

**Oconto County 4-H
Friday Notes
December 23rd, 2016**

New Stuff

January Thaw Project Challenge Event Registration is NOW OPEN!!, January 7th

January Thaw will be held on January 7th at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls. This is an all-day event with five individual project sessions, Team Building activities, a community service project, MAQA Training and lunch (for a small fee) provided by Northern Riders. Members will bring in their completed challenges, get some feedback from the Project Leader and other members.

Our community project will be creating cards, pictures and notes for the members of our 4-H family that are serving overseas in the military. If you have a family member that you would like us to send these items to please feel free to contact Arvilla at arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us with their contact information.

Challenges are now available online at <http://oconto.uwex.edu/january-thaw/> or you may contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.

[January Thaw Online Registration Link](#) or <https://goo.gl/forms/5RGywzFQ3Jdn9agf2>

MAQA Training at January Thaw, January 7th

An MAQA training session will be offered by UW-Extension Agriculture Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd at January Thaw on January 7th, 8:00-9:00am, at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls. Registration is required and will be available soon. Space is limited. Watch Friday Notes for more info. Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified.

[MAQA Training Registration](#) or <https://goo.gl/forms/5RGywzFQ3Jdn9agf2>

Re-enroll to Keep Updated, January 1st

Don't let this be your last Friday Notes! If you suddenly stop receiving Friday Notes and other news and info for 4-H it is probably because you have not gone to www.4honline.com and re-enrolled. If you know of someone who is not getting 4-H news and updates, please tell them to enroll or contact Arvilla (920) 834-6846 for assistance.

4-H Winter Leadership Camp, Applications due December 31

A limited number of campers will be funded for 4-H Winter Leadership Camp through the Leader's Association. Apply soon if you are interested.

Winter Leadership camp will be held February 10-12th at Camp TaPaWingo, near Mishicot. This camp is open to 6-9th graders. With hands-on, interactive leadership sessions, youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that may include sledding/tubing, snowshoeing, crazy games, and other outdoor activities.

A flyer is attached. Feel free to contact Arvilla, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us, (920) 834-6845, for information on how to apply.

Fond du lac County 4-H Creative Arts Fest, January 28th

Fond du Lac County 4-H invites members from around the region, and community youth to share their talent. Do you like to sing, play an instrument, dance, or do drama? Do you want to try giving a speech or doing a demonstration? Have you participated in arts and crafts, photography, writing, or drawing?

All youth grades 5-12 are invited to enter the Creative Arts Festival. Share your talent. Be eligible for prizes. The event is Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 9:00 am at UW-Fond du Lac. Registration deadline is January 3.

If you plan to enter or are contemplating the possibility and have questions or need ideas, feel free to contact UW-Extension 4-H at 920-929-3170. Rules, registration and entry form are found online at <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/activities-events-2/>

Let's Get Ready for Art Beat!, March 17-18th

4-H Art Beat! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! Art Beat! will be held March 17-18, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more!

Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of Arts & Communication sessions which are hands-on, active and led by 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

The \$50.00 fee will include all materials and supplies, (including a very cool Art Beat! backpack!) special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Both youth and adult participants stay warm and cozy heated cabins! All adults will be considered camp chaperones.

Contact Arvilla at (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us if you would like to attend this great opportunity to explore the arts in 4-H. **Financial assistance may be available to cover the cost.** This camp fills up fast! Register early!

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017

State Fair Dairy Promotions Board Scholarship, March 24th

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>.

Application deadline is Friday, March 24.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

Remember to Re-enroll on 4-H Online

In order to be eligible to show at the fair, qualify for 4-H travel experiences, receive the 50% discount to attend Summer Camp or receive any of the awards handed out at the Achievement Banquet, you must be enrolled on 4-H Online each year. Just go to www.4honline.com and follow the instructions. Contact Arvilla at (920) 834-6846 if you need assistance or have any questions.

Don't forget to let us know what fun things your club is doing so we can post it here and on our website. We would like share your experiences with other 4-H clubs. This would be a great task for a club reporter. Please send your information to arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us. Remember to include some pix!

Northeast Wisconsin Vex Robotics Challenge, January 14th

Interested in robotics? Come and support our very own Team Green 4-H Vex Robotics Team as they compete with 18 other teams for this state/regional championship at Oconto Falls High School beginning at 9:00am. Watch the excitement as teams test their robot designs and programming skills against each other, create strategic alliances and have fun.

2017 Camp Bird T-shirt Design Contest, April 1, 2017

The weather has been kind of dreary lately. Here's something to do to remind you of summer fun. The N.E.W. 4-H Camp Team (Counties of Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto & Brown) is looking for their 2017 4-H summer camp T-shirt design. The contest is open to 4-H members grades K-13, campers and camp youth staff.

The design should:

- Include the 4-H clover
- Relate to a camping theme
- Be your original artwork (no photos)
- Be able to be reproduced on a t-shirt (in black & white on colored shirt)
- Be 8 ½ X 11 inches
- Include your name, county, age, phone number and e-mail on the back of your design

The winning youth artist will have his or her artwork displayed on the 2017 camp T-shirt and will receive their choice of \$25.00 off of their camp registration or a \$25.00 gift certificate for the 4-H Mall. All other entries will be put into a random drawing and one person will receive their choice of \$25.00 off their camp registration or \$25.00 gift certificate from the 4-H Mall book. Please note that your design will become the property of the N.E.W. Camp Team and will be subject to editing & change at their discretion. Please submit your design to your UW-Extension Office by April 1, 2017.

Upcoming Events

New Dog Obedience Training Location!

The new location for dog obedience training sessions for 2017 will be in the Gillett Exhibition building on the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett. Your instructors, once again, will be Cheryl Schinker, Jamie Lesczykowski and Annie Lesczykowski. Date and times of the sessions will be announced next year. If you have questions about this project, contact Annie Lesczykowski at jazzyboots_7@yahoo.com.