



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes



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Spring Fling Project Challenge Event
Saturday, April 7th, 9:00am-3:30pm
Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls
Registration is open now!



Spring Fling Project Challenge Registration Open

Spring is finally upon us and with it the 4-H Spring Fling Challenge event on April 7th at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls. We will begin the day with check-in opening at 8:30am and a Community Service Project at 9:00. We will again be making fleece scarves to be donated to youth in Oconto County. We needed 80 scarves. We got 39 completed at January Thaw, only 41 more to hit our goal!

Individual sessions begin at 9:30am and run until 11:25am. Everyone then reports to the gym where there will be team building and group activities.

A pizza Lunch will be served by the TrEx Committee from 12-12:25pm at \$5 per plate for pizza, choice of fruit and choice of juice or water or you may bring your own.

Individual sessions begin again at 12:30 until 3:25pm.

Go to www.4honline.com to register.

Registration deadline is April 2nd!

Charter Goals and Bylaws

Spring is always a good time to check on progress. So how is your club doing on the three S.M.A.R.T. goals you created for your club's charter this year? These S.M.A.R.T. goals are created kind of like the record books you complete for your projects. They show what your club intended to do this year and whether or not you did it. Can you check any of them off? Are any of them not going to be accomplished because they just don't fit?

If you can't answer these questions, now's a good time to begin. Schedule an upcoming club meeting to discuss your S.M.A.R.T. goals and, while you're at it, pull out your bylaws and see if they need to be updated. Just remember to send a copy of your updated bylaws to the UW-Extension office.

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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.



Morgan Badgers Go Ice Skating

Submitted by Lydia Klopotic

On March 11, 2018, the Morgan Badgers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting & went ice skating at the Cornerstone Community Center. They had a great time! Some members even tried doing some fun tricks on the ice. After they were done skating, they held their meeting and ate a yummy snack. At the end, they were lucky enough to see some hockey players warm up for a game.

Morgan Badgers members pose at Cornerstone Community Center where they went ice skating and watched hockey players warm up for a game.



Score one
for 4-H!



Northern Riders 3rd Annual Ski Trip

Submitted by Harlee Wolf, Reporter

The Northern Riders 4-H club held their 3rd annual ski trip on Sunday March 4th at Ski Brule. 39 members were in attendance to enjoy a great day of skiing and snowboarding. Thanks to leader Sherrie Reed for organizing and for all who the parents and adults that helped make it a great experience! Thanks again to Ski Brule for everything!! Can't wait until next year.



Northern Riders members pose dressed and ready for skiing and snowboarding fun at Ski Brule



Northern Riders members stop for a break to warm up.

Project Development Committee Meeting, April 3rd

The next Oconto County 4-H Project Development Committee conference call will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd at 12:30pm. Phone # 641-715-0700, 179706#.

4-H Leader's Association Meeting, May 10th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 6:30pm at the Gillett Library Community Building. All certified adult 4-H volunteers and youth members enrolled in 4-H Online are welcome to attend. Agenda topics will include:

- Approval of 2018-2019 Budget
- **New Club Charter requirements**

TrEx Committee Meeting, April 11th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H TrEx Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 11th, 7:00pm at St. Clare Hospital Oconto Falls. Agenda items include:

- Setting up the Calendar year
- Preparing page for New Family Handbook

This meeting is open to everyone.

New Family Handbook Committee Meeting, April 17th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H new Family handbook Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 17th, 4:00pm at the Lena Library. This committee is working on creating a handbook to help our new families get acclimated to the 4-H program. If you are new to 4-H we would love to have your input. This meeting is open to everyone so consider attending and help us make 4-H great for all our families.

Board of Director's Meeting, April 7th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 4:30pm at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls.

Agenda items include:

- Appoint new Board members
- Review Breakfast on the Farm Event
- Plan May 10th Leader's Association meeting
- Board member recruitment

This meeting is open to everyone.

Wagner's Represent Oconto County at Winter Leadership Camp

Ryann and Megan Wagner of Northern Riders 4-H club were chosen as this year's Oconto County Winter Leadership Camp delegates. They event was held at Camp Ta-Pa-Wingo in Manitowoc County on February 9th-11th. The camp involved exercises in team work, how to think like a leader, adding fun to 4-H, the confidence to speak up, Real Colors identification and lots of winter fun. Here's what Megan and Ryan had to say about the weekend.

At this camp they teach you how to become a better public speaker and how to become a better leader. They teach you different ways to be a leader in your club. It was extremely fun and I learned a lot. I would recommend this camp to anyone it is a great leaning experience and you will have a great time. Ryann Wagner

I had a lot of fun and I would go again next year if I get the chance. It was good to meet new friends and I learned a lot about public speaking and leadership. They taught you about how to be a leader in 4H and outside of 4H it was a lot of fun. Thanks for the opportunity. Megan Wagner

Ryann, left, and Megan, right, pose in front of the fireplace at the Winter Leadership event at Camp TaPaWingo.





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Food Stand Committee Members Needed

The Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association is looking for members for this year's Food Stand Committee. This group is made up of adults and older youth interested in planning our annual fundraiser held at the 4-H food stand during the Oconto County Youth Fair, August 16-19.

The committee meets monthly, April through August, for 1-2 hours at the 4-H food stand on the fairgrounds in Gillett, weather permitting, at a time and date that works for everyone. They may meet more often as fair dates draw near.

As in the past, each club will be required to take on an extra duty during the fundraiser. Representing your 4-H club on this committee would fulfill your club's duty requirement.

Contact Cheryl Meyer at gmeyer002.outlook.com if you are interested.

Budget Committee Members Needed

The Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association is looking for members for its annual Budget Committee. This group is comprised of adults and older youth that are interested in helping the organization review last year's financial transactions and prepare a budget for 2018-2019.

There is no better way to find out how the money is spent in Oconto County 4-H and to be part of the decision on how to spend it next year than to volunteer for this committee.

The committee meets 1-2 times during April for a few hours at a time and location that works for everyone. Previous experience in budgeting is not a requirement. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact Cheryl Meyer at gmeyer002@outlook.com.

Spring Fling Project Challenge Event Looking For Your Help, April 7th

The Project Development Committee is looking for clubs or individuals that would be willing to help out at the Spring Fling Project Event on April 7th. They are in need of the following:

A club or group of individuals willing to coordinate the continuing scarf-making community service project. The project runs from 9:00-9:30am on April 7th so you would still be able to attend other sessions that day. Individuals would set up the room for the project, help get the project going, welcome participants as they arrive, give instructions on how to make to scarves, assign roles as needed, be available for questions and clean up afterward.

2-4 individuals to man the registration table. These individuals would handle checking people in as they arrive; hand out schedules and maps, add un-registered participants to the list and classroom rosters and answer questions.

2-4 individuals to help with set-up. Set-up is scheduled for 7:45am on April 7th. Responsibilities include setting up tables for registration; putting up classroom and door signs; making sure session one classrooms have rosters and are ready for class; equipment is ready in the gym and assisting with set up of shooting sports equipment.

2-4 individuals to help with clean-up. Clean-up will begin at 3:30pm on April 7th. Responsibilities will include checking that all classrooms used are clean and put back in order; checking that all classroom doors are locked; retrieving equipment from gym; making sure lights are off, no water is running and floor is clean of toweleling and toilet paper in bathrooms; taking down all classroom and door signs and helping to load equipment.

If you or your club is interested in helping with any of these jobs, please email 4h@co.oconto.org and we will put you on the list to help.



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Summer Camp Adult and Youth Staff Volunteers

Our summer Camp Directors, Laura Huff, Brandon Dehne and Kristen Lipinski are gearing up for another great summer camp program this year. Camp dates will be Wednesday, **June 13th through Saturday, June 16th** (see page 7 for all the awesome details). Youth Staff will head up to camp on the evening of Tuesday, June 12th for a special pre-camp retreat to prepare for camp (and Pudgy Pies!!). As a thank you for all your hard work during camp, you stay for FREE!



In order to be eligible for the Camp Counselor role, you must be 15 years old by June 1st. Resource Counselors must be 14 by June 12th. Counselors need to enjoy hanging out with younger youth (grades 3-6), be able to handle being adored by campers and genuinely like to have fun. Each Counselor must also attend 8 hours of training provided by our Camp Liaison Team.

Not sure if you would enjoy being a Camp Counselor or Resource Counselor? Attend the next session.

There is no commitment until you are sure you are a good fit. Come prepared to work as a team with the other youth staff. There will be 3-4 more meetings between now and June, and youth staff are expected to attend all trainings.



Camp Counselor Training Dates

March 24 th	2-4pm	Pound Town Hall
April 14 th	2-4pm	Pound Town Hall
May 5 th	2-4pm	Pound Town Hall
May 26 th	2-4pm	Pound Town Hall

If you are interested in being an Adult Staff member, you must be enrolled as a volunteer on 4-H Online, have attended the Volunteer in Preparation training (another will be held at Spring Fling on April 7th, so plenty of time to get you ready) and completed a state background check. Contact Arvilla Rusnak at 4h@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6846 if you qualify and are interested. Adult Staff will be required to attend one training session prior to camp. Meeting date and time to be announced.



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 one adult and three 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 Cheryl Meyer at gmeyer@outlook.com or (920) 569-9364. We would LOVE to have you on "board"!!



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Volunteer for Breakfast on the Farm, June 10th

One of the Board of Director's goals this year is to promote 4-H by creating a larger presence at the annual Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm event. This year's event will be held on the [Sunrise Dairy farm located at 9101 State Highway 32, Suring from 8:00am-1:00pm](#).

We are planning to have a tent with 4-H promotional information to hand out and activities for youth attending the event. We will be looking for older youth from our clubs to volunteer to hand out promotional materials and help with the activities. Shifts will be set up for sign up as we get closer to the event.

We would also encourage all the clubs to contact the Breakfast on the Farm Committee when their request for volunteers comes out (watch Friday Notes). The committee anticipates this year's event to be very busy and they will need as many volunteers as possible. Volunteers are needed to set up the Friday before and many volunteers to help with serving the food, helping the guests and clearing tables.

The Breakfast on the Farm Committee donates the bottled water we sell at our 4-H fair food stand each year. We can say thank you by helping out at this event. Consider doing it as a community service project with your whole club or maybe as a 4-H family.



Whatever you decide, please consider volunteering.

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 program. The next training in Oconto County will be in April during the Spring Fling project event.

Saturday, April 7th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Washington Middle School, 102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls.

Registration is required for this session. Register at www.4honline.com. Registration instructions located in the Spring Fling Booklet.

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.

*No one is more cherished in this world than someone
who lightens the burden of another.*

Anonymous



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.

4-H & Youth Conference, June 25-28th, **Sign Up Deadline March 26th**

You do not want to miss this awesome conference! Many participants attend year after year so they can meet up with all the awesome people they met in the past.

7th-10th
Graders

Tours

State Capitol Building
UW-Madison Campus
Camp Randall Stadium
Kohl Center

Participation

Exciting Seminars
Inspiring Workshops
Engaging Community Service Projects
Explore Your Limits

Connecting

Movies
Table Games
Meet New People

Entertainment

Theatre Performances
Open Mic Nights
Talent Show
Guest Speaker

Conference Cost: \$250 (plus \$25 busing fee; some seminars like canoeing, kayaking and sailing require additional fees)

UW-Madison
Campus

Send in your Travel Experiences Application form now and have the chance to attend FREE!!

Brochure and application form located on pages 11-12. Email to 4h@co.oconto.wi.us by March 26th!

YMCA CAMP U-NAH-LI-YA

Oconto County Summer Camp, June 13th-16th



We are so excited to announce that this year's Oconto County Summer Camp will be held on Wednesday, June 13 through Saturday, June 16th at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya on Chute Pond. Campers must be in 3rd through 6th grade as of this year's school year to participate.

Thanks to the Bond Foundation we will be able to keep camp at \$150.00 per camper, \$75.00 if you are This fee is all inclusive and includes round trip transportation, meals, cabin rental and all activities.

Transportation will be provided by Kobussen Buses LTD in Oconto. Buses include outside, Under carriage storage and overhead storage inside.



Three meals a day will be provided by Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya's kitchen staff. Meals consist of well-balanced, fresh food, prepared from scratch. A full salad bar with fresh fruits and vegetables will be available daily. The kitchen can handle any dietary restrictions your child may have.

All campers sleep in comfortable cabins. Beds are twin-size bunks. Most cabins have indoor fireplaces and common areas with room to hang out.



Some of the activities will include fishing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, archery, arts and crafts, sailing (possibly), paddle boarding, camp fires and even a sauna. This may be our best year yet. Watch Friday Notes for information on how to sign up.

Oconto County Fairest and Junior Fairest of the Fair, March 23rd

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.

The Fairest of the Fair is the Spokesperson for the fair! The face of the fair! This individual holds a yearlong position where they represent the fair throughout the County at various events, parades and meetings. They host the Oconto County Fair in August and represent our County at the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention in January. The Fair Board and the Fairest of the Fair Committee strive to make this position an experience of a lifetime. The Fairests learn life lessons in accountability, time management, public speaking, team work and etiquette. Fairest of the Fair contestants must be 18 by January 1, 2019. Junior Fairest contestants must be 11-13 by January 1, 2018. The Fairest of the Fair will receive a \$500.00 scholarship and Junior Fairest of the Fair will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.

For applications see pages 17-18. For more information contact Nikki Olson at (920) 373-3809 or nichole.olson84@yahoo.com.



Free Horse Education Day, April 7th

Circle E Equestrian Stables is offering a free "Horse Education Day" on Saturday April 7th from 10-2pm. There will be a tack sale as well. Visit their website as the event gets closer for more details and a schedule of events <https://circleestables.com/home>. What a great opportunity for all horse enthusiasts! See page 15 for a flyer.



Horse Project Annual Meeting. April 15th

Plan to attend the upcoming annual Horse Project meeting at HSHS St. Clare hospital meeting Room A on Sunday, April 15th at 6:00pm. Enter the hospital through the main entrance under the large canopy. The meeting room is located on your left hand side just past the restrooms. We will be handing out the 2018 Horse Project Handbook and all necessary paperwork.

Mandatory paperwork must be completed and postmarked by May 1, 2018 (no exceptions).

Come to the meeting to get it all taken care of, ask questions, catch up with old friends, and hear about some new exciting things happening in the Horse Project! We will also be awarding prizes for last year's completed credit books. You must attend to claim your prize.

If you have any questions, please contact Danna Magnin (920) 373-7058 or djmdmm@bayland.net. If you are new to 4H and/or the Horse Project, please be sure to enroll online for the "Horse" project so you receive all our email communications and potentially be eligible to show, if desired. Some emails are sent directly from the Project Leader/s and some come from the UW-Extension. Use an email which you check frequently.

This meeting can be counted towards the educational points 4-H members need to participate in the Show of Champions at the Oconto County Fair.

Announcing YQCA (formerly known as MAQA)

Two YQCA in-person trainings will be held for participants 8-11 years old **ONLY**. Everyone else must sign up online for classes at yqca.org click on *Sign in with 4H Online*.

**Thursday, April 19—Pound Town Hall, Coleman
6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, May 12—Gillett Community Center,
200 E Main Street, Gillett 9:30- 10:30 am**

See attached pages 13-14 for a letter from UW-Extension Ag Educator, Sarah Mills-Lloyd or contact her at or (920) 834-6845.

Door County 4-H

Small Animal Swap, April 21st

Door County 4-H will be holding a Small Animal Sale & Swap event on Saturday, April 21st at the Door County Cooperative Country Store in Sturgeon Bay.

Pullorum testing will be available on site. Health papers for all species are required to meet state and federal regulations. For more information see page 16 for event flyer.

Sheep Weigh-In, April 28th

If you are planning on exhibiting your sheep at the Oconto County Youth Fair and would like to be eligible for the Sale of Champions, your sheep must be weighed-in prior to the fair. This year's Sheep Weigh-in will be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett on April 28th from 9-10am. Contact Chris Engebretsen at (920) 373-3799 if you have questions.

Be sure to consult the Dept. 4 Sheep pages in the Junior Fair Premium List at <http://www.ocontocountyfair.org/Home> for other exhibiting requirements.

****New** Swine Exhibitor Identification April 28th**

A decision has been made by the Oconto County Fair Board to have a terminal show for the 2018 swine project at the Oconto County Youth Fair. There will be no breeding classes shown. All swine brought to the fair will be sent to slaughter at the termination of the fair.

Swine exhibitors must obtain RFID tags for each animal, available from the UW-Extension office. **New this year**, a 2018 Swine Exhibitor form must be emailed to staciepienta@gmail.com with two digital photos of the swine. See pages 19-20 for further information and a copy of the Swine Exhibitor form.

Save the Date! Area Animal Science Days

The dates for the 2018 Area Animal Science Days have been announced:

Kewaunee County	June 14
Clark County	June 22
Lafayette County	June 29

Mark your calendars. More information will be posted as it becomes available. So Watch Friday Notes!

Attending this event counts an education point for Oconto County 4-H members participating in the Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions.



Dairy Fitting and Showing Clinic, June 20th

Learn how to get your dairy animal exhibits ready for the fair at the Dairy Fitting and Showing clinic to be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett on June 20th from 4-6pm. This clinic is especially helpful if you are new to exhibiting a dairy animal or just want to brush up on your skills.

For more information contact:
Erin Buhrandt
ehbuhrandt711@yahoo.com.

Attending this event counts an education point for Oconto County 4-H members participating in the Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions.

Swine Showmanship Clinic, June 25th

Get all the information you will need to do your best at exhibiting your swine project at the Swine Showmanship Clinic to be held on June 25th at 7:30pm on the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett.

For more information contact:
Ann Steffel at
(920) 373-4984
asteffel77@gmail.com.

Attending this event counts an education point for Oconto County 4-H members participating in the Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions.

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

Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship Program, May 31st

The Wisconsin Town's Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company and Scott Construction, Inc. will be awarding \$7000.00 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2018 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin that plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or a university in 2018. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest.

The essay should address the topic: "Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?"

Essay Requirements

- The essay must be typed and between 500 and 1000 words, double spaced.
- Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources if appropriate
- Essays must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018 and mailed along with Background Information Form (see page)to:

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

****Applicants do not need to be residents of towns. See pages 21-22 for more information.**

Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation is excited to offer \$30,000 in scholarship awards this year. There will be five \$2000 scholarships, six \$1,500 awards, seven \$1000 scholarships, and eight \$500 scholarships. These scholarships recognize the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock exhibitors and assist them with their educational expenses.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Individuals must be between the ages of 17-19 as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Individuals must be a current or past junior livestock exhibitor who has exhibited beef, sheep, and/or swine at the Wisconsin State Fair.
3. Individuals must pursue a post high school education, and be enrolled or planning to enroll in a University, Vocational/Technical School or University short course.
4. Only one scholarship will be awarded per individual.

More information and applications can be obtained on line at <http://www.gbrrla.com/>

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference



Better Together

JUNE 25-28, 2018

UW-Madison Campus

Calling all 4-H and UW-Extension program members in grades 7-10 and adult advisors:

Experience campus life • Immerse yourself in hands-on learning • Make new friends!

GET INVOLVED

Leadership Training
Educational Tours
Talent Show
Daily Fun Runs
Water Sports

SERVICE PROJECTS

Black Earth Creek
Pet Therapy
Attract Birds to Local Parks
The Clothing Center
Community Radio at WORT-FM
Habitat for Humanity
UW Arboretum
Monster Pillows

SEMINARS

Horticulture
Activism and Art
Oh Shift!
Electrical Wiring Basics
Menominee Immersion
STEM
4-H at the Capitol
Medical Careers
Marmoset Learning Lobby
Build and Code Robots
Behind the Bacon

For more info,

visit fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/wi-4-h-yc-about/

To see a full list of seminars and service projects,

visit fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/wi-4-h-yc-seminars/

Registration: April 2-15



Please return to 4h@co.oconto.wi.us by the established due date of the event your applying for.



Ask me About 4-H

Travel Experiences Application

Introduce Yourself:

Your Role/Involvement in 4-H: _____

Give 3 brief facts about 4-H. "Did you know."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Include a sentence or two about what 4-H means to you:

Provide us with 3 ideas for how you will share what you learn from this experience with others in our 4-H program:

December 22, 2017

Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This new and interactive program provides youth options for annual quality assurance certification. Exhibitors of the following species in Oconto County must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program: **beef, dairy, dairy goat(s), meat goat(s), poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine and poultry** in order to be eligible to sell in the 2018 Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions. In addition, it will count as one of your educational points for the Oconto County Fair, and be required for those who intend to show beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry and rabbits at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

The YQCA training will provide a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs which will strengthen the youth educational experience, improve the care of food animals, and promote a higher level of consumer food safety. In addition, youth will learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. Each year, youth will complete one new module in each the following categories: Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.), Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.), and Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

The YQCA program was peer-reviewed for content and age appropriateness. It is supported by Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training content and modules will demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (age as of January 1):

- Junior (8-11 years old) • Intermediate (12-14 years old) • Senior (15-18 years old) • Young Adult (19-21 years old).

The new YQCA training is an effort to provide flexibility to accommodate busy seasonal schedules while providing relevant age-specific food animal quality assurance training. Youth exhibitors will complete three interactive online modules and quizzes which can be accessed according to your schedule. In Wisconsin, face-to-face trainings may be offered in specific counties for juniors (8-11 year olds) only. On average, it will take 60 minutes per year to complete all the required online training modules or in-person training—depending on age.

Maintaining current information, developing creative modules on an online learning platform costs a significant amount of money, and youth exhibitors will pay depending on the training option. Youth completing the online modules will pay \$12/person/year, and face-to-face trainings offered for juniors (youth age 8-11) only will pay \$3/person/year.

To complete the YQCA online training or register for face-to-face training, log into <http://yqca.org>. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create a user identity and password. All payments for either online or in-person training will be made using the YQCA website. Additional material fees (beyond the \$3.00 payment to YQCA) for in-person training may apply, and if so will be collected at the time of the face-to-face training.

Two in-person trainings will be offered for juniors (8-11 year olds). The dates and locations of the trainings are listed below. Space will be limited, and registration will be taken only through the YQCA website (<http://yqca.org>).

In-Person Trainings for Juniors (8-11 year olds) ONLY:**Thursday, April 19—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 6:00 - 7:00 pm****Saturday, May 12—Gillett Community Center, 200 E Main Street, Gillett 9:30- 10:30 am**

It is recommended to print the completion certificate at the end of the online session as the ten-digit certificate number will be required on your paperwork for training verification. The certificate and ten-digit certificate number can only be accessed through your account at <http://yqca.org>.

If you are not YQCA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2018 Oconto County Fair. Training must be renewed every year for YQCA. Exhibitors must complete all online modules, or attend the entire in-person training to be certified. Please choose the option that works best for you!

If you have any questions about YQCA, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Mills-Lloyd".

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
UW-Extension
Agriculture Agent Oconto County



Presents



Equine Education Day and



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10 am to 2:00 pm

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16th Annual Door County 4-H Small Animal Sale & Swap

**April 21, 2018
7 a.m.**

**Door County Cooperative
Country Store**

317 Green Bay Road, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

**OPEN TO THE
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**Everyone
Welcome**

RAIN OR SHINE!

- **Inside Space available in case of inclement weather**
- **Electricity available at no charge**

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or the Country Store: 920-743-3422**



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Health papers for ALL species are required to
meet state and federal regulations!**

Hot Beverages available



Sponsored by:
Door County 4-H Small Animal Committee

The Small Animal Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit.



Oconto County Fairest of the Fair

Dear Fairest of the Fair Contestant,

On behalf of the Oconto County Fair Board and the Fairest of the Fair Committee, I would like to thank you for your interest in serving as the Oconto County Fairest of the Fair! Serving as Fairest is a wonderful and extremely rewarding experience. The contestant chosen as Oconto County Fairest of the Fair will not only serve as hostess of the 2018 Fair, but will also work with the Fair Board and the Junior Fairest of the Fair to promote the fair throughout the year by attending various community events.

The contest will be held on **Saturday, April 21st, 2018** at the Gillett High School. The day will begin with individual interviews, lunch with the judges; group interviews, a reception open to friends, family, and sponsors, and will conclude with judging and questions on stage, also open to the public. The contest is open to legal residents of Oconto County who have been a resident for at least one year or are from a neighboring county and the majority of their school and fair activities are performed in Oconto County. Contestants must be 18 years old by January 1, 2019. Contestant must hold a valid driver's license. Contestants must also have a sponsor who covers the \$50 sponsorship fee (any business or individual is acceptable). The final page in this packet is an information sheet for you to give to your sponsor.

What to submit with application:

- _____ Entry Form (2 pages)
- _____ 1 Page Essay on Why You Would Like to be Fairest of the Fair
- _____ 4 Wallet Size Photos & Electronic Copy Emailed to Nikki (head & shoulders shot)
- _____ Signed Expectations Page
- _____ Signed Rules Page
- _____ Sponsorship Fee

Please return all materials by **March 23rd** to:

Nikki Olson
Fairest of the Fair Committee
2649 Fisher Lane
Oconto WI 54153

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki at (920)373-3809 or nichole.olson84@yahoo.com.

Submitting this application is the first step towards an exciting experience that will help you grow individually and professionally! We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Nikki Olson
Chairperson - Oconto County Fairest of the Fair Committee



Oconto County Junior Fairest of the Fair

Dear Junior Fairest of the Fair Contestant,

On behalf of the Oconto County Fair Board and the Fairest of the Fair Committee, I would like to thank you for your interest in serving as the Oconto County Junior Fairest of the Fair! Serving as Junior Fairest is a wonderful and extremely rewarding experience. The contestant chosen as the Junior Fairest of the Fair will work closely with the Senior Fairest of the Fair to serve as hostesses of the 2018 Oconto County Fair and to promote the fair throughout the year by attending various community events.

2018 Contest Information & Requirements

- ❖ The judging will be held on **Saturday, April 21st, 2018** at the Gillett High School. The contestants will undergo individual interviews, group interviews, introduction, radio spot, impromptu questions and event announcement. The decision of the judges is final.
- ❖ **The contestant must be 11-13 years old as of January 1st, 2018.**
- ❖ The contest is open to individuals who have been a resident of Oconto County for at least one year prior to entry or are from a neighboring county and the majority of their school and fair activities are performed in Oconto County.
- ❖ All contestants should attend Contestant Development Day, date & time TBD.
- ❖ Contestants must have a sponsor who covers the sponsorship fee of \$50. The sponsor can be a business or an individual. The final page in this packet is an information sheet for your sponsor.
- ❖ The Junior Fairest of the Fair will receive a crown & sash immediately and \$100 cash award at the end of her reign once her duties are fulfilled. All contestants will receive a gift bag for participating.

Junior Fairest of the Fair Required Activities

If chosen as Junior Fairest of the Fair, that contestant will be expected to appear at several events throughout the year. Exceptions can be made, so we are open to discussing the schedule with you. Below is a list of activities that we require of our Junior Fairest.

2018

Radio Spots with WOCO

Various County Parades

Committee Meeting before the Fair

Oconto County Fair - hand out ribbons, announce events, give interviews and speeches

Buyer's Banquet - MC the banquet along with the Senior Fairest

2019

Fairest of the Fair Contest - Crown 2019 Junior Fairest

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Junior Fairest of the Fair Contest. I understand that the Junior Fairest needs to be available for appearances and that I am responsible to get my child to these events. I also give permission to publish my child's photo in the newspaper, on the fair website and social media pages.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I understand the above requirements and if I am chosen as Oconto County Junior Fairest of the Fair, I will follow these requirements and the guidance of the Fairest of the Fair Committee.

Contestant Signature _____ Date _____



2018 Swine Exhibitor Information

Oconto County Youth Fair
August 16-19, 2018

March 16, 2018

Dear Oconto County Fair Swine Project Exhibitor,

Due to the animal health rule establishing herd testing requirements for Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) of swine in Wisconsin, the Oconto County Fair swine initial weigh-in will not be held in 2018. The decision has been made by the Oconto County Fair Board to have a terminal show for the 2018 swine project at the Oconto County Youth Fair. There will be no breeding classes shown, and all swine brought to the fair will be sent to slaughter at the termination of the 2018 Oconto County Youth Fair.

Identification of swine will be via RFID tags available from the Oconto County UW-Extension office. Please call the UW-Extension office at (920) 834-6845 to report how many swine (per exhibitor) you plan to identify, and tags will be mailed directly to the exhibitor. Directions for the proper placement of the ear tag(s) will be mailed along with the RFID tags. Exhibitors may initially tag up to four animals, but will only bring two animals to the fair.

Exhibitors will need two digital photographs (side-view and front-view) of each swine once they have been tagged with the RFID fair tags. The side-view photograph should include the entire animal with the exhibitor, and the front-view photo should include the swine's head with the tag number able to be clearly seen. Exhibitors will submit one completed 2018 Swine Exhibitor Form with accompanying photographs of identified fair animals. The submission deadline for the completed 2018 Swine Exhibitor Form with photographs is April 28, 2018, to staciepienta@gmail.com. Note: when submitting photographs as attachments, please include exhibitor name and RFID tag number.

If you have questions regarding acquisition of tags or completion of the form, please call the Oconto County UW-Extension office at (920) 834-6845.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Mills-Lloyd".

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
Agriculture Agent—Specializing in Dairy and Livestock
Oconto County UW-Extension



2018 Swine Exhibitor Form

Oconto County Youth Fair
August 16-19, 2018

Please complete the entire form—one form per exhibitor with all swine RFID ear tags listed. Include photographs displaying discernible RFID ear tag and exhibitor—side-view and front-view. The side-view photograph should include the entire animal with the exhibitor, and the front view should clearly display the entire head and tag number of the animal. The photograph file will need to contain the exhibitor name and RFID tag number. The submission deadline for the completed 2018 Swine Exhibitor Form with accompanying photographs is April 28, 2018, to staciepienta@gmail.com.

Exhibitor Full Name: _____

Club/Chapter Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

RFID Tag Numbers: _____

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 28, 2018

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: staciepienta@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1

Entrants must prepare an essay addressing the 2018 WTA Scholarship program topic.

“Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?”

2

The typed (not handwritten) essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words and double spaced.

3

Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources used.

4

The completed essay should be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018 and mailed to:

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

Your thoughts — combined with your writing skill and creativity — can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships.



Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

- Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to the highest ranking boy and highest ranking girl from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2018.
- Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2018 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or University in 2018.

- Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relationship to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Judging will be completed by August 14, 2018.
- Recipients will be announced by August 31, 2018. Successful recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the Wisconsin Towns Association Banquet on the evening of October 15, 2018 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship.

**2018 Wisconsin Towns Association
Scholarship Program
Background Information**

Name:	
Telephone:	
Mail Address:	
City/State/ Zip:	
Email:	
Residence Town/Village/City of:	
Residence County of:	
Parents' Names:	Father: Mother:
Is either parent a town or village officer?	Yes: _____ No: _____ If "yes" specify office held:
Name of High School from which you are graduating in 2018?	
School or institution of higher education you plan to attend after Graduation?	
Date of intended enrollment?	
Career you plan to pursue?	
Hobbies or activities in high school of interest to you?	
Your signature:	
Date:	

Mail this completed form and your essay to the following address by May 31, 2018

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086