

# MINNESOTA 4-H CLOVER UPDATE

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North St. Louis County 4-H participants at BLU 2014

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## Calendar

### JANUARY

- 12 Photography Project Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**
- 13 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**
- 18 Jacque Hoyer Agility Seminar (Thunderbird Mall) 12 – 4 tentative time**
- 19 Federation Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**
- 20 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**
- 23-25 Minnesota 4-H State Horse Winter Roundup**
- 26 County Ambassador Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**
- 27 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**
- 31 – Feb 1 Leadership Retreat (I Falls for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up)**

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Helping Hands Grants due to the 4-H Foundation office**
- 3 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**
- 9 Photography Project Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**
- 10 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**
- 16 Federation Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**
- 17 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**

- 23 County Ambassador Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**

- 24 Dog Training (5:30 – 7:30) Thunderbird Mall**

- 28-Mar. 1 Northeast BLU, Duluth**

### MARCH

- 9 Photography Project Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**

- 21 Regional Project Bowl, Bemidji**

- 16 Federation Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**

- 23 County Ambassador Meeting (4-H Office, 6:30)**

- 28 Regional Project Bowl (snow date)**

### APRIL

- 6-11 National 4-H Conference**

### JUNE

- 18-19 Science of Agriculture Response Challenge**

- 20-27 Citizenship Washington Focus**

## Obedience Dog Training

Have you ever thought about training your dog and possibly entering them in the county fair? If so, the Dog Project would like to invite you to attend our regular training sessions on Tuesday nights at the Iron Range Dog Training Club. We will be starting to work on “Obedience” training. Dogs and handlers will be learning the skills to compete in the 4-H obedience training at their appropriate training level.

Beginner handlers (Beginner A) and Beginner B dogs will start training at 5:30 while those in the Graduate Beginner and above classes start at 6:15. We encourage the Graduate Beginner and above youth to come early and help the less

experienced youth with the Beginner A/B classes; likewise, we encourage the less experienced youth to stay and watch the novice and above kids work with their dogs.

## Photography Project Starting!

We are starting a Photography Project Program in January. The group will be meeting once a month this winter and spring and will be covering the following topics:

- Landscape / Outdoor Photography
- Portraits
- Silhouettes
- Macro Photography
- Action Photography
- Editing / Presentation

One topic per month will be presented, then youth will have the month to focus on that skill and bring a couple of pictures back to the group for critiquing. The group is also considering a "field trip" in early summer to really focus on outdoor photography.

The first meeting will be held on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 8:00 at the 4-H Office** in the Northland Office Center. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the 4-H office.

## Project Bowl Teams Forming!

The dog project has started a senior and junior project bowl team for this upcoming year. They are practicing from 7 - 7:45 pm on **Tuesday nights** at the Iron Range Dog Training Club. We are always looking for more youth that are interested in getting involved with this fun program. We will be competing in the regional project bowl in Bemidji on **March 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you are interested in being a part of this year's Project Bowl experience, give the office a call.

## 4-H BLU

The Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors are thrilled to announce this year's theme for the Building Leadership and Understanding (BLU) overnight leadership retreat: "4-H BLU: Tune Into You", which will focus on self-acceptance and acceptance of others. Youth in grades 6 through one year past high school are invited and volunteer chaperones will also be needed, contact your PC if interested!

We will be participating in the BLU being held at Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth **February 28 - March 1**. North St. Louis County will also be offering a scholarship again this year for those that are interested in attending. This year's conference fee is \$85, but our federation covers 25% of the cost, so your fee will only be \$63.75. If you would like a BLU T-Shirt there is an extra \$12 fee.

Last year we had 16 youth attend from North St. Louis County! Let's try and top that with at least 20 youth this year! Call the office for more information, or to sign up for this year's BLU!

Additional details are available online at: [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/blu/](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/blu/)!

## Jacque Hoye Dog Agility Seminar in January for 4-H'ers!

The Iron Range Dog Training Club will be hosting Professional Agility Trainer Jacque Hoye on the weekend of **January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. They are making a special class available for 4-H'ers on Sunday afternoon. The cost of the class is \$50, and limited to the first 10 youth signing up.

The format has changed slightly from last year and we will start with Introductory Games from 12:00 - 1:30 followed by Agility from 1:30 - 3:30. The cost for both sessions together will

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be \$50; if you only want to attend one of them the cost is \$35. As with last year, parents are welcome to watch the kids / dogs, from the mall area outside of the training room. Jacque feels that dogs and kids work better when the parents are not in the room.

Class size is limited, so sign up today!

## Jedi Trek!

*In a galaxy far, far away...*

*...a delegation of padawans will gather together to begin their Jedi trek of self-discipline, responsibility, and service as future diplomats and mediators. A new hope of peace for the New Republic Provisional Council begins.*

Join us for a fun weekend with youth from Itasca and Koochiching Counties as we explore what it means to be a “Jedi” and learn more about ourselves in the process. We will be carpooling to the event which is being held at the **Backus Community Center in International Falls**. We will leave about 12:30 on **Saturday, January 31 and return about 12:00 on Sunday February 1**. The cost for this year’s event is \$10. Please call the 4-H office to sign up.

## County 4-H Website

We would like to encourage all of you to explore the new County 4-H Website. We will be entering everything that is found in the newsletter onto the website. There are various ways to use the site, including reading news articles, clicking on “hot topics” or checking out upcoming events. We are still learning to use the site, but looks to be a great way to keep up with the many things happening within 4-H!

[NSL County Website](#)