

# Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes September 23rd, 2016

## New Stuff

### ***4-H Fall Forum Registration Ends September 30<sup>th</sup>***

Time is running out to register for this great event. So far 130 participants from 38 counties in Wisconsin have registered. Let's represent Oconto County and sign-up. Here is a link for all the information:

[I want to go to 4-H Fall Forum](#)

### ***Adult Volunteer Background Checks***

Background checks are done periodically on our adult volunteers. Beginning in October some of you may receive an email regarding a background check. This is a legitimate email that you need to respond to within 5 days. You will need to access the link provided which will take you to secure website where you will need to input information. Please provide the information requested so the background check can be completed. Your enrollment in the 4-H program as an adult volunteer will be pending (not active) until the background check is completed.

### ***Project Development Phone Conference Meeting, September 29<sup>th</sup>***

Project Development will be holding a teleconference meeting on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. The phone number and pass code will remain the same as the last meeting. Please have your responses from your project leaders ready and begin to turn in challenges.

### ***Mandatory Club Advisor Training, October 20<sup>th</sup>***

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### ***Donations for Achievement Banquet, November 5<sup>th</sup>***

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.

### ***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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **Walleyes for Tomorrow, October 6th**

Thank you Little River for being the first club to submit an item for our new column. Great job!

**Little River 4-H Club has teamed up with *Walleyes for Tomorrow*.**



WFT is a volunteer organization that has been actively promoting more robust walleye populations through spawning habitat construction, enhancement and rehabilitation. The event will include demonstrations on casting, knot tying, fish identification and safety and will end with free fishing rods & reels given out to youth. This event is open to the public so bring a friend and show them what we do in 4-H. For more information contact, Valerie Staidl-Borkevec, (920) 373-0731.

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Little River Town Hall  
3627 County Road A, Oconto  
7:00pm**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Fall Forum Registration Open Now**

Have you seen the email from 4-H Online for Fall Forum? If not, please check it out. What is Fall Forum? Fall Forum is an opportunity to meet and help plan what the 4-H program in Wisconsin looks like. You will meet people from all over Wisconsin that are fired up about 4-H. You will never look at 4-H the same way again after experiencing Fall Forum.

Opening night at Fall Forum kicks off with over 20 different interactive sessions and Saturday has over 25 workshops to choose from! Here's a list of some the great sessions you can attend:

Electricity      Science      Archery      4-H Military Kids      Exploring Upham Woods  
Photography      First Generation 4-H      Team building

Fall Forum will be held November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake. It is open to adult volunteer leaders and youth, grades 7-13. If you are interested in attending this amazing event and meeting people who love 4-H, call the extension office at (920) 834-6845 so we can get you going.

I know you want to go...so give us a call!

## Important Stuff

### ***Project Kick-Off Fair Selections***

Those of you who had fair projects with a pencil attached to them when you picked them up should watch for a letter coming in the mail. Your project was chosen because of its uniqueness and originality by a panel of secret judges from the Project Development Committee. We would love for you to display your project at Fall Project Kick-Off coming up soon. Your letters will have all the information. Congratulations!

### ***Project Development Survey***

Over the past three years The Project Development Committee has been committed to offering three project events each year, 4-H Fall Kick-Off, January Thaw and Spring Fling. We would like your input to make these events more in tune with our members. Please take a few minutes to answer some questions in our survey and help us make these 4-H project events even better! We encourage both adult and youth members, with an adult's help, to complete the survey. Thank you from the Project Development Committee. To participate in survey click here: [Project Event Survey](#)

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