



# Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes



December 1, 2017

*I will be out of the office most of next week so there will be no Friday Notes next week.*

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To submit an article or information contact Arvilla by noon on Thursdays. (920) 834-6846; 4h@co.oconto.wi.us



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## Leader's Association/ Mandatory Club Advisor Meeting, December 14<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association will held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Gillett Community Center Building. Agenda items include:

- Board of Directors Elections
- Voting on by-law changes

This meeting will also include the Mandatory Club Advisor meeting required each year to fulfill the charter requirement. If a club advisor is not available to attend then another certified adult volunteer should attend in their place. Other adult members and youth members, especially officers, are encouraged to attend also. We will be discussing inclusiveness and updating our new family handbook, so bring your thoughts and ideas.

## January Thaw Project Event, January 6<sup>th</sup>

The Project Development Committee is in full swing, gearing up for January Thaw, Oconto County 4-H's next project event.

*January Thaw  
Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am-3:30pm  
Washington Middle School  
102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls*

If you attended 4-H Fall Kick-Off before the Achievement Banquet on November 11<sup>th</sup>, then you've already got a taste of what will be offered at January Thaw. If you weren't there, (we missed you) keep reading for more details.

January Thaw is an all-day event made up of five, 55 minute hands-on project sessions, a 30 minute all-inclusive team building activity and a 25 minute lunch break. Participants can sign-up for up to 5 different project sessions. Each project session has a challenge which needs to be completed and brought to each session. At each session 4-H members will actively learn about the project, get some feedback on their completed challenge and receive a further challenge in that project area if they choose.

Registration is required for this event. Registration details and challenges will be available on the UW-Extension website soon. Watch Friday Notes.

## Club Articles

Club articles must be submitted by Thursday noon 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.

There are no club articles for this week



This new section is devoted to the volunteer opportunities available in our 4-H program. Consider giving back by becoming involved in 4-H at a deeper level and offer to help out in any of these areas.

### **Board of Directors**

The Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association is seeking adults and older youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up) to serve on their Board of Directors. They are looking for individuals that are passionate about 4-H, willing to commit 2 hours once a month to making Oconto County 4-H a growing program and interested in having lively, creative discussions about our 4-H program.

Oconto County 4-H relies heavily on the voice of the board, so be a part of that voice. Elections for both adult and youth board directors will be held during the Leader's Association meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> (see page 5). If you are interested in serving as a member of this dynamic panel, please contact Kim Kamke at kimkamke@gmail.com.

### **Volunteer in Preparation (previously known as Volunteer Orientation) Training Dates**

In order to become an adult volunteer in 4-H you must attend a Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training. The training introduces you to the 4-H program and your role and responsibilities when working with youth in our 4-H program. Marinette County will be holding a training next week. The next training in Oconto County will be in January during the January Thaw project event.

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm, Washington Middles School, 102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls  
(Registration for this training is not open yet. Watch Friday Notes for further details.)

If you have any questions regarding VIP training or on how to become an Oconto County 4-H volunteer, contact Arvilla Rusnak at (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.

### **Cloverbud Leaders for January Thaw (Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>) & Spring Fling (April 7<sup>th</sup>)**

The Project Development Committee is seeking several adult or older youth volunteers to run the Cloverbud sessions at January Thaw and Spring Fling. The sessions run from 9:30am – 3:30pm with a break at 11:30am for Team Building activities and at 12:00pm for lunch. In the past, the sessions were usually theme-based but this is not a requirement. There are many activity ideas and several full curriculums available in the UW-Extension 4-H office to help volunteers in planning the session but you may come up with your own ideas. Being that winter will be in full swing, that could be a theme or maybe an element of winter, such as snowflakes could be the theme.

Our Cloverbuds have really loved these sessions in the past and our previous volunteers have done an awesome job in making these sessions fun and educational. We need some nurturing, enthusiastic, patient volunteers to help us continue to be able to offer them. If you are interested or know someone (maybe that person who does the Cloverbud activities in your club) who may be perfect, please contact the UW-Extension 4-H office at (920) 834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.



This section of Friday Notes that is dedicated specifically to Travel Experience opportunities in 4-H. The promotion of these TrEx opportunities are the result of the hard work of the TrEx Committee and funded from the profits of the food stand sales at the Oconto County Youth Fair.



### Space Camp, April 26-30

Space Camp is a camp experience for **4-8<sup>th</sup> graders** where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp participants experience the **Pathfinder Program**. The Pathfinder Program is a 3 day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities, such as:

- Simulated Space Mission (including roles at mission control, on the ISS, in a space shuttle, and on the surface.
- A variety of Space Simulators such as the multi-axis trainer, five degrees of freedom chair, and the space shot.
- Building and launching their own model rocket.
- On-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience.
- Learning all about space exploration and astronaut life in museum tours guided by a Space Camp expert.
- A team quiz bowl where participants test their knowledge against others at the end of camp
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Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space. They are led by a team of trained Adult Advisors and Space Camp counselors. Counselors are former Space Camp participants who are outstanding leaders. Counselors lead a variety of activities on the buses and stops along the way that help keep youth engaged and help them meet new people. As a 4-H program, our goals for youth who go through Space Camp are:

- To have the opportunity to learn in an exciting environment away from school.
- To develop social skills by meeting new people and working as a team.
- To have the opportunity to learn life skills in a situation that is unfamiliar to them.
- To have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by participating in the Space Camp Counselor program.



Tentative registration fees including coach travel are approximately \$625 depending on transportation costs. Final fees will be confirmed and announced in February. Only written cancellations will be accepted. No cancellations can be accepted and no refunds will be issued after January 20. Medical emergencies will be considered for partial refund on a case-by-case basis. Same-gender substitutions may be made until March 1.

The TrEx Committee has \$625 allocated for Space Camp this year. These funds would be distributed evenly among the interested participants. The balance of the camp fees would be the responsibility of the 4-H member.

Registration is open right now, at [www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com). Just login to your family profile, click Continue to Family, scroll down to Register a Member in an Event, choose your name, click on the Event and Click on register. You will be notified by the TrEx Committee of any further requirements. If you have questions feel free to visit [Space Camp](#) on line or call the UW-Extension Office at 920-834-6846.

**TrEx Committee Meeting, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

The next meeting of the TrEx Committee will be held on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls. This meeting is open to everyone.

**Seeking Club to Host Spring Fling Lunch, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Congratulations to Southernline for being the club selected to host the lunch to be provided at January Thaw. Thank you so much for volunteering! We look forward to seeing your menu options.

Project Development is still in need of a club to host the lunch for Spring Fling on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The club would be responsible for providing lunch and/or snacks for the participants and project leaders. The host club receives all the profits. This can be a great opportunity to do some fundraising for your club. Remember, fundraising must have a purpose and should not just be a random way to put money in the club's checkbook.

**Announcing YQCA (formerly known as MAQA)**

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA program with the new and improved YQCA (Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals). This new program has several great advantages:

- ✓ It is available online
- ✓ The content is age related
- ✓ The content is progressive for each age group
- ✓ Younger participants (8-11) will still have in person training

We are excited about this new program and hope our 4-H members will embrace it also. If you have any questions check out [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) or contact the UW-Extension Office at (920) 834-6846 or [4h@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:4h@co.oconto.wi.us).

**UW-Extension Family Living Teen Parenting eNewsletter**

The Oconto County Family Living program is offering a free eNewsletter about parenting in the digital age. The signup is simple and you will conveniently receive the newsletter each week in your email inbox. Follow the link [Parenting eNewsletter](#) below to get signed up and watch Friday Notes for more information.

# GOT TEENS?

## SIGN UP FOR FREE, WEEKLY EMAILS ABOUT PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

<http://eepurl.com/c9Jz1f>

For questions.....please contact:  
Oconto County Family Living Program  
Tel: 920.834.6848

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**State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to be used during the second semester of the 2018-19 school year.

Third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities are eligible to apply. Additional scholarships will be available 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 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>. Application deadline is Friday, March 23.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or [katzman@idcnet.com](mailto:katzman@idcnet.com)