

Oconto Clover Connect

I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to larger service, and my **health** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



December 2019

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Hello,

November has come and gone, but I am not sure that we ever really had a “Fall” season this year. Thankfully, we are all resilient as a result of living here and can handle just about anything. Speaking of thankful, I truly hope you all have a safe and joy-filled Thanksgiving Holiday surrounded by those you care about. I had the wonderful experience last month of participating in Fall Forum. There were so many great sessions, ideas shared, and opportunities for connections with others passionate about 4-H. I would highly recommend this event to any and all who can attend next year. Some of the information I learned will be shared later in the newsletter such as an amazing Cloverbud curriculum, and inspiring you-tube slideshow using photos of attendees, keep an eye out for these. I have a feeling December will be flying by just as quickly if not more than these last few months. Please Remember there is a scheduled Leaders training in December (more information later in the newsletter). This training is mandatory for any leader who has never had it before; this is also the annual leader training for the year so each club should have a minimum of one adult and ideally one youth member at the training. I realize holding things in December is tough, and I know not everyone will be able to make it, but I am hoping some can. Please be in contact with the office either way, whether you are able to attend or not, this will help us with planning, and will also let us make other arrangements for those who cannot make it. Thank you so much for your assistance with this. As re-enrollment comes to a close I hope you are all settling into your club routine for the year. Please share the great things that you are doing so we can all help each other learn and grow. Also, reach out if there is anything you could use some support around. I am happy to help.

Stay safe and warm this December and Enjoy all the Season of Giving has to offer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November		
11/28 & 29	Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday & Day After Thanksgiving Holiday	Oconto County Courthouse Oconto, WI
11/29- 12/3	National 4-H Congress	Atlanta, GA
11/30	4-H Re-enrollments Due in 4HOnline	www.4honline.com

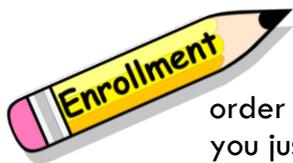
December		
12/1	Deadline to sign up for Space Camp	
12/10	Leaders Training w/ Leaders Association short business meeting to follow	6-8 PM Oconto County Courthouse Law Enforcement Center Meeting Room Oconto, WI
12/24- 12/25	UW-Extension Offices Closed	
12/30- 12/31	UW-Extension Offices Closed	

Leaders Training is December 10th

Please join us for Leaders training on Tuesday, December 10, from 6-8 p.m. This training is mandatory for any leader who has never had it before; this is also the annual leader training for the year so each club should have a minimum of one adult and ideally one youth member at the training. Please let the Extension office know by December 6 if you are able to attend. We would like to know either way, so we can plan another date if needed. You may call the Extension office at 920-834-6845 or email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us to let us know. Please call with any questions.



It's Re-Enrollment Time!



Just a reminder that re-enrollment for the 2019-2020 year is now open. All 4-H members, youth and adult, must re-enroll on 4-H Online each year in order to participate in 4-H club, county, state, national and international activities. Even if you just became a member in August, you must go back and re-enroll for the new year.

It's easy. Just login to www.4honline.com and click on the "Continue to Family" button. Choose the family member you want to re-enroll, verify their information and click "Submit Member" at the bottom of the screen. If you have any questions or need any help with the re-enrollment process, feel free to contact the Extension office at (920) 834-6847 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

****MEMBERS AND LEADERS MUST RE-ENROLL EACH YEAR BY NOVEMBER 30th****

- Regular members must be in third grade or older.
- Cloverbuds (children in 5K through 2nd grade) should be listed in your club enrollment. Cloverbuds can participate in club activities. They can exhibit at the County Fair, only in the Cloverbud category, and do not receive premiums.
- New members can join at any time, but must enroll by April 30th to enter in the Fair.
- April 30th is also the deadline to add or drop projects.
- You must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit at the Fair in that project.

You can also go to the following link for helpful tips on enrolling as a new family, re-enrolling, and club/project leader guides. Click here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4honline-for-families/>

Volunteer Position Descriptions – New for Fall 2019

New in the 2019-2020 enrollment year, all 4-H volunteers will need to have a Volunteer Position Description that aligns with their role. This is necessary to comply with UW-Madison policies concerning volunteers and state liability insurance coverage.

There are six Volunteer types in 4HOnline which have position descriptions.

- [Activity/Event Volunteer](#)
- [Adult Advisor/Chaperone](#)
- [Club Enrollment Coordinator](#) (formerly Club Enrollment and Club Manager)
- [Club Leader](#) (includes Organizational/General and Co-Organizational/Co-General)
- [Committee Volunteer](#)
- [Project Leader](#) (includes Key Leader and Resource Leader)

These position descriptions can also be found on the blog page – <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/become-a-volunteer/>

We annually submit a list of 4-H leaders to the county for liability insurance purposes. To ensure that you remain covered under this policy, please complete your enrollment by November 30th. If you have difficulty with our on-line process, please call the Extension Office for Assistance at 920-834-6847.

2020 Winter Leadership Camp



Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2020 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp. It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time...this year's 4-H Winter Leadership Camp will be held **February 7-9, 2020**, at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot, WI.

Older youth from throughout the region will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that may include sledding/tubing, snowshoeing, crazy games, and other outdoor activities.

Adult leader volunteers are also needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.

If you're interested attending, please contact the Extension office. Applications will be out shortly.

Space Camp

April 16-20, 2020. Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. It's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Register through 4-H Online. Registration will open **Nov. 1-Dec. 1, 2019**. More information at: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp/>



Camp Counselor Training at Upham Woods

Session 1: **March 28-29, 2020**

Session 2: **April 25-26, 2020**

Session 3: **May 2-3, 2020**

Registration will open in January 2020. Camp Counselor training is an excellent opportunity for counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff alike to come together in collaboration to prepare youth to excel in their summer camp counselor role. Applicable for both beginning counselors (as participants), experienced counselors (as leaders), adult volunteers, and 4-H staff. A variety of opportunities exist at Counselor Training Weekend:

Counselors participate in training that builds confidence and provides youth development strategies to be successful with campers.

Tracked training modules: sessions for counselors, sessions for adult volunteers. More information available at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/public-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>

4-H Foundation License Plates

Available now. The 4-H Foundation license plate fees include an issuance fee of \$15, plus an annual \$25 tax-deductible contribution, in addition to the regular registration fee. This contribution goes to the WI 4-H Foundation. Vehicles that qualify: automobiles, motor homes (annual registration only), and motor trucks (4,500; 6,000; or 8,000 lbs gross weight inc. dual purpose farm and dual purpose motor home; and, 12,000 lbs gross weight farm truck).

In addition to the fees mentioned above when you request these plates, you pay the regular registration fee for your vehicle if your current plates expire within three months or you have no plates. For more information and application click on <https://wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv2969.pdf>



Schedule a Preview Day to Visit UW Madison College of Ag & Life Sciences

Prospective students are encouraged to visit campus by attending one of the Preview Days, especially during the academic year (November – March). Preview Days help prospective students get acquainted with the program, campus, and staff. Students will tour the CALS agriculture campus, see the FISC Residence Halls, visit classes, and talk with current Farm and Industry Short Course students. Advance registration is required.

Select a date to register for a Preview Day:

Note: Registration closes four (4) business days before the event or when the number of registrants reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Click on <https://fisc.cals.wisc.edu/prospective-students/preview-day/>

It is also possible for students to set up an individual visit with a member of the Farm and Industry Short Course staff to learn more about the program. For more information, please call 608.263.3918 or email at fisc@cals.wisc.edu.



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a **peace** of my **mind** | American Stories
exploring the meaning of peace, one story at a time

John Noltner Showcases the impact 4-H has on youth, adults, and communities. Please take time to watch this amazing video and reflect on what 4-H has meant to you, your family, and your community. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KPif-D8cVg&feature=youtu.be>

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Cloverbud Curriculum—Year #3

Year 3 Lesson Plans include:

- Be the Story Solver
- Our Bodies Talk
- Saving for What?
- Dragons & Damsels
- Outdoor Mindful Minis
- Science of Felting
- Learning by Doing
- Science of Sound
- Animals of All Ages

Download 3 years of lesson plans, family letters and leader training materials available at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/activity-plans/>

WI Pork Association Scholarships

For WI high school seniors, recognizing individuals interested in the pork industry. Deadline: Dec. 2, 2019. For more information and application, visit <http://www.wppa.org/scholarships>



Equity Scholarship Opportunity, December 2nd

Any student who has not received an Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association scholarship in the past is eligible to apply. Students needs to have completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, and any student who has completed at least one semester at a technical college. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale. Either the student or their parent(s) must be an active shipping member of Equity.

Please include an official transcript of your college, university or technical school and a copy of your spring course schedule. Three letters of reference are also needed, with at least one completed by someone outside of the educational field.

Application, three letters of reference and transcript need to be submitted by **December 2, 2019**. They can be sent separately or all together, however the applicant chooses.

Call 1-800-362-3989 ext. 152 with any questions.

Please go to <http://www.equitycoop.com/index.cfm?show=30&mid=57> to submit your scholarship application.



Attention Art Fans



Wisconsin 4-H Art Lab will be held on **January 17-19** on UW-Madison campus. This program is an opportunity for youth grades 9-12 to engage in the arts in downtown Madison, providing youth hands-on learning experience from professionals in a pre-selected art concentration. Program experiences will garner critical and creative thinking, self-expression, and further field knowledge. Concentrations will be coincided with entrepreneurial development activities such as group discussions, Madison arts entrepreneur talk, and space and resources to plan future action. It is an open enrollment program; 4-H and all Wisconsin youth are invited to participate. About 50 high school age youth will arrive Friday evening at the Hampton Inn (on Johnson St.) for a welcome/introduction activity and stay overnight. We envision between 8-15 youth in each concentration. The bulk of the learning activities will be occur on Saturday from 8am-5pm. Cost is \$125.00. Scholarships available upon request. Registration opened on November 15th.

Volunteer Opportunities



Leaders Association Volunteers Needed!

The Oconto County Leaders Association is seeking nominations for the following roles for the upcoming year: President, Vice President, and Secretary. They are also in need of youth and adults willing to partner in planning and decision making for Oconto County 4-H events, please contact the Extension office to make a nomination or for more information.

Oconto County 4-H Education Committee

The Oconto County Leaders Association Board of Directors would like to announce the reformation of the Fall Kick Off, January Thaw, and Spring Fling Educational Programs. The new focus would be organizing and scheduling education clinics for 4-H families in our county. The clinics may focus on Leadership, S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineer, Arts, and Math) and animal projects. They are looking for parents, leaders and older youth, grades 9 and up, to come together to develop this program for Oconto County. If you have a passion and want to education 4-H members in Oconto County, this committee if for you! Please contact Heather Rennie by texting (920) 373-8234 or email heatherjoyrennie@gmail.com



Submissions Wanted!

Did you want to share about a successful 4-H event that you just hosted? Do you have an upcoming 4-H event that you want to promote? Do you have a fun experience or 4-H story to share? Send your news, notes, reports, and articles to us along with a photo, and we'll include in the next issue. See below for our email and mailing addresses.

Deadline: All contributions are due by the 15th of the month to make it into the next publication.

Feedback

Please do not hesitate to provide feedback, both positive and negative to us. Sharing your thoughts, ideas, and observations helps your Extension Office do the best we can to serve you. Please use the attached Care to Share form sent with the newsletter or send us an email so that we can follow up with you!

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