Washington County 4-H Club Bios

Country Cousins

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The Country Cousins 4-H club is an active club with kids of all ages. We love involving the whole family, including younger siblings. All are welcome at our meetings and events!

Our club meets the 1st Friday of the month at 6:30 at Cottage Grove United Church of Christ. We have a monthly club meeting and try to incorporate a fun, project activity at each meeting. Our club also does several community service projects throughout the year including our Adopt-a-park cleanup. We are true country cousins with members both in town and on farms. Our members participate in many project areas for both the county and state fairs. Our members are involved in a wide variety of project areas from woodworking to crafts and from Food Review to Shooting Sports. We also have members that show pigs, llamas, dogs, rabbits and chickens.

We'd love to have you stop by a meeting! Feel free to contact us by email with any questions about our club!

Forest Lake Rangers

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The Forest Lake Rangers 4-H Club is located in northern Washington County in Forest Lake, MN. **Our club meets on the second Mondays of every month at 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Forest Lake Senior Community Center (767 4th St. SW, Forest Lake, MN 55025).** We have members from ages 5-18 from Forest Lake and

surrounding communities such as Hugo, Linwood area, Wyoming, and Scandia. Our club has experienced a lot of growth recently especially in the younger Cloverbud kids. Besides monthly meetings, our club enjoys giving back to the community. We have members with wide ranges of interests, including Shooting Sports, Sewing, small animals, STEM, arts and crafts, and more.

Happy Hornets

Club leader:

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Happy Hornets 4-H Club is an established club with nearly 50 active members ranging from K-13th grades. **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at Cottage Grove United Church of Christ in Old Cottage Grove.** Monthly meetings include business meetings as well as hands-on activities designed to engage the minds and curiosities of our members to assist them in identifying new interests, building confidence, and making new friends. Club members participate in Share the Fun, community service projects, Rabbit Bowl, Food Revue, Fashion Revue, Ambassadors, and various project areas at the County Fair. Project areas include livestock, crafts, woodworking, photography, and many others. Recent meetings have included composting education, a beekeeping demonstration, try-and-take arts and crafts night, and goat yoga.

The Leash League

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The Leash League is one of the newest clubs in Washington County. It was created in late 2024 by two founders, Addison Jarosch and Kaylee Kent. Both of the founders sought to create a space in 4-H for youth interested in the 4-H dog project and other non-livestock areas that 4-H has to offer. With this being said, our club strives to support all members' interests and create a diverse, welcoming community.

Our club has members of all ages, ranging from clover buds (2nd grade and younger) to youth who will soon be graduating from the program. Our members participate in a variety of projects, including but not limited to dog, poultry, rabbit, llama, goat, fine arts, fashion review, and performing arts.

We meet on the first Sunday of every month at The Greater Dog in Stillwater, from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Every other month, we alternate between formal and "informal" meetings. In our "informal" meetings, we participate in philanthropies and fun activities. In the past, we have helped with therapy dog testing, learned about wildlife at nature centers, watched movies, played 4-H Jeopardy, and spectated dog shows. We encourage interested youth to come in and spectate our meetings to see if we are the right fit!

Lucky Aces

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The Lucky Aces 4-H Club **meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Baytown Community Building**. Meetings include activities, club business, snacks, member demonstrations, and guest speakers who share about 4-H projects, life skills, and careers.

We welcome Cloverbuds (K–2nd) with a dedicated leader who guides a craft each month. At the end of each business meeting, Cloverbuds get the chance to practice public speaking by presenting their creations to the older members of the club.

Members explore a wide variety of animal and non-animal projects, take on leadership roles such as Washington County 4-H Ambassadors, and give back through service projects like nature center clean-ups, sandwich project donations, food drives, Toys for Tots, and more.
We love our field trips and community service activities! All are welcome to join, just check with club leaders beforehand to confirm the location and time.

Meetings are held at Baytown Community Building (4020 McDonald Dr N, Stillwater, MN 55082).

Riverside Routers

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Riverside Routers club has a wide range of ages and interests. We have a lot of fun and strive to have members make friends that will last for years. Species our members exhibited at the fair include sheep, pigs, beef cattle, dairy cows, rabbits and chickens. Non-animal projects span the Premium Book, including gardening, food preservation, entomology, crafts and clothing.

We hold monthly meetings that are held at Denmark Town Hall on the second Sunday of the month at 6pm. We have several activities through the year including a Halloween party, Apple Orchard tour, summer picnic, snow tubing, and a pool party. Our community service projects include roadside clean-up, playing BINGO at a retirement community , and making blankets and animal shelter. If you have any questions about our club please contact our club leaders.

Soil Savers

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The Soil Savers Club was founded 50+ years ago in Washington County. Today members range from preschool students through high school. We encourage the entire family to join our meetings and the fun! We have roughly 20 students who focus on service projects and activities which follow the 4-H slogan, “Learn by doing”. We also value family and love getting kids outside when we can. Kids of all ages are encouraged to do at least one demonstration each year as a part of our monthly meetings. Many of our members also present demonstrations at both the county fair and even at the state fair. Our current members are involved in a wide range of 4-H project areas from dogs to farm animals, crafts and foods, shooting sports and robotics. Most of our members (who are old enough) participate at not only the county fair but also the state fair in various project areas.

Our monthly meetings include a time for club business, often a demonstration - given by a member, time for a service project or breakout sessions with passion project interests led either by youth leaders or adult volunteers. New and visiting members are always welcomed and encouraged to participate in the fun! **We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at Majestic Pines Church in Mahtomedi or in the surrounding area.**

Highlights of the past couple of years monthly meetings include: chili cook-off contest, sledding at Green Acres (a yearly tradition), spring clean up for Earth Day, pizza parties, learning to draw 3D pictures, sewing pillow cases, making chapstick, creating string art, cookie baking experiment, STEM challenges, and more!

Please consider coming to one of our meetings to check out our club. We would love to meet you and your family!

St. Croix Clovers

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The St. Croix Clovers 4-H Club welcomes members from kindergarten through freshmen in college! **We meet the first Friday of each month @ 6:30pm at Baytown Hall** for a mix of club business, games, and hands-on activities. From skits and crafts to project showcases, there's always something new (and fun!) happening.

Members can explore lots of interests - from photography, STEM, and woodworking to animals, sewing, and performing arts. We also dive into service projects like Books for Africa, Salvation Army bell ringing, toy drives, and making valentines for seniors.

Beyond meetings, St. Croix Clovers enjoy workshops like baking, kayaking, and cider making - plus social events like hayrides, broomball, camping, and movie nights.

Best of all, youth get to lead the way! Our club builds leadership, friendship, and community - all while having a blast together!
Email us to join the fun!

Sunnyside

Club leaders:

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The Sunnyside 4-H club is a growing club located in southern Washington County. Our members come from Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Afton, and Hastings. **We meet the second Sunday of each month @ 4pm at St. Croix Knolls Stables.** Although we have a lot of horse lovers in our club, that is not our main focus. Our goal is to help all of our members find areas of interest that they can explore. Each meeting we focus on a different project area in hopes of finding the perfect one for each member. This is a great way to learn new things and come together as a club. We are always excited to have new members, from Cloverbuds all the way up to high school.

Town of May

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Greetings from the Town of May 4-H Club! Our 4-H club is over 85 years old and serves the north end of Washington County. Our club consists of students entering Kindergarten through Freshman year in college. **We meet the third Monday of every month at the Scandia Community Center at 6:30pm.** During our meetings, our club starts off with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge, club officers deliver their reports, we discuss old and new business, provide a project for our cloverbuds, and finish with a snack. Our members are interested in a wide variety of project areas such as: beef, swine, rabbit, clothing, photography, horse, goats, dog, and so much more. Service projects are an important part of our programming. We visit local nursing homes, to host an afternoon of BINGO, sponsor a family through Washington County during the holiday season, and plant flowers, vegetables at Birchwood Nursing Home. Our main fundraising event is participating in Scandia Taco Daze, where we sell popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and hot dogs.

Occasionally we will move the meetings to a club members home, where they can share with us their goats, beef cattle or dairy cows.

Feel free to stop in and visit or email us!

Woodbury

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The Woodbury 4-H Club is one of the oldest in Minnesota. In 1922, Miss Stella Lietzau, a teacher at Middleton School in Woodbury, organized Woodbury 4-H Club, the first 4-H club in Washington County. And the club continues to thrive today! Our club strives to support all member interests and create a diverse, welcoming community.

Our active club has members of all ages and are involved in a variety of projects, such as fine arts and crafts, gardening, food and nutrition science, woodworking, and more. While primarily an urban club, we have members who participate in shooting sports, the dog project, and the llama project.

Our members participate in county- and statewide leadership opportunities such as 4-H Day Camp, Resident Camp, BLU: Building Leadership & Understanding and YELLO: Youth Exploring Leadership & Learning Outloud, as well as the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors program.

The Woodbury 4-H Club typically meets on the second Monday of every month 6:30 - 8 p.m. In the warmer months, we meet at Carver Lake Park. In the colder months, we meet at Woodbury City Hall. We have a ton of fun in our lively meetings. Throughout the year, we gather for Fun Nights, such as a movie night at the Woodbury 10, and for community service activities, such as volunteering at Feed My Starving Children and playing bingo with seniors. Anyone is welcome to join!

Questions? Visit our website at tinyurl.com/woodbury4h and send us an email!

Wranglers

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Wranglers is so much more than the "horse club"! Many of our members are part of the horse project, but this club has experience in so many project areas; horse, beef, dairy, goat, swine, poultry, rabbit, dog, photography, aerospace, wood working, metal work, crafts, fine arts, veterinary science, and more. We have members aging from cloverbuds to those in their last year of 4-H. **Our club meets in the Stillwater area on the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm at Woodbury Lutheran Oak Hill.** The club conducts approximately 6-7 regular business meetings a year and we encourage regular participation of all members. We try to make our business meetings fun by including youth project demonstrations, games, and other activities. Occasionally we plan treats, like milkshakes or floats. We plan and participate in 3 to 4 community service projects/activities each 4-H year. We have done Christmas caroling at nursing homes, made and delivered valentines to retirement homes and veterans, made blankets for bridging and children's hospitals, we have participated at feed my starving children, packed healthy snacks for kids in afterschool programs, and we have helped with cleanup projects at the fairgrounds and at our meeting location. We also try to fit in other fun club social activities, such as a holiday gathering, bonfire, picnic, trail ride, snow tubing or maybe bowling. No matter what your areas of interest are, new families are welcome to reach out with questions or visit one of our meetings.

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