



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes



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Wisconsin 4-H
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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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January Thaw Registration Opens This Weekend!!

Watch your email for the information to register for this awesome project event.



January Thaw
Saturday, January 6th

9:00am-3:30pm

Washington Middle School

102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls



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.

The community service project for January Thaw will be scarves. We will be making scarves from fleece fabric which can be embellished with thoughtful words for the wearer, beads, fringe or whatever your imagination comes up with. We will be donating these scarves to the Home and Community Education group to be included in tote bags that are given to young children in our community. **We need about 80 scarves to fill the need.**

Here are some of the project sessions that will be offered at this year's January thaw:

Ancient Games	Exploring Your Environment
Arm Knitting	Fairy Gardens
Art with Lines	Goats
Beekeeping	Painting Advanced
Cake Decorating	Poultry
Cats	Sewing
Ceramics	OZO Computer Coding
Rock Painting	Shooting Sports
Crocheting	Small Engines
Swine	Vet Science
Woodworking	

We hope everyone will be able to find something that interests them or will consider trying something new.



Spring Fling is sponsored by the 4-H Project Development Committee, the Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association & U.W. Extension

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.



Northern Riders Explore Cake Decorating and LEGOs.

Harlee Wolf, Reporter

Northern Riders members learned more about Cake Decorating and Exhibiting Legos at the December Northern Riders 4H meeting.



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Morgan Badgers Focus on Community Service

Lydia Klopotic, Reporter

The Morgan Badgers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on Nov. 12, 2017.

Members decided they would be ringing bells for the Salvation Army as a

community service project and hand out gift cards as a random act of kindness. They also did a fun ice breaker with m&m's to get to know one another better. Morgan Badgers 4-H meets the second Sunday of every month at 5pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Morgan. Please feel free to attend a meeting to see what 4-H is all about!

Independence



Generosity





This 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 (8th 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. The Board is currently in need of two adults and four youth. Please consider volunteering for these positions that are so vital to the continuation of our 4-H program. If you are interested in serving as a member of this dynamic panel, please contact Kim Kamke at kimkamke@gmail.com. We would LOVE to have you on board!!

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.

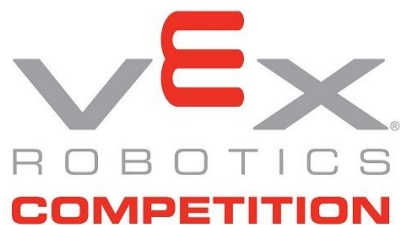
Saturday, January 6th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Washington Middles School, 102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls
Registration is required for this session. Please watch your email for your January Thaw brochure. Registration instructions can be found in there.

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. 6th) & Spring Fling (April 7th)

The Project Development Committee is still seeking several one or two adult or older youth volunteers to help 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.

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.



Northeast Wisconsin VEX Robotics Tournament, January 13th

This is the 5th year our Team Green 4-H Club has sponsored a VEX Robotics Tournament. The event is held at the Oconto Falls High School on Saturday, January 13th, 9:00am – 5:30pm. More than 35 teams, including our own Team Green will be competing. A lot needs to come into place to make this an enjoyable, successful event so Team Green is asking for your help.

They are especially looking for judges that can interview and evaluate teams and select teams for various awards. New judges would be paired up with experienced ones to provide training, so previous experience is not required. Also needed are students (probably 3rd grade and up) to help reset game objects after each match, as well as general volunteers. Setup for the tournament takes place Friday evening before the event and volunteers are needed for that as well. This event qualifies for community service hours at most schools for those students that may need those.

Consider signing up to help and to cheer on our Team Green 4-H Club. This would be an awesome community service project for any of our 4-H Clubs and support Oconto County 4-H.

Anyone interested in volunteering or that wants more information can email us at TeamGreenRobotics@gmail.com

New Committee Forming for New Family Handbooks

At the mandatory Club Advisor meeting which was held on December 14th, we talked about updating/changing our new family handbook. We had a great discussion about what elements should be in this handbook to make it valuable to our new members. Now that we have some great ideas, we need some volunteers, adult and/or youth, to put some time into organizing all the ideas and create an awesome handbook our clubs would be proud to hand out new families joining our clubs. This group would meet however, as often or wherever worked for the group.

We all know that sometimes that first year in 4-H can be a little overwhelming. Our new members are vital to the growth and sustainability of each of our clubs. Please consider joining this committee and help our new families not only feel welcome but informed. If you are interested contact the UW-Extension Office at: (920) 834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

Community Scrapbook Contest

Every year the Oconto County Youth Fair sponsors a Community Scrapbook Contest during the fair. In the past, this has not been a very popular contest and I thought it may be because it isn't advertised until right before the fair. The scrapbook is a compilation of all the community service projects a club or group is involved in throughout the year and if you don't find out about the contest until right before the fair, that's almost too late to get something together to enter. Unless.....you know about it now!

So, if there individuals in your club that enjoy creating with scrapbooks, now would be the time to start putting the pages together for the fair. The scrapbook should be created in a three ring binder and should tell the story of a club's service activities within their community. It is turned in on the Thursday of the fair and judged during the fair. The winning scrapbook receives \$30 for their club. For more information on the rules and a copy of the judge's score sheet see pages 8-9.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications, March 15th

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2018. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation **via email by March 15, 2018, 5:00 pm.**

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 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 2018-2019 academic school year.

For all the application requirements see pages 10-11



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

This camp is currently full and only taking names for a waiting list.

Space Camp is a camp experience for **4-8th 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. 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.



Seeking Club to Host Spring Fling Lunch, April 7th

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 7th. 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 or contact the UW-Extension Office at (920) 834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

Oconto Falls Library Sewing Classes

Sewing classes will again be offered at the Oconto Falls Library. The classes will include a Fabric Basket, Heating Pad, Zipper and Patchwork Tote. All the classes will be held from 9:30am-11:30; \$5 per session and open to all ages (interested parties should have the ability to operate a sewing machine or a partner who does). The cost covers all supplies. If you are interested call: (920) 846-2673. See flyer on page 7.



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](http://ParentingeNewsletter) 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 23rd

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

Oconto Falls Library presents Sewing Classes



Fabric Basket

Monday, January 8th,
Saturday, January 20th
&
Monday, February 5th



Heating Pad

Monday, February 12th
&
Saturday, February 24th



Zipper Tote

Monday, March 19th
Saturday, March 24th



Patchwork Tote

Monday, April 9th
&
Saturday, April 14th



All classes are \$5.00 each
and from 9:30 to 11:30



Sign up today

920-846-2673

Community Service Scrapbook Rules

The Community Service Scrapbook should tell the story of a club or organization's service activities within their community. The scrapbook will be judged during the fair.

Scrapbooks are due to the fair office by 8:00pm on the Thursday of the fair. Scrapbooks need to be picked up during Expo Hal exhibit checkout on the Sunday of the fair. The fair board is not responsible for scrapbooks that are left at fair office after the fair is over.

- Scrapbooks should be contained in a three ring binder.
- It is best to use sheet protectors or lamination to protect the pages from damage and fingerprints (optional)
- Only activities during the current club or organization year should be included
- Scrapbook cover should be creative and incorporate club or organization name.
- First page of scrapbook should include a title for scrapbook, the year and the names of any individuals involved in its creation. This can be creative also.
- Scrapbook can focus on one or many community service activities. (Judging focuses on the presentation, not on the number of activities.)
- Be creative, neat, complete and organized when creating the story of the community service activities.
- Each scrapbook story about a particular community service project should include:
 - Why did your club or organization do this community service project? How did you come up with the idea?
 - Who were the intended audience for the project?
 - Who was involved in planning and executing the project? Include youth and adults
 - Where and when was this activity held?
 - How did you let people know about it?
 - What was the result or impact of the project?
 - Was this project educational for the public?
- Some things to try to include when answering the questions above: photos, drawings, newspaper or newsletter articles, interviews with participants, description of activity, the steps involved in planning and your results.
- Be sure to include captions for all photos and drawings and give credit to photographers, interviewers and authors of newspaper and newsletter articles.

Judging Score Sheet for Community Scrapbooks

1. Scrapbook 15 Points

Three-ringed binder used	(3 points)	_____
Contents for current year	(1 point)	_____
Cover includes club or organization name	(1 point)	_____
Creativity of scrapbook cover	(0 - 10 points)	_____

Total Scrapbook Points _____

Judges comments: _____

2. Story of Community Service Activities 45 Points

Description of the project	10 points	_____
Intended audience, purpose and goals identified	8 points	_____
Description of planning (who, what, when)	5 points	_____
Description of how project was promoted	5 points	_____
What were the results of the project	5 points	_____
How did the project impact the public	7 points	_____
Grammar and spelling	5 points	_____

Total Story Points _____

Judges comments: _____

3. Story Presentation 30 Points

Captions describing photos and drawings	5 points	_____
Involved youth and adults credited	5 points	_____
Photos (composition, focused, relevant)	5 points	_____
News/media articles relevant	5 points	_____
Narratives (correct spelling, grammar)	5 points	_____
Creativity in presenting the story	5 points	_____

Total Story Presentation Points _____

Judges comments: _____

Overall Presentation 10 Points

Neatness	2 points	_____
Completeness	4 points	_____
Organization	2 points	_____
Originality	2 points	_____

Total Overall Creative Presentation Points _____

Judges Comments: _____

Total Scrapbook Points _____

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application

Applications must be emailed to **scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org**. Applications will consist of:

Résumé

Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page

Not to exceed one page

No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points

Suggested résumé headings include: Career Goals, School Experience, Work Experience, 4-H Experience, Leadership Experience, Activities Outside of 4-H

Include probable school choice and major on your résumé

Résumés must be submitted as a PDF (preferred) or Word Document, and must be named Applicant Last Name Résumé (example: Smith Résumé) and attached to the email.

Cover Letter

Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page

Not to exceed one page

No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points

Cover letters should include information relevant to the application, including how 4-H made an impact and how skills learned in 4-H will be used in the future. The strongest cover letters expand on information on the résumé; they don't repeat the same information.

Cover letters must be submitted as a PDF (preferred) or Word Document, and must be named Applicant Last Name Cover Letter (example: Smith Cover Letter) and attached to the email.

List of 4-H projects in which the applicant participated

Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page

Not to exceed one page

No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points

The project list should be in order of importance to the 4-Her, with the most important projects at the top of the list. This does not need to be a complete list of every project ever taken by the 4-Her.

Project list must be submitted as a PDF (preferred) or Word Document, and must be named Applicant Last Name Project List (example: Smith Project List) and attached to the email.

One recent photo of the applicant preferably at a 4-H event or working on a 4-H project

Photo must be 5" x 7" or less and may be snapshots or professional photos

Photo should be clear and, while other people may be in the photo, the applicant must be prominent

Photo must be submitted electronically and titled Applicant Last Name Photo (example: Smith Photo) and attached to the email.

Photo may be used for promotional purposes

Résumés and cover letters with extreme quantities of text will be disqualified – documents with the most words will not receive preference!

Résumés, cover letters, project lists (a total of three pages) and one photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via a single email on or before March 15, 2018, 5:00 pm. Applications received after this time (as time stamped in the email), and any USPS mailed applications will not be considered. **Apply early to avoid any confusion.**

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth advisors will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to send a thank-you note to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

Questions?

Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

608.262.1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org