

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes October 14th, 2016

New Stuff

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.

Leader's Association Board of Director Meeting, October 23rd

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 4:00pm at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls.

Equity Livestock Scholarship Opportunity, November 28th

Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association is offering ten \$1,000 college scholarships and two \$750 technical college scholarships. Students must have completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, or any student who has completed one semester at a technical college.

Scholarship Criteria:

- cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale
- student or their parent(s) is an active patron of Equity

How to get an application:

Complete application online from the home page of the Equity website at www.equitycoop.com, or contact Janice Schyvinck at (800) 362-3989, ext. 152.

Application, transcript and letters of reference all due by November 28, 2016.

January Thaw and Spring Fling Clubs to Host Lunch

Project development is looking for 4-H clubs that would be interested in hosting lunch for January Thaw (Jan. 7th) and Spring Fling (May 6th) at Washington Middle school in Oconto Falls. Host clubs come up with a menu and prices, provide food/snacks and get keep the profits from the sales. Clubs in the past have profited over \$300. If your club is interested in hosting one of the dates, contact Arvilla.

Mandatory Club Advisor Training, October 20th

Club advisors, please mark your calendars for this very important **mandatory meeting**. As required by the state we will be holding our annual mandatory Club Advisor training on Thursday, October 20th, at 6:30pm at St. Clare Community Hospital, 855 S Main St, Oconto Falls, the Assisi Community Room. You are strongly encouraged to bring a youth officer from your club. We will be collecting input for our strategic planning process so our 4-H community at large is invited. The Board of Directors will be participating also.

Fun Stuff to Do

This is a brand new heading that we would like to try out. If your club has done something cool or went somewhere awesome, we would like to hear about it and share it with the rest of our clubs. We know you guys are doing neat stuff all the time so let's share! Even if it is something you've done a while ago, some other club may not have done it yet and would have just as much fun as you did. **Just email the information to arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us**. Be sure to send some photos of your club having fun so we can see what a cool thing this would be to do. We will post the information here, in Friday Notes, along with your photos so everyone can see what a great time you had and want to do the same thing. We can't wait to hear from you.

Teal Pumpkin Project

As a community service project, Lena Rocketeers 4-H club is raising awareness for the Teal Pumpkin Project. By placing a Teal Pumpkin or Teal Pumpkin sticker near your door you will be alerting families that non-food treats are also available for those trick or treaters who have food allergies. Consider taking a picture of your door with your Teal Pumpkin and send it to arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us and we will post it on the website. For more information about the Teal Pumpkin Project see the attached flyer.

Upcoming Events

It's...Charter Time, November 1st

Club Advisors check your email for all your Charter renewal documents. If you prefer hard copies or have any questions about filling out your club Charter, feel free to contact Arvilla, (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us and she will gladly assist you.

4-H New Year, Re-enrollments

It's time to re-enroll for another year in 4-H. 4-H Online is now open for enrollment for 2016-2017. Our membership in 4-H expires each September so we must re-enroll each year, even if you have been a long-time member. Be sure to visit www.4honline and complete the process so you and your family can be eligible to participate in everything 4-H has to offer this year. If you experience problems or just have questions about the re-enrollment process, feel free to contact Arvilla at the UW-Extension office, (920) 834-6845, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us for assistance.

4-H Achievement Banquet and I-Pad Giveaway, November 5th

After re-enrolling on 4-H Online for another great 4-H year we need to celebrate last year! The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 5th at St. Anne's Church in Lena. Watch for a *save the date* card in the mail soon. Dinner will be potluck with pulled-pork sandwiches as the main course (there may be some food stand recipe chili there too). Thank you to Hintz 4-H club for hosting this year. It is building up to be another great night with of course...an I-Pad giveaway at the end of the evening. More details coming soon.

4-H Fall Kick-Off, November 5th

We are doing something a little different for 4-H Fall Kick-Off this year. We will be holding it just before the Achievement Banquet on November 5th from 3-5pm at St Anne's Church in Lena. Come and check out what is new in the project areas this year, meet some of the project leaders and of course...get your challenges for January Thaw. This event is open to the public so bring your friends and show them to what YOU like about 4-H!

4-H Fall Kick-Off is an open house event where we have an opportunity to show our communities and our members everything that is available to them in the 4-H program. Tables will be set up with information about many different project areas, the trips we fund, Summer Camp, Teen Court, our Board of Directors and much more. Some of the project leaders will be available to talk to and our members get a chance to choose project area challenges which they will work on and bring completed to our January Thaw project event on January 7th. For more information on this event contact Arvilla at (920) 671-4803 or aliveatfulldraw@gmail.com.

Donations for Achievement Banquet, November 5th

The Board of Directors would like to invite each club to bring an item or create a basket to be used as door prizes at the Achievement Banquet. This is entirely optional and dependent on the interest of each club. It would be great to see the item somehow represent your club but again, that is entirely optional. If your club is interested in donating an item or basket, let Arvilla at the Extension office know, so we have an idea of how many door prizes will be available. We will be setting up a table at the banquet to display the donated items.