-H serves youth from all backgrounds and interests. It reaches both boys and girls through 4-H clubs, special-interest groups, and short-term projects, after-school programs, individual and family learning & mentoring, camping, and school enrichment. Most 4-H members are from towns and communities and they participate in contemporary projects such as bicycle care and safety, consumer education, aerospace and model rocketry, and animal sciences. 4-H offers membership without regard to race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental, arrest or conviction record, or veteran status. .

**Q. What is a 4-H club?**

**A.** Clubs are the foundation of the 4-H program. A 4-H club is a group of 3 or more families guided by one or more adult volunteer leaders. A club can be any size—from a small group of kids from one neighborhood to a larger club consisting of youth from all over the county.

**Q. What happens in a 4-H club?**

**A.** A 4-H club usually concentrates on one or more projects such as gardening, woodworking, small animals, food and nutrition, photography, etc. 4-H members build leadership by electing officers and conducting their own business meetings, work together on community service projects; meet new friends, and most important—have lots of fun!

**Q. What age must you be to join 4-H?**

**A.** Youth, Kindergarten—13th, can be standard 4-H club members and enroll in many different 4-H projects. Members of this age may exhibit their completed work to be judged for awards. Youth in K – 2nd grade are called Cloverbud members. 4-H Cloverbuds are involved in non-competitive learning experiences. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders are Explorers.

**Q. Does it cost money to join 4-H?**

**A.** 4-H has no membership registration fee. Uniforms are not required. Most 4-H project information, activities, and events are free of charge or available at cost, which is usually minimal. Each club decides whether to charge yearly dues to cover insurance costs, etc. Usually this fee does not exceed \$5.00 per youth.

**Q. How did 4-H originate?**

**A.** 4-H clubs were preceded by corn clubs for boys and canning clubs for girls, organized in the early 1900's by public school educators who wanted to broaden the knowledge and experiences of their students. 4-H became part of the Cooperative Extension Service, along with agriculture and home economics, at about the time Cooperative Extension was officially established by the US Congress in 1914. The term "4-H Club" first appeared in a federal document in 1918, and by the mid 1920's 4-H was well on its way to becoming a significant national program for youth. 4-H is an American idea that has spread around the world. Throughout its long history 4-H has constantly adapted to the ever changing needs and interest of youth.

**Q. Where does 4-H get its funding?**

**A.** Wisconsin Cooperative Extension, of which 4-H is a part, receives funds from a cooperative partnership of three levels of government: federal (via the Science and Education Administration of the US Department of Agriculture), state (the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension), and the county (through the county board). 4-H also receives support from private sources.



**Q. Who “runs” the 4-H program?**

**A.** Volunteers are the key to providing 4-H programs for youth. Capable, interested adult volunteers are always needed to lead clubs and to assist with 4-H activities. Orientation is provided, so no previous experience is necessary. 4-H volunteers are supported by a professional staff, including a county 4-H agent who is a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin. The county 4-H agent is responsible for the county-wide 4-H program and also has state and national responsibilities. There are various county 4-H support and advisory groups made up of interested adult volunteers. State and national 4-H personnel assist county 4-H professionals.

**Q. What do the 4-H “H’s” on the 4-H emblem stand for?**

**A.** The 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white “H” on each leaflet, symbolizing Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The 4-H emblem was patented in 1924.

**Q. What is the 4-H pledge?**

**A.** At 4-H club meetings and other 4-H events, 4-H members recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge:

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking  
my Heart to greater loyalty,  
my Hands to larger service,  
and my Health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.

**Q. Where are 4-H programs found?**

**A.** 4-H programs are conducted in 3,150 counties of the United States, and also the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and The Virgin Islands. In addition, more than 80 countries around the world have youth programs similar to 4-H, with an overall enrollment of about 10 million young people.

**Q. Is 4-H in my county?**

**A.** Yes! 4-H is in every county in Wisconsin. In Wisconsin thousands of members are in hundreds of local 4-H clubs. Thousands more are involved in 4-H through school enrichment, short-term programs, and camping. In addition, thousands of adults volunteer their time to assist with the 4-H program. You can become part of 4-H by contacting the Clark County UW-Extension Office and asking about 4-H. Our Office number is 715-743-5121. Our website is: [clark.uwex.edu/](http://clark.uwex.edu/).

**Q. What is UW-Extension?**

**A.** Cooperative Extension is a unique achievement in education because it functions as a partnership of local people, county government, the state university, and the federal government. While it fulfilled primarily agricultural needs early last century, it now helps many more sectors of society confront new problems and educational needs. Today Cooperative Extension is aggressively changing to meet the complex needs and priorities of Wisconsin people and their communities.

**Q. What is the Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation?**

**A.** The 4-H Leaders Federation is the organization that represents all 4-H leaders in Clark County. Meetings are held monthly. These open meetings take place at the Adult Development Service (ADS) in Greenwood (dates and times will be posted in the 4-H newsletter). Decisions are made about policies and programs affecting 4-H members and leaders.

**Q. What is a 4-H Project?**

**A.** Part of the enrollment process of joining 4-H is to select projects or areas of study in which the 4-H member wants to learn in the current year. A listing and brief description of projects can be found in the 4-H Project Guide, available from your leader or from the UW-Extension Office. A project is an area of study in which each member chooses to participate, learn by accomplishment, explore future career possibilities, and enjoy the fun of working with a group. The project may be done individually or by a group. Carrying out a project will help individuals “learn by doing” in a real-life situation. They gain valuable information and develop skills in working. In addition, 4-H members can gain experience in decision making when they decide on projects and the quality of the work to be performed. Members also learn to accept responsibility by completing project work. Finally they can learn the value and techniques of keeping accurate records. As 4-H’ers gain knowledge and experience, they are encouraged to increase the size, scope and number of projects.



# Benefits of Getting Involved with 4-H

Through 4-H, members develop and practice important life skills. They will . . .

- Make decisions and solve problems
- Develop a concern for their community and the people in it
- Build self-confidence
- Accept responsibility
- Make friends, belong to a group and give and receive acceptance and kindness
- Have a good time that makes learning fun



Youth will . . .

- Feel a sense of **belonging** by being part of a 4-H club
- Develop **mastery** while learning and practicing skills in areas that interest them
- Become **independent** as they are given choices of what to do
- Have a spirit of **generosity** as 4-H clubs give back to their community through service

## The Basics

### 4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
My health to better living,  
For my club, my community,  
My country and my world.

### 4-H Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

### 4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white letter “H” on each leaf.

The four H’s stand for **Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.**



### Clark County 4-H Facts:

You do **NOT** need to live on a farm or even own an animal to be in 4-H. Many members participate in projects such as arts and crafts, food, photography, shooting sports. There are many areas to get involved in.

Members come from throughout the county.

# 4-H Club Basics

## 4-H Club:

4-H membership happens at the club level. 4-H clubs have at least 3 families guided by 4-H leaders. 4-H clubs meet regularly, typically once a month. Meetings are conducted by 4-H members elected for officer roles.

What may happen at a meeting?

1. Youth make decisions about club activities.
2. Get to know other members.
3. Participate in community service projects.
4. Recreation or social activities.



## Costs:

There is no cost to join the Clark County 4-H program. Some 4-H clubs have local dues. Costs associated with project materials are minimal. Many projects and activities have specific costs associated with them. County and club fundraisers help offset costs to keep programs affordable.

## Forms

There are important forms that need to be filled out through the year. Some of the most common include:

### Enrollment / Re-enrollment

Refer to the hand out “Enrolling in 4-H Online as a New Family”.

Enrollment starts in the fall. New families can enroll until April 1 to be able to exhibit at the county fair. The Clark County 4-H project guide is a booklet that assists you in enrollment. You can also contact our office at 715-743-5121.

### Fair Entry

This form is distributed with the Clark County fair book usually at the May meeting. After looking in the fair book under the projects you are enrolled in, you list the items you wish to bring to the fair. Specific instructions will accompany the form.

### Recordbook (4-H Record)

There are specific forms that need to be completed as part of the 4-H recordbook or 4-H record. These are handed out to members at club meetings anytime from December – May. They are also available on the county website at: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/recordbook-forms/>

## 4-H Dates to Remember

<b>November 1</b>	Re-enrollments due (4H Online)
<b>October 1</b>	Trip Excursion forms due to UW-Extension Office
<b>April 1</b>	New family enrollment (4H Online) All project changes/corrections must be made (4H Online)



# Responsibilities

## Members

- Attend club meetings
- Participate in club activities (fundraisers, community service, field trips, project meetings)
- Follow up with club leaders if you miss a meeting
- Complete your projects early and exhibit them at the Clark County Fair
- Explore: demonstrating, judging, speaking, exhibiting
- Serve as an officer, committee member or helper in club events
- Bring your parents or another adult with you to meetings
- Read the monthly newsletter (*The CloverLeaf*) mailed by the UW-Extension to find out about upcoming events in our county or in the state

## Parents / Adult Mentors

- Attend club meetings with your child as often as possible; adult involvement is strongly encouraged
- Serve as either an Adult leader, a Project or Activity Leader
- Follow up with leaders when youth miss a meeting
- See that your children meet their responsibilities and complete them
- Encourage your child to exhibit their projects at the Clark County Fair
- Read the monthly newsletter (*The CloverLeaf*) mailed by the UW-Extension to find out about all upcoming events in our county or in the state

## Adult Leaders

- New Leaders: Complete 4-H Volunteer Orientation and Leader Training
- Project leaders hold regular meetings to help members learn about the project area
- Activity leaders work with youth and adults to plan and implement events and activities for members and leaders
- Attend county leader meetings and workshops
- Encourage members to get involved in 4-H events especially at the county and state levels
- Encourage members to exhibit their projects and participate in the Clark County Fair
- Encourage, encourage, encourage!

## Organizational Leaders

- New Leaders: Complete 4-H Volunteer Orientation and Leader Training
- Identify Project Leaders and other adults to help the club
- Supervise meetings
- Encourage member input
- Guide, encourage, teach . . .
- Encourage participation at club and county events
- Encourage parent and other adult involvement
- Plan yearly programs with club officers and adults





## 4-H Records

Basically all people, young and old, must keep records of one thing or another. Think of the things you must record – the meeting next week, your appointment with the doctor, exams at school, and money you spend on clothes and school supplies. Record keeping is simply a way of remembering something for the future. 4-H record keeping prepares you for the future.

- ✓ Records also help you benefit in ways that are hard to see, yet are very important.
- ✓ Learn how to identify your goals and set priorities
- ✓ Establish good organizing and planning skills
- ✓ Develop responsibility in record keeping
- ✓ Learn if money is made or lost
- ✓ Explore careers and jobs
- ✓ Learn to compare and evaluate success or growth
- ✓ Experience personal satisfaction and growth through completion of a worthwhile task
- ✓ You will then have a complete story telling what projects you took, leadership positions you held, and activities you participated in



### **HIGHLY Recommended**

All members in 3rd grade and above should complete a 4-H record book

- ✓ Members in Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade should complete a Cloverbud or Explorer Record book
- ✓



# Format and Content

## 1. What To Put In A 4-H Record?

A complete record is like a journal or history of what you did in 4-H. You will need . . .

- ♦ To complete the inside covers of the record with basic projects / activity information for the year
- ♦ The Title Page
- ♦ Permanent Record form
- ♦ Project Area pages (contact your club leader, UW-Extension Office, or you may download them from the county 4-H website.)

Blue or black ink should be used to complete the forms (or you can complete them on-line). Pencil is acceptable for members in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

White paper should be used to print all formatted pages.

All forms should be as complete as possible. It is a suggestion that members put “NA” in spaces that do not apply to them. Please do not just leave things blank – it looks like you did not complete the record book.

## 2. Supporting Documents

Can include photos, news clippings, certificate(s), and other flat items to support their project records (3 – 5 pages per project is suggested).

Programs and bulky items should not be included when the record books are given to your 4-H leader. These items may be added after the books have been evaluated. Ribbons can be added modestly.

A scrapbook type page created from a program that highlights a member’s participation is great!

Photos and news articles should only include items that document youth’s participation in 4-H programs and support their 4-H project and activities. Photos should tell a story.

Captions and labels should be included if they support a specific project area (Leadership, Citizenship, and Achievement). However, the focus of this section should be 4-H related activities.



## 3. Where Can I Get Record Book Pages?

Hard copies are available from your club leader or the UW-Extension Office.

Record book pages can be found at: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/recordbook-forms/>

Pages on the website can be completed on your computer and then printed. You may need to download a free copy of Adobe PDF Viewer to take advantage of this format.

# Who's Who In 4-H?

## **CLUB LEADERS:**

### **Organizational Leader**

A volunteer who is responsible for the organization of the club. Contact them with questions about the club.

### **Project Leader**

A volunteer who helps 4-H members as they learn, make, and create something in a project area.

### **Activity Leader**

A volunteer who is responsible for organizing and conducting special activities.

### **Cloverbud/Explorer Leader**

A volunteer who is responsible to work with the Cloverbud and Explorer members of the club.

### **Youth Leader**

4-H member enrolled in the Youth Leadership project. As a youth leader you can get involved on the club, county, and the state level. Youth leaders are asked to take an active role in teaching younger members as a project leader, a club officer, or committee chairperson.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

### **Cloverbud Member**

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### **Explorer Member**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### **4-H Member**

Anyone in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through age 19 as of January 1st

## **COUNTY LEADERS:**

### **4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board**

The executive board members are elected from the 4-H membership consisting of six adults and six youth representing 3 districts. They help develop policies and give direction to the county-wide program.

### **4-H Youth Development Agent**

The 4-H Youth Development Agent is the professional who guides, teaches and administers the 4-H program and is a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin.

### **Resource Leader**

An adult leader who works on project programs and with committee members to provide educational programs for all youth throughout the county in a project area.





## Resources Available to You

# Newsletter

The Clark County 4-H newsletter is called “*The CloverLeaf*”. It is published 10 to 12 times a year and is a direct mail resource for all 4-H families. Each issue of “*The CloverLeaf*” is packed full of upcoming events, news, how to tips, and much, much, more. We encourage you to submit your ideas, news, or comments in writing by the **third Wednesday** of each month for publication in the next issue.



## Project Leader List

A Project Leader list is available in January for all 4-H families. If your club does not have a leader in a project area, contact another club leader and ask about joining their project meetings.

## Extension Publications and Project Literature

Information is available on a variety of topics, based on the research findings of the University of Wisconsin. Project area literature is available from the UW-Extension Office.

## Audio-Video Equipment

There is a variety of equipment available: laptop, projectors, screen, quiz bowl, etc. Some of the equipment can be transported to a variety of sites around Clark County. Contact the UW-Extension Office for more information.

## State 4-H Website

Wisconsin 4-H has a great website with up-to-date information on the State and National levels. It also has a great deal of educational tools for members, parents, and volunteers. The website address is <http://4h.uwex.edu/>

## County 4-H Website

Clark County has a county website with information links and forms for the members and volunteers. The 4-H newsletter is also posted to this website. The website address is <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/clark/>

# The First Month

## 1. Find a local 4-H club

## 2. Ask some basic questions:

- What is 4-H?
- Who are the club leaders?
- When does the club meet?
- Where does the 4-H club meet?
- How does this program fit into our family?
- What will my child learn as a 4-H member?
- What does it cost to join?
- What are 4-H projects?
- What will my role as a parent be?

### 3. Where do I get the information:

Clark County website at:  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/clark/>  
 (then go to the 4-H Youth Development area)

Read the 4-H newsletter *"The CloverLeaf"*  
Ask questions at club meetings  
Find a 4-H family that can mentor you

#### 4. Contacts:

For questions you can contact your club  
organizational leader or the UW-Extension Office:

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715-743-5121  
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# Tentative Calendar of Events

## January

Annual 4-H Leader's Federation Meeting  
Coaches Meeting  
Speaking & Demonstration Contest  
Camp Counselor Applications due

## February

Beef Weigh-In Identification  
Ice Fishing Day  
Archery Classes

## March

Drama & Music Festival  
Horse Project Kick-Off Meeting  
Volleyball Tournament  
4-H & Livestock Scholarships due

## April

DUE April 1st - New Enrollments  
Projects Changes  
Dog Obedience Classes Start  
Shooting Sports Invitational  
Swine Weigh-In identification  
4-H Camp Counselor Planning

## May

Rural Safety Days  
Foods Revue  
Sheep Weigh-In Identification

## June

4-H Extended Camp  
Clothing Revue  
June Dairy Month Recipe Contest  
State 4-H and Youth Conference  
District Area Animal Science Days  
Overnight Camp

## July

Fair Entries Due July 1  
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip  
Cloverbud Day Camp  
Interstate Exchange Trip  
In-State Trip (younger youth)  
Softball Tournament  
All Leader Meeting

## August

Clark County Fair  
Wisconsin State Fair  
Record books Due to Club Leaders  
Carcass Show  
Livestock Banquet

## September

Youth Protection Training Starts  
DUE Sept. 15th - Record books  
Award Nomination Forms  
Record book review  
All Leaders Banquet / Meeting  
Species Meetings

## October

New 4-H Year Begins  
DUE Nov. 15 - Trip Excursion forms  
All Leader Meeting  
4-H Awards Program  
National 4-H Week Displays / Radio Promotions

## November

DUE Nov. 1 - Re-enrollments for 4-H Members  
Club Officer Training

## December

Project Discovery day  
Happy Holidays!

## Every Month:

Junior Leaders Meetings  
Fair Board Meetings  
Leaders Federation Executive Board Meetings

Look for more specific calendar  
dates in *"The Clover Leaf"*



# 4-H Information

## Behavior Guidelines

Both youth and adults are required to sign behavior agreement forms each year. These forms state that individuals will abide by both state and county policies when involved with the 4-H program.



## Clark County Fair

The Clark County Fair is held each year in early August at the Clark County Fairgrounds which is located on Highway 10 in Neillsville.

## CloverLeaf



The monthly Clark County 4-H Newsletter is mailed to every 4-H family. This gives information about county level 4-H meetings and activities offered to 4-H members, leaders, parents, and fair superintendents. It provides registration forms for most events and activities for individuals. For most events, this will be your only source of information.

## Club Rules & Bylaws

Most 4-H clubs have a set of written rules for the operation of the club. Be sure you become familiar with your club's rules early in the year. If your club needs help developing or revising bylaws contact the UW-Extension Office.



## Committees

There are a number of activity and project related committees in the 4-H program. There are specific requirements outlined by the committees for youth and adult participation. Please contact the UW-Extension Office for specifics.

## Enrollment Forms

You will need to enroll / re-enroll on-line at: [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) between September and October of the current year.

- ◇ Both youth and adult leaders must enroll by November 1 for re-enrollments
- ◇ For new members and leaders the enrollment deadline is April 1.

## Fair Entry Blank

A form where you list the specific classes you will display at the Clark County Fair.



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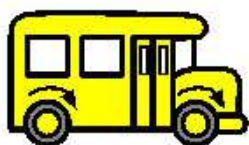
Premium Book contains the listings of possible projects. Entry blanks are due to the Extension Office by July 1. Club organizational leaders will need these forms prior to the deadline.

## Fair Premium Book

The book which lists the Clark County Fair entry classes and rules for entry. A new book is published every 2/3 years.

## Trip Excursion Form/Application (formerly the M.E. Form)

The trip excursion form identifies various trips 4-Hers can participate in. A resume, short essay and interview are part of the selection process. Applications are due to the Extension Office by October 15 of the current year.



## Project Literature

Project literature provides suggestions for areas of practical application in your 4-H project areas. Ask the Extension Office for resources.

## 4-H Record

The 4-H record is a report of 4-H accomplishments in projects and activities during the current year. Members may complete a record and submit it to their organizational leader in August or early September. Records are then selected from the club level and sent to the county by September 15 for consideration of county awards.



## UWEX

The **U**niversity of **W**isconsin (Cooperative) **E**xtension (System) is responsible for the administration of the 4-H program in Wisconsin.

## Wisconsin State Fair

The Wisconsin State Fair is held in early August at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in West Allis, WI (west of Milwaukee).

## Youth Protection

Adult volunteers are required to meet specific requirements before they can become a certified 4-H volunteer. They must attend a Volunteer Orientation Training. There is a Department of Justice confidential background check, and agree to follow the behavior guidelines when working with the 4-H program. Information about requirements can be obtained at the UW-Extension Office



## AWARDS



### What are the 4-H Achievement Award, Leadership Award, and Citizenship Awards?

4-H members (grades 7<sup>th</sup> and above) are eligible to apply for these awards. Members submit 4-H records to their leaders. Nominations are then submitted by the club leaders to the UW-Extension Office.

### What is the 4-H Key Award?

The highest 4-H award given. This award recognizes 4-H'ers that have demonstrated growth in their 4-H involvement, development and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Recipients must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years.



# The Fair

The Clark County Fair is held annually in August. The county fair is a great opportunity for 4-Her's to display/exhibit the things they have worked on over the year. This is the major event where many people see what 4-Her's can do.

The 4-H fair exhibits are evaluated by state certified judges. The process is designed to extend the learning the member has done on their project. The judges are more than willing to spend time with members providing valuable feedback on how to improve their project.



## Fairbook

The fairbook is published on an bi/tri-annual basis. Fairbooks are available to 4-H club organizational leaders in April. The fairbook lists all exhibits that youth may take to the fair in all project areas. It also includes all health regulations and rules or guidelines for project areas. Fair entry forms should be submitted to club organizational leaders on a date they specify. Club organizational leaders must submit all entry forms to the UW-Extension Office by **JULY 1st**.

## Preparing for the Fair:

Review your fair entry form to see what projects you have completed and what needs to be done yet.

Have you checked for all current health regulations—schedule veterinary visits if needed—read the health regulation portion of the fairbook and check the 4-H newsletter for updates.

Check fairbook and newsletter for judging schedules and fair entry times; Cloverbuds and Explorers will receive a letter prior to the fair indicating their scheduled time.

Check with your club project leaders for any project work days coming up before the fair.

Dog Obedience members/Horse project members—must participate and have completed the designated number of educational classes.

Livestock project members—must participate in 2 educational sessions to be eligible to show market animals.

Ask experienced 4-H families questions about the fair such as:

- \* What day do I enter my projects?
- \* How do I attach my fair entry tags?
- \* What do the various ribbons and placings mean?
- \* How long do projects stay at the fair?
- \* Is there a certain recipe or poster size I should be using?
- \* What equipment do I need to complete my 4-H projects?



**Always read the fairbook for directions on entering projects and read “The CloverLeaf” for any changes or updates**



# Judging Systems Used at the County Fair



## Danish Judging

This is the traditional system where all exhibits of the same class are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each project but is permitted to give a maximum of 25% blue, red, white and pink ribbons within each group in the class of projects. Exhibitors do not need to be present for this type of judging (except in animal projects).

## Face-to-Face Judging

This form of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors bring their projects to the judge and talk to the judge about their project. The entire class does not need to be present at the same time. The judge then, based on all discussion, will award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate without regard to percentages. Cloverbuds receive one larger ribbon.



## Conference Judging

This form of judging allows judges to judge and place a whole lot at one time. The judge uses the Danish system when judging in this manner, but talks with those youth present in a group setting and explains why projects receive certain placings. Specific project areas are designated each year for this type of judging.

### NOTE:

A member may only exhibit projects at the Clark County that he or she has enrolled in on their 4-H enrollment form and are printed on the fair registration form.

**Therefore it is very important to make sure that you enroll in projects that you want to exhibit at the county fair. You can add projects on-line until April 1.**



A Fair/4-H Offices  
 B Restrooms  
 C Camper Showers  
 D Fine Arts Building  
 E Dining Hall  
 F Dairy Cattle Barn

G Swine Barn  
 H Beef Barn  
 I Rabbit/Poultry Barn  
 J Open Horse Barn  
 K Horse Barn  
 L Open Dairy Barn

M Horse Judging Show Arena  
 N Show Arena  
 O Sheep/Goat Barn  
 P Livestock Wash Rack  
 Q Swine Show Ring  
 R Draft Horse Barn

S Kitchen Area  
 T Plant/Soil Science Area  
 U Listeman Bandshell

Highway 10

