

Oconto County 4-H  
Friday Notes  
December 30th, 2016

**New Stuff**



***Re-enroll to Keep Updated, January 1<sup>st</sup>***

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](http://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.

In order to be eligible to show at the fair as a 4-H member, qualify for 4-H travel experiences, receive the 50% discount to attend Summer Camp, attend 4-H sponsored events or receive any of the awards handed out at the Achievement Banquet, you must be enrolled on 4-H Online each year.

***January Thaw Project Challenge Event Registration is NOW OPEN!!, January 7<sup>th</sup>***

January Thaw will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us).

[January Thaw Online Registration Link](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/hvz2lsz>

***MAQA Training at January Thaw, January 7<sup>th</sup>***

An MAQA training session will be offered by UW-Extension Agriculture Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd at January Thaw on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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>

***4-H Winter Leadership Camp, Applications due December 31***

Six (3 boys, 3 girls) 4-H members will be funded for 4-H Winter Leadership Camp through the Leader's Association. Apply soon if you are interested.

### **4-H Winter Leadership Camp, Applications due December 31 (continued)**

Winter Leadership camp will be held February 10-12<sup>th</sup> at Camp TaPaWingo, near Mishicot. This camp is open to 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us), (920) 834-6846, for information on how to apply.

### **Ag Career Exploration Event, April 22-23<sup>rd</sup>**

The **Youth Leadership Derby**, sponsored by Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW), is scheduled for April 22-23 in Colby, Wis. This lock-in style event is perfect for youth who have an interest in **real-world science, leadership development and hands-on learning in the agriculture industry**. More importantly, students say they have an amazing time!

Students who attend PDPW's Youth Leadership Derby will experience:

- Hands-On dissection with veterinarians, farm labs and tours
- Choice of Discovery Forums
- Agriculture Career Exploration
- Group activities to increase confidence, team-work and leadership skills
- Amazing featured presenters including Bryant Gill, the Assistant Farm Director for WI Farm Report, and Tasha Schuh, a motivational speaker that is sure to inspire.

A brochure can be found [here](#) and a registration link can be found [here](#) or [http://pdpw.org/programs\\_and\\_events.php#event\\_link\\_177](http://pdpw.org/programs_and_events.php#event_link_177). The cost is \$79/student. **Financial assistance may be available through the Leader's Association. Contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or [arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us).**

### **Let's Get Ready for Art Beat!, March 17-18<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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](mailto:katzman@idcnet.com).

## **Fun Stuff to Do**

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 to 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](mailto:arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us). Remember to include some pix!

### ***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/>

### ***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.