



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes

April 20, 2017

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Fair Project Sign-Up Deadline, April 30th

If you intend to take a project to fair you must be signed up in that project area on 4H Online by April 20th. To check what projects you are signed up for, login to www.4honline.com, click on *Continue to Family*, click on the person's name, and then the *Projects*. Scroll down and all the projects that person is currently signed up for will be listed. If a project isn't listed, just click *Add Project* and choose to add that project.



*we need 50 campers to
hold camp. Financial
assistance available*

Summer Camp at Camp Bird, June 10-13

Mark your calendars for this year's summer camp at Camp Bird in Crivitz. Camp is open to 4-H & non-4-H members grades 3-6. Each camper is allowed to request a cabin mate so invite your friends. The cost is \$150 per camper which includes bus transportation. The Leader's Association has agreed to pay \$75 towards all Oconto County 4-H members. We have limited room and spots will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Register online at: [Summer Camp Registration](#). Summer Camp Brochure is located on pages 10 & 11.

Oconto County Fair Animal Weigh-Ins

Sheep/Swine: Saturday, April 22, 9:00-10:00am

Swine Showmanship: Tuesday, July 11th, 7:30pm

All events will be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett.

Annual Horse Project Meeting - April 23rd

Plan to attend the upcoming Horse Project meeting, 6:00pm at the Oconto Falls Library. We will be handing out the 2017 Horse Project Handbook and all necessary paperwork. Mandatory paperwork must be completed and postmarked by May 1, 2017 (no exceptions). Come to the meeting and get it all taken care of, ask questions, and catch up with old friends.

We will also be awarding prizes for last year's completed credit books. Attend to claim your prize.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kalies (920) 590-0174 or Danna Magnin (920) 373-7058

Notice to all Dairy Cattle Exhibitors

If anybody is interested showing cattle representing Oconto County at the state fair, please contact Erin Buhrandt by April 30th. Email ehbuhrandt711@yahoo.com or text 920-598-0710.

Club Articles

Club articles must be submitted by Thursday noon in order to appear in that week's Friday Notes. All articles should be edited for proper grammar and spelling, cover the *the, who, what, where, when, how* and *why* of the event, include the reporter's name and the club involved. If a headshot of the reporter is submitted, that will be placed alongside the article but is not a requirement.



Morgan Badgers Learn About Rabbits ***Submitted by Amber Seitz, Reporter***

Morgan Badgers 4-H members meet for their monthly meeting on Monday, April 10th. Three of Morgan Badgers 4-H members (Michaela, Abby, Natalie) demonstrated what a fair judge looks for in a fair rabbit. They showed all the different breeds of rabbits, how to hold and train your rabbit and played games on all the body parts of a rabbit. It was very interesting to see all the work that goes into getting your rabbits ready for the Oconto County Fair.



Oconto County Events



Breakfast on the Farm Volunteers Needed

This year's Breakfast on the Farm will be hosted by the John & Katrina Zak family of Rockledge Farms, 7407 Tower Drive Rd, Lena on June 10th.

Volunteers are needed on Friday June 9th 4:00pm, for set-up, with a pizza party to follow at 6:00pm and the day of the event, Sunday, June 11th. A minimum two hour commitment is requested on Sunday, but you may work as long as you like.

Contact Aprill Flores at (920) 676-6136 or aprillflores83@gmail.com.

MAQA Sessions

May 6, Gillett Community Center, 200 E. Main St.,
Gillett, 1:00-2:30pm

Registration is required. See page 4 for more info.

Goat Educational Clinic

Saturday, **May 20th**, 10:00a.m.

Oconto County Fairgrounds,
Gillett



Dairy Showing & Fitting Clinic, June 22

A dairy showing and fitting clinic will be held on Thursday, **June 22** at 5:30pm at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett. Contact Erin Buhandt for more information at ehbuhandt711@hotmail.com

To submit an article or information contact Arvilla Rusnak by noon on Thursdays.
(920) 834-6846
arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us

State Events



State Fair House of Moo offers \$300

We would love to invite your group to join us in volunteering to work in the House of Moo. We are seeking motivated and enthusiastic 4-H Clubs to volunteer a day in the House of Moo at the State Fair. The House of Moo is a hands-on education center located in the dairy barn. It features several interactive stations, requiring volunteers who can answer questions and operate activities.

The House of Moo will be open daily, **August 3 – 13**, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Not only will this be an exciting educational opportunity for your club, but we have an incentive package to offer which includes:

- ☑ **\$300 stipend, payable to your group**
- ☑ **Wisconsin State Fair admission tickets**
- ☑ **House of Moo t-shirts**
- ☑ **Free Sandwich Coupons for the Real Wisconsin Cheese Grill**
- ☑ **Complimentary water**
- ☑ **Group recognition in the display**



Dates fill on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay! **See flyer on page 5 for more information.**

2017 State Fair Youth Expo

The Youth Expo programs showcase Wisconsin 4-H and provide valuable learning experiences for youth further develop their leadership and communication skills, network with new people, build self-confidence, develop new friendships, and have fun at Wisconsin State Fair.

Click on the link below to find information and registration materials for all of the Youth Expo programs at Wisconsin State Fair. These programs include Project Exhibits, Music & Drama, Mini Performances, Activity Stations, Clothing Revue, and Demonstrations. Note that the first deadline of **May 15** is quickly approaching!

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/>

State Fair Day Camp Counselors Needed, June 9th

Selected counselors will provide leadership and perform duties for the Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp, during the fair. No fees are required; complimentary lodging (same gender rooms with bunk beds) will be provided for Thursday and Friday nights. Counselors will receive meals in the Youth Center Thursday evening through Saturday evening. Counselors work alongside similar-aged youth to assist day campers with memorable state fair camp experience. Counselors will spend most of their time under the direct supervision of Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp staff, adult 4-H volunteers and other camp supporters.

Camp activities include: a visit to Exploration Park, tour of Discovery Barnyard and a Giant Slide ride. Activities may also include large group games, crafting, public speaking and performing camp songs. For additional information visit, [State Fair Day Camp – Wisconsin State Fair](#) or see the application on pages 6-9.

January 17, 2017

Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

In order to align with the state standards, the Oconto County Fair Board has decided the following species exhibitors must attend Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) training dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry in addition to beef, sheep, swine and meat goats in order to be eligible to sell in the 2017 Sale of Champions.

The MAQA curriculum is set by the state and focuses on safe food production, proper animal care, and ideal management practices. The livestock raised by youth exhibitors are an important part of our agriculture industry, and we want to strive for high quality food production. Many counties in Wisconsin have adopted the Meat Animal Quality Assurance trainings as part of their fair requirements. The Oconto County Youth Livestock Committee recognize the importance of this training, and it is a requirement for livestock youth to be eligible to sell their animals in the Sale of Champions. The training focuses on different topics each year, and it counts as one of your educational points for County Fair.

The MAQA trainings scheduled for this year:

Thursday, April 20—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, May 6—Gillett Community Center, 200 E Main Street, Gillett 1:00- 2:30 pm

Registration for these trainings is required. You can register by calling the Oconto County UW-Extension Office (920) 834-6845.

If you are not MAQA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2017 Oconto County Fair. MAQA training must be renewed every year. Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified. Please choose the date and location that works best for you!

If you are unable to make any of these dates, you are allowed to attend MAQA in another county. Please visit the UW-Extension MAQA website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/> for training in other counties, or contact the Oconto County UW-Extension office. Most counties will be holding their trainings in spring and early summer, so please do not wait until the last minute!

If you have any questions about MAQA, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. If you know of any new 4-H, FFA, or Scouts members which might be showing livestock this year, please pass this information along to them.

Thank you,



Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
Agriculture Agent
Oconto County UW-Extension



February 4, 2017

Dear FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs and Ag Groups,

The 2017 Wisconsin State Fair is just around the corner and we would love to invite your group to join us in volunteering to work in the House of Moo. As one of the House of Moo Supervisors, along with Melissa Ploeckelman, Andrea Brossard and Sarah Adamson, we are seeking motivated and enthusiastic FFA chapters, 4-H Clubs and Ag Groups to volunteer a day in the House of Moo. The House of Moo is a hands-on education center located in the dairy barn. It features several interactive stations, requiring volunteers who can answer questions and operate activities.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board, the House of Moo will be open daily throughout the entire fair, August 3 – 13, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Volunteer groups are asked to arrive by 7:30 a.m. for training and set-up and can leave around 8 p.m., when the House of Moo closes. Groups will be expected to provide a minimum of 10 student/adult volunteers. If you have more volunteers it allows you to spend some of the day enjoying the fair.

Not only will this be an exciting educational opportunity for your chapter or club, but we have an incentive package to offer, which might make this opportunity even more appealing. It includes:

- \$300 stipend, payable to your group – **NEW** this year, groups that commit by April 1st will receive a \$50 bonus!
- Wisconsin State Fair admission tickets for volunteers
- House of Moo t-shirts for all volunteers (new color this year!)
- Free Sandwich Coupons for the Real Wisconsin Cheese Grill
- Complimentary water provided for volunteers
- Group recognition in the display

If your group is interested or if you have questions, contact me at 920-980-3141 or nicole.barlass@gmail.com. Dates fill on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay! We sincerely hope you consider participating in this wonderful part of the Wisconsin State Fair!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Barlass".

Nicole Barlass
House of Moo Supervisor
Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board

2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor Application

Experience the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, Wisconsin

Participate in the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp program by applying to become a member of the State Fair Camp Counselor Team. Explore the fascinating fun and fast-paced inner workings of State Fair while developing and demonstrating leadership, organizational, communication and mentoring skills.

Selection Procedure: Youth (9th to 13th grade) are invited to apply for a leadership role on the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor Team. Applications including a reference must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by June 24, 2017. Fair Camp Management will select up to twenty-four (24) counselors (12 male and 12 female). Preference will be given to youth who have previously served as Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselors. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by late June.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Entering 9th through 13th grade.
2. Complete and submit the application to Wisconsin State Fair no later than [June 9, 2017](#).
3. Possess strong verbal communication, leadership skills and enjoy small group interaction.
4. Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp or other Camp Counselor experience.

Roles/Duties - Day Camp Counselors are required to:

1. Participate in a mandatory face-to-face counselor training workshop on Thursday, [August 3, 2017](#) from 3 to 7 pm.
2. Participate in both Wisconsin State Fair Day Camps: [Friday, August 4](#) and [Saturday, August 5, 2017](#).
3. Plan and lead at least one icebreaker/game per camp.
4. Supervise and be a mentoring resource for assigned campers (2nd – 5th grade) through the day's activities.
5. Form an adult/youth partnership with Day Camp Coordinator to assist with the program.

Program Details: Selected counselors will provide leadership and perform duties for the Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp, during the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, WI. There are no fees required; complimentary lodging (same gender rooms with bunk beds) will be provided for Thursday and Friday nights. Counselors will also receive meals in the Youth Center Thursday evening through Saturday evening. Counselors will work alongside similar-aged youth to assist day campers with a memorable Wisconsin State Fair Camp experience. Counselors will spend most of their time under the direct supervision of Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Staff, adult 4-H volunteers and other Fair Camp supporters. Camp activities will include a: visit to Exploration Park, tour of Discovery Barnyard and a Giant Slide ride. Activities may also include large group games, crafting, public speaking, and performing camp songs. For additional information about Wisconsin State Fair Day Camps or other Fair fun visit <http://www.wistatefair.com/>.

Parents/Guardians: Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program. If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program, activity, or service, please contact Brian Bolan, Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture and Youth Programs Director via email at brian.bolan@wistatefair.com.

For additional information contact: faircamp@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7050

Applications with educator references should be sent by June 9th to:

Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp
640 South 84th Street
West Allis, WI 53214
faircamp@wistatefair.com

2017 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR DAY CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

(Please neatly print in ink or type)

Name _____ Gender _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____
 County or School participation is with _____

T-shirt size: (Adult Sizes) _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ 2X-Large _____

Calendar Year(s) of prior WI State Fair participation (Example – 2016): _____

Why do you wish to become a WI State Fair Day Camp Counselor? _____

What skills qualify you for this position? _____

Briefly describe a recent leadership/teaching/mentor role you have held: _____

Please cite an example of how you have effectively worked in a team situation: _____

What benefits do you hope to gain from your experience as a WI State Fair Day Camp Counselor? _____

Interpersonal Relations: in your relationship to other people, would you say you are usually:

	yes	no	Comments
Cooperative?	_____	_____	_____
Looked to for guidance?	_____	_____	_____
Respected?	_____	_____	_____
Outgoing?	_____	_____	_____
Sensitive toward others?	_____	_____	_____
Willing to try new things?	_____	_____	_____
Accept people who are different from me?	_____	_____	_____

How would you rate yourself in the following areas?

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Top 10%
Get along with others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enthusiasm & energy	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaching experience	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organizational skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Problem-solving skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willingness to take guidance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public speaking	_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Fair Camp Counselor Opportunities:

Please mark other Fair Camp Dates that you'd be willing to serve as a camp counselor.

_____ Performer Fantasy Camp, August 8th

_____ Animal Career Camp, August 10th

_____ Group Day, August 12th

If offered an opportunity to be a 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I will make arrangements to attend the training workshop.
2. I understand all Day Camp Counselor activities/responsibilities will be supervised by State Fair Day Camp Program Staff.
3. I will be an outstanding representative of Wisconsin State Fair and understand all attendees including Camp counselors must follow camp guidelines. Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselors are expected to *lead by example and will be held to higher standards* than camp participants.
4. I understand if I do not meet these expectations, I may be removed from the WI State Fair Day Camp Counselor position.

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete:

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

Please return this Application to Wisconsin State Fair by **June 9, 2017**

Original or scanned/e-mailed applications are acceptable.

Please send to: Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp, 640 S. 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214 or
faircamp@wistatefair.com

EDUCATOR REFERENCE (Confidential – Please submit directly to Wisconsin State Fair)

Camp Counselor Applicant's Name _____

The above named individual is applying to be a Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor for the Wisconsin State Fair Day Camps in West Allis, WI August 3-5, 2017. Your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's leadership capability and ability to work well as a team is appreciated. All information is confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Interpersonal Relations: As you observe this applicant in relationship to peers and adult leaders, is the applicant usually:

	Yes	No	Comments
Cooperative?	_____	_____	_____
Looked to for guidance?	_____	_____	_____
Respected?	_____	_____	_____
Outgoing?	_____	_____	_____
Sensitive toward others?	_____	_____	_____
Willing to try new things?	_____	_____	_____

2. Do you think this applicant will be a good mentor/leader for campers? Does he/she work well in team situations?

3. In comparison with other youth you have worked with, how would you rate this applicant in the following areas?

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Top 10%	Have Not Observed
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enthusiasm and energy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaching experience	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organizational skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Problem-solving skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willingness to take guidance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public speaking	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Do you recommend this applicant be selected as a Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor? ____ yes ____ no

Why or why not? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____ Telephone (____) _____

Please return this Educator reference to Wisconsin State Fair by **June 9, 2017**.
 Please send to: Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp, 640 S. 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214 or
faircamp@wistatefair.com

How to Register

Mail registration form (see insert) along with the full camp fee to:

Camp Registration
UW-Extension Office
301 Washington St
Oconto WI 54153

Deadline: May 12, 2017

Or register online

<http://tinyurl.com/m5fjsf7>

NOTE: No registrations will be allowed at camp. A health form and final instructions will be sent approximately one month before camp. Also, friends of campers are not permitted to visit at camp.

Contact the UW-Extension Office at 920-834-6846 for more information.

Summer Camp Fee

\$ 75.00*	Oconto County 4-H Member
\$ 150.00	Non-4-H Member

*The Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association pays \$75 towards camp fees for 4-H members. NOTE: Spaces are limited.

Camp fees cover lodging, t-shirt, meals, snacks, crafts, transportation, and insurance.

Bus Transportation: Bus transportation is provided to and from camp is provided for Oconto County residents campers. Pickup locations and times will be provided at a later date.

Refund Policy: If there is a cancellation for any reason 30 days or more before camp starts, half of the camp registration fee will be refunded. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS MADE BETWEEN 30 DAYS AND CAMP START DATE. Emergency situations will be reviewed by the camp committee.

Cabin Mate: Each camper may ask to have **ONE** other camper of approximately the same age as a cabin mate. **All efforts will be made to honor your request, but the match cannot be guaranteed.** The requests must be mutually agreed upon between the two campers. The best part of camp is meeting new friends!

Summer Camp Session

Saturday, June 10—Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Camp Bird

N8395 Caldron Falls Rd, Crivitz WI 54114

Oconto County UW-Extension

301 Washington St
Oconto WI 54153
Phone: 920-834-6846
Fax: 920-834-6853
4H@co.oconto.wi.us



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*Camp is open to
4-H and non-4-H youth
grades 3rd-6th*

Summer Camp 2017

*Come join us for fun and
adventure while celebrating
the summer of 2017!*



*Saturday, June 10—
Tuesday, June 13
Grades 3rd through 6th*

Come and Enjoy many Camp activities at 4-H Camp. . . .

4-H Camp is for any youth in grades 3-6, as of the 2016-17 school year. Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

At Summer Camp, you will enjoy a variety of activities from swimming to arts and crafts to recreation. Nature and the campfire are always popular too! We have some new and exciting things planned for this year.



Camp Activities

Arts and Crafts:

As a camper you will explore your creative abilities to make things and express yourself.

Recreation:

You will have opportunities to get involved with other campers in large group games and sports.

Waterfront:

You will be able to refresh yourself by swimming, boating, and canoeing in lovely Sand Lake.

Nature:

You will have opportunities to explore the many natural wonders in and around camp such as the lake, nature trails, streams, animal tracks, birds, and trees.

Campfires:

As a camper, you will be able to celebrate with music, skits, storytelling, and entertainment.



All-Camp Activities:

Camp will offer a variety of activities including skits, group dancing, scavenger hunts, eco-exploring, and possibly archery.

See insert for more information on these activities.

At Camp Bird. . . .

Camp Bird

consists of five cabins in each of its four units.

There are beds for up to 6-7 campers and 1-2 youth staff to stay in each cabin.

Certified 4-H adult volunteers stay in a separate cabin nearby. A bath house, with individual showers and bathroom

facilities, is conveniently located near each cabin unit.



A large dining hall with a modern kitchen is at the center of the grounds. All campers are served plentiful, nutritious, family-style meals. A large recreation hall, craft and nature buildings are available for inclement weather.

