

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes January 13th, 2017

New Stuff

Help Needed to Set Up for VEX Robotics Competition, Tonight

Team Green is looking for individuals that would be willing to help with setup for the VEX Robotics Challenge competition at the Oconto Falls High School tonight, January 13, 8:00pm. This is a big job and they could use help unloading and getting floor coverings down, setting up tables, playing fields, computer equipment, etc. If you have some free time please consider stopping in and lending a hand.



Northeast Wisconsin VEX Robotics Challenge Competition, January 14th

Come and cheer on our very own Team Green VEX Robotic Teams as they compete with other teams from around Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Middle and high school students will descend upon Oconto Falls High School on January 14, 2017 for the 4th annual Northeast Wisconsin VEX Robotics Challenge Competition. Approximately 20 teams will come together for a non-stop, action-packed day of competition where they will battle against each other with robots created from VEX EDR. Participants will square off in the game Starstruck, which is played by scoring stars and cubes in scoring zones and by hanging robots from a designated hanging bar. For more information see attached flyer.

2017 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications Now Being Accepted, March 15

Madison, Wis. [January 1, 2017] – The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. Scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year. Applicants should visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website to learn more about how to apply: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

What's an Education Point?

If you are new to 4-H and as we get closer to fair time, you may hear people talking about *education points* for the animal projects. What are these? What are they for? Why do I need them? Who has to have them? How do I get them? To help answer all these questions and more, we have attached an information sheet about education points to this edition of Friday Notes along with a link below.

[Education Points Information Sheet](#) or <http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>

If you happened to attend any animal classes at January Thaw on January 7th, you just earned an education point for each one. If you attended the MAQA class that day, you have not only earned a point, but fulfilled your MAQA requirement. Awesome!!

MAQA Training Class Locations

If you missed the MAQA class on January 7th you have other opportunities to attend other sessions offered throughout the state. The new UW-Extension MAQA website has a listing of classes that is updated regularly. For more information on MAQA classes offered yet this year follow the link below.

[UW-Extension MAQA website](#) or <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/>

Board of Directors Meeting, February 19th

The Board of Directors will be meeting on February 19th at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls at 2:00pm. We will be electing new officers. We are in need of older youth that would be interested in being a part of our group. Please contact Kim Kamke at kim@frgf.com if you are interested.

January Thaw Thank You!!

Because of all you who attended or helped out in any way this past Saturday, our January Thaw event was a complete success! Thank you to all you members who signed up and completed your challenges-Great job! Thank you to all the parents that trudged out in the bitter cold and may have helped in some way or another-especially our Cloverbud moms! Thank you to all our wonderful Project Leaders for taking time out of their busy lives to share their talents with us. Thank you to Northern Riders for a delicious lunch and snacks. They profited around \$400 on Saturday. Thank you to Washington Middle School for once again allowing us to use their wonderful facility. Thank you to Jan Grisetto, our technology guru, for making sure we had what we needed when we needed it. And a final thank you to the Project Development Committee for all their hard work in putting this event together. See you at Spring Fling!

Yoga



Clover Buddy Camp



Cake Decorating



Calligraphy



Crafts



Spring Fling, May 6th

Spring Fling will be held at Washington Middle School on Saturday, May 6th. Watch Friday Notes for more information.

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

If you haven't already registered for Art Beat, here's another good reason to consider it. The Board of Directors has put aside \$250 towards the first 10 members who would like to go. **Registrations must be completed by January 30th.** Four members have already signed up so get your registration in soon! Registration instructions are attached or available at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/files/2016/09/4HOnline-Registering-For-An-Event.pdf>

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!

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

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 in 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. This camp fills up fast! Register early!

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](tel:262-903-6727) or 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. Remember to include some pix!

Here's What Morgan Badgers Are Up To!

Submitted by: Club Reporter, Amber Seitz

On December 12th Morgan Badgers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting and a gift exchange. The club's president read a Christmas poem that gave the members directions of how to exchange their gifts. It was a lot of fun! The club members also received new t-shirts.

Top left: Alex Klopotic, Summer Stevens, Elliot Hytinen, Alexa Flores, Michaela Crandall, Sadie Kempky, Natalie Portier, Nathan Seitz, Amber Seitz, Mady Gohr, Abby Portier, Lydia Klopotic, Iliana Flores, Sam Kempky and Mason Stevens. Bottom left: Onni Hytinen, Bryce Bohm, Brady Chriske, Tristen Bierhals, Miranda Seitz, Kiley Klopotic, Hailey Bohm and Payten Bierhals.

Morgan Badgers 4-H the second Monday of each month at St. John's Church at 6:30 pm.



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/>

Animal Well-Being Conference: March 3, 2017

This conference is open to adults with a special track for youth. It will be held at Country Aire, F1312 Co Rd P, Stratford, WI on March 3rd. See the attached brochure or follow the link below for more information. **Cost is \$20 and registration for youth must be submitted online at the link below by February 20th, no late registrations will be accepted.**

NOTE: Marathon County Farm Bureau is paying 50% of the registration cost for the first 25 registered students. You will receive an email letting you know if you owe \$20 or \$10.

Please dress for the weather, Equity barns are not heated.

[Animal Well-Being Conference Brochure](#) or <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hyouthline/files/2017/01/Animal-Well-Being-Conference.pdf>

[Youth Registration](#) or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3Lf15io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKQDzdlzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1

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.

Ag Career Exploration Event, April 22-23rd

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. 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.**