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



Fills up Quickly!
Registrations already
coming in!

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 served basis. Register online at: [Summer Camp Registration](#) or fill out the registration form and mail in with your payment. Summer Camp Brochure is located at the end of the newsletter.

Summer Camp Counselor/Dishwasher Informational Meeting and Training, March 18

If you are interested in being a camp counselor or dishwasher during our summer camp session at Camp Bird this year, there will be a mandatory information/training meeting held at the Pound Town Hall from 10:30-12:30pm. Counselors and dishwashers will go through a selection process conducted by the camp liaisons.

Camp counselors must be 15 or older and do not need to be a 4-H member.

Dishwashers must be 14 or older and do not need to be a 4-H member.

Registration is required for this event. Register by email to ljhuff@gmail.com.

Beef Weigh-In Date Change! March 16

The Beef Project Weigh-in for this year's fair will be on Thursday, March 16 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett from 5:30-7:30pm.

Board of Directors Meeting, March 19

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19th at 3:00pm at St. Clare Hospital, Oconto Falls. We will be taking pictures for the website. Directors should dress nicely or wear their club t-shirts.

Club Articles

None Submitted for This Week

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, 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.

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

Pullorum Testing Certification Seminars

Individuals are allowed to do their own Pullorum testing, but they must be certified as trained testers by DATCP.

There will be only two opportunities for certification this year. See page 7 for more information.

April 26, 6-8pm

Best Western Plover Hotel & Conference Center

5253 Harding Ave., Plover, WI 54467

May 3, 6-8pm

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

29270 County Hwy G, Ashland, WI 54806

Oconto County Fair Animal Weigh-Ins

Beef: Thursday, March 16, 5:30-7:30pm

In case of inclement weather on March 16, beef weigh-in will be held on March 19th, 9:00-10:00am at the fairgrounds.

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.



Pullorum Testing

Pullorum testing **will not** be hosted for poultry/waterfowl exhibitors at a central location this year. It will be the responsibility of each poultry/waterfowl exhibitor to contact a Wisconsin certified Pullorum tester to arrange for testing prior to the 2017 Oconto County Youth Fair.

Oconto County Fair Poultry Superintendent, Keith Schardt, will be holding a Poultry session at Spring Fling on May 6th where he will be available for questions regarding the Pullorum test.

A list of Wisconsin certified testers is located on the Oconto County UW-Extension, Youth Agriculture Program website (<http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>).

Oconto County Fairest and Junior Fairest of the Fair, April 2nd

Applications are now being accepted for the Fairest of the Fair selection for this year's Oconto County Youth Fair.

The Contest will be held in the Gillett High School auditorium. For more information this link:

[Fairest of the fair](#) or contact Nikki Olson at (920) 373-3809 at nichole.olson84@yahoo.com.



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4-H & Youth Conference, June 26-29

Only a limited number of members will be chosen to attend this phenomenal conference at the UW- Madison campus. Each year 500 youth come to this educational event. Participants attend seminars and assemblies while meeting people from across Wisconsin. **The Leader's Association has agreed to partially fund up to 10 participants so get your name in early!** To sign up contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

Qualifications:

- 7th-10th grade at the time of selection
- 4-H member
- carry county approval through trip

Costs:

- Registration cost for 2017 is anticipated to be \$250.
- Bus Transportation available for an additional fee (approx. \$25)

Listing of some of last year's seminars. Watch Friday Notes for the 2017 listing. (Some seminars require an additional fee.)

Rocket Science	4-H Guide to Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse
STEM Cells	Yoga
Sailing (extra fee)	Kayaking (extra fee)
Windsurfing (extra fee)	Canoeing (extra fee)
Pay it Forward	Photo Composition
Survive This!	Garden Art
Space. The Final 4-H Frontier	Get Into the Act
Using World Wide Telescopes to Take Online Pictures	

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

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 will be held this year at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. This overnight camp, open to 6-8th 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.

On Friday campers will 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 Camp Bird T-shirt Design Contest, April 1

The N.E.W. 4-H Camp Team 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 artist will have their artwork displayed on the 2017 camp T-shirt and will receive their choice of \$25.00 off of camp registration or a \$25.00 gift certificate for 4-H Mall. All other entries will be put into a random drawing and one person will receive their choice of \$25.00 off camp registration or \$25.00 gift certificate from 4-H Mall. The 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.

Spring Fling, May 6th

Spring Fling will be held at Washington Middle School on Saturday, May 6th.

Watch Friday Notes for more information.

***Community/School Garden, Oconto Elementary School***

The Community/School Garden is looking for individuals or 4-H club(s) that would be interested in participating in the garden at the Elementary School in Oconto. For more information contact John Pinkart at (920) 834-6898 or john.pinkart@co.oconto.wi.us



Real Colors®

Leaders Association Meeting, April 20th

The next Leaders Association meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 6:30-8:30pm at the Gillett Community Center (next to the library). We are excited to announce we will be holding a "Real Colors" training by certified Real Colors facilitator, Paula Huff, for all Club Advisors, adult volunteers and youth members (15 & older). Club Advisors, if you won't be attending please send an adult or older youth in your place. We would like to see representation from all 15 of our clubs. Real Colors is an awesome program that teaches participants to see themselves and others around them in terms of personality colors. You will not want to miss this opportunity. We will also discuss food stand shifts and duties. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Please register by April 14th at: [April 20th Real Colors Training](#) or contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

***Interested in Being a County Fair Judge? March 21***

There will be a webinar for County Fair Judges. The 2017 Fair Judges Training Webinar will be held on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. and is geared for new county fair judges as well as judges that would like to be updated on the general principles of what it takes to judge at Wisconsin County Fairs. Some of the topics to be covered are: The Basics of Judging at the County Fair, Steps to becoming a Judge, Expectations of Judges, and the Types of Judging such as conference and face-to-face. There will also be time for any questions they may have regarding judging at Wisconsin County Fairs.

The fee is \$15.00. Participants will be able to connect in their homes with an internet connection with the audio done as a Wisline via the phone. We will send all participants the connection information and the PowerPoint after they are registered. If their internet is not fast enough to access the webinar they will be able to follow along via the PowerPoint and audio connection. See page 9 for registration form.

4-H Exchange Program

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to open your home and life to the exciting world of international exchanges? Learning about other cultures and countries and sharing your cultures and traditions can be done in your own home by hosting a year-long student through Wisconsin 4-H. Please contact us to discuss this great opportunity that awaits! Students that participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Exchange Program are between the ages of 15 – 18, and will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school. They come from Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, The Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Uzbekistan and Ukraine through the FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Program) run by our U.S. Department of State. We also place Japanese, Korean and Mexican students through the LEX, LABO and BFE. Delegate information is available upon request. For more information, please check out: <http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/> or call Lilly Buchholz, WI 4-H International Programs Coordinator at 608.262.2491 or Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist at 608.262.1557.



4-H Host Exchange – Norway or Costa Rica

The life changing opportunity to host a Norwegian or Costa Rican Exchange Student or Chaperone this summer is almost up! Applications to host are due before February 28th. Through 4-H International Exchanges, we hope to increase the friendship and understanding between people in Wisconsin and other countries and to help our young people develop a global perspective and global understanding. Wisconsin families can host an exchange student for four weeks this summer or an adult chaperone for two weeks. Youth ages 12-18 will be placed in homes with children of similar ages and same genders. Applications to host Japanese and Korean will be due later in the spring, but don't wait!

For more information and to complete an on-line application, please visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>.

2017 Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarships, April 15

February 27, 2017 – The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation announces that it is awarding \$30,000 in Scholarship Awards. Twenty-six awards will be offered in the form of five \$2000 scholarships, six \$1500 scholarships, seven \$1000 scholarships and eight \$500 scholarships.

Scholarship Applications will be accepted beginning on March 1, 2017 through midnight on April 15, 2017.

The Foundation has awarded the scholarships on an annual basis recognizing the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock exhibitors and assisting them with their educational expenses. Individuals must be between the ages of 17-19 as of January 1st of the current year in order to be eligible to apply. They must also be a current or past junior livestock exhibitor who has exhibited beef, sheep, and/or swine at the Wisconsin State Fair. Applicants must pursue a post high school education, and be enrolled or planning to enroll in a University, Vocational/Technical School or University short course. Only one scholarship will be awarded per individual and previous winners may not apply. See the flyer on page 8 for more information.

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/maga/maga-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



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

February 27, 2017

2017 Wisconsin Certified Pullorum Tester Training Seminars for Poultry

A pullorum tester training seminar will be conducted at the following locations:

- **April 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Best Western Plover Hotel & Conference Center (Conference room)
5253 Harding Ave., Plover, WI 54467
- **May 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (Theater)
29270 County Highway G, Ashland, WI 54806

The seminar is for people who would like to become a certified pullorum tester for poultry in Wisconsin. Certified testers can test their own or others' poultry so that flocks can qualify for the National Poultry Improvement Program, Wisconsin Tested Flock Program, or individual testing requirements. These testing programs allow owners to move birds for fairs, exhibits, and sales. Certified testers must be at least 18 years old, and adhere to NPIP and Wisconsin Tested Flock program standards. They do not need to be veterinarians or veterinary technicians.

The seminar will explain the requirements for the poultry testing programs, and demonstrate how to test for poultry diseases – salmonella pullorum and mycoplasma gallisepticum.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to the first 80 people that register. Please contact Margie Proost by **April 17, 2017** to register at 608-224-4877 or by email at margaret.proost@wisconsin.gov.

The fee to become a certified pullorum tester is \$25. A form will be supplied at the seminar that must be mailed with your payment within two weeks after attending the seminar.

2017 Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Leah Mindemann

leah.mindemann@bock-assoc.com or

(952) 270-8778.

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All applicants are required to fill out and return a Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Application, no later than midnight April 15, 2017. All scholarship winners will be recognized at the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation has posted the on-line application and that is the preferred method to apply. The scholarship application should be completed on-line and is also available for download by accessing the website, www.gbrla.com, clicking on the 2017 Scholarship Tab and registering as instructed. Applicants can also access the 2017 Scholarship application through the Wisconsin State Fair website, <http://www.wistatefair.com> by clicking on Wisconsin State Fair, Contests/Competitive Exhibits, Jr. Livestock Entry Information and scrolling down to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Scholarship. There will also be a link through local extension offices on the Wisconsin Extension website.

For more information, contact Leah Mindemann, Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Chair, via email at leah.mindemann@bock-assoc.com or (952) 270-8778.

Please continue to visit our website, www.gbrla.com, for updated 2017 Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction information and stay connected to us on Facebook.

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation manages the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction to provide a platform for enhancing and strengthening the agriculture community of Wisconsin, and to foster better understanding of the agriculture industry throughout our society.

Governor's Livestock Auction



Celebrating Wisconsin Youth

County Fair Judges Training Webinar

March 21, 2017 ♦ 6:00 – 8:00 PM

All communication will be via email.

After you are registered, the PowerPoint
and the call-in information for the
program will be **emailed** to you.



Registration Form

Please print all information neatly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person. Please make your check payable to: UW-Extension. Please mail your completed registration and check to the address below so that we receive them by March 13.

Lynn Pfeiffer
436 Lowell Center
610 Langdon Street
Madison WI 53703

If you have questions, please contact Pam Hobson at (608) 262-9605 or pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu

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How to Register

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

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

Deadline: May 13, 2016

Camp is filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early. Camp is open to 4-H and non-4-H Youth.

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 920-834-6845 for more information.

Summer Camp Fee

\$ 75.00*	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, up to 40 members, to reduce the cost to \$75. **NOTE:** Spaces are limited for 4-H Members.

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

Bus Transportation: Bus transportation to and from camp is provided for all 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!

Marinette & Oconto Counties Summer Camp Session

Wednesday, June 15—Saturday, June 18, 2016

Camp Bird

N8395 Caldron Falls Rd, Crivitz WI 54114

Oconto County UW-Extension

301 Washington St
Oconto WI 54153

Phone: 920-834-6845

Fax: 920-834-6853

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Oconto County

Summer Camp 2016

*Come join us for fun and
adventure while celebrating
the summer of 2016!*



**Wednesday, June 15—
Saturday, June 18
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 2015-16 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.

