

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes January 20th, 2017

New Stuff

I Want To Know! STEM Camp 2017, May 5-6th

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Would you like to engage in cool, hands-on scientific experiments? If so, then the IW2K! STEM Camp is for you! The Wisconsin 4-H STEM I Want to Know! Camp (IW2K! STEM Camp) will be held this year at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. This overnight camp, open to 6th-8th grade 4-H members and non-4-H'ers, will take place on May 5-6. Youth will get the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during hands on sessions.

Campers will arrive on Friday at 5:30 p.m. for check in and then will get to participate in teambuilding group activities and a large group session. On Saturday, campers will participate in sessions that include hands on STEM activities taught by UW faculty and volunteers. Previous year sessions included topics such as food science, DNA, electricity, herpetology and robotics! Camp ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Registration for this camp is limited and fills up fast, so make sure to register as soon as possible! The **Registration deadline is April 14, 2017**. The cost for the IW2K! Stem Camp is \$70, which includes meals, lodging and a t-shirt. Transportation to and from camp are to be arranged by the youth's family. For more information contact Arvilla at arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6846. **Financial assistance may be available for a limited number of 4-H members through the Oconto County Leaders Association.**

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 or see attached.

[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!!

Next MAQA Training Class, April 20 (see attached letter from Ag Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd)

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.

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!

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 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.

Spring Fling, May 6th

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

Fun Stuff

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!

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.

Congrats to Northern Riders Club Officers for 2017

Submitted by: Club Reporter, Harlee Wolf

The Northern Riders 4-H Club held their January meeting and Holiday Party at the Town of How Community Building on January 8th. Officers for 2017 were installed, and are as pictured.

There was a great turnout of members that enjoyed a meeting, potluck meal, games and gift exchange. Northern Riders members are looking forward to another great year.



Pictured back row, Parker Zahn, Macey Reed, Ella Hischke, Harlee Wolf, Claire Anderson, Georgia Gerndt, Victoria Hull, Josh Reed. **2nd row**, Mackenzie Bailey, Hope Hahn, Megan Wagner, Trinity Remic, Holly Brock, Hanna Brock. **3rd row** Maddy Van de Velde, Ryann Wagner, Michael Bailey, Bunny Cramer, Birdee Cramer. **4th row**, Natalie Siebert, Samantha Siebert, Meadow Hahn, Lexis Remic. Front row William Siebert, Clark Schroeder, Tucker Hischke, Cameron Wagner, Allison Siebert, Ginger Gerndt, Chloe Schroeder, *not pictured, Autumn and Morgan Dryja.*



President: Josh Reed
Reporter: Harlee Wolf
Treasurer: Megan Wagner
Secretary: Ryann Wagner
Vice President: Macey Reed



The members enjoyed the gift exchange, a letter from Mr. Right had them listening closely as to which way to pass their gift.

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.**