Hello,

I sure hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween. Now it’s on to November, this is the perfect time of year to reflect on all we are thankful for. I am so thankful for this new opportunity, and to get to know all of you. I hope everyone enjoys this busy time of year with their families, friends, and clubs! Please feel free to share some fun things you are doing.

I am happy to announce the Extension office has a new Program Assistant, Amy Brehmer. Amy was previously in the Human Services Department for the county and we are very happy to have her join our team. Please welcome her when you get the chance.

Enrollments keep coming for the new year and that is wonderful to see. Leaders, please continue to check in with your members to ensure they are enrolling, and to stay connected with any new members. Please let the Division of Extension office know if there is anything we can support you with around enrollment, or anything else.

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Please remember that per Madison, Division of Extension volunteers and staff are no longer able to sign documents. Madison is also now the holder of all liability insurance. If certificates of liability are needed for any reason there is a request procedure which could take up to 3 weeks. Please plan accordingly as you are scheduling activities or events, if you think a signature or certificate of liability will be needed. The office also still needs to know any achievements and recognitions for each club to ensure we have the items needed for you all to recognize your members individually this year. Thank you to all who have already provided their information, remaining leaders please submit no later than November 15th.

As I mentioned last month, in an effort to get all of the latest information out, and to fully support all of you, I will be presenting the new version of V.I.P. (Volunteers in Preparation) training as our annual leader training this year. This is a REQUIRED training for any new leader- or any leader who has not taken VIP previously. Each club should consider sending at least 1 adult and 1 youth leader to bring back information to their club. Please save the date: Dec 10th from 6-8pm in the L.E.C Meeting Room; Oconto Courthouse building. We will have a light meal and refreshments available. I look forward to connecting with all of you.

Aimee

Happy Thanksgiving
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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.4honoline.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.


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://wisconsindot.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/

Friday, November 8, 2019
Friday, December 6, 2019
Friday, February 7, 2020
Friday, March 6, 2020

Several days prior to the Preview Day students will receive an e-mail regarding the schedule, directions, parking, and overnight accommodations.

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.
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 educate 4-H members in Oconto County, this committee is for you! Please contact Heather Rennie by texting (920) 373-8234 or email heatherjoyrennie@gmail.com

Oconto County Leaders Association Board of Directors Elections

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“All alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”-Helen Keller.
Hay Buyers and Sellers

Extension has a website, free of charge, (listings remain for 60 days) to persons having hay to sell or desire to buy. http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/

State Dog Committee Meeting

The State Dog Committee is hosting a leader meeting on November 16, at the Waupaca County Library, 107 S Main Street, Waupaca, 9 am-5 pm. They will be reviewing and voting on the Constitution and By-Laws. The agenda will also include an update from the state committees and the future state of dog show events. For comments, questions or to RSVP, email Michelle Rost at mirost@wi.rr.com

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
Travel Abroad with 4-H! Applications due November 15th

Each year 4-H youth can apply for the amazing opportunity to experience life in another country by living abroad with a host family for one month. All programs are chaperoned by a trained 4-H adult volunteer, who remains in-country with the delegation for support and assistance. The countries offered this year are Costa Rica, South Korea, Norway, Japan, Romania, and Taiwan.

Benefits of the Exchange

- Experience a new culture and way of living by experiencing daily life as a member of a family in a different country.
- Better understand yourself and your own culture.
- Become more informed on global issues.
- Increase self-esteem and confidence by learning to adapt to new situations.
- Foster positive cross-cultural attitudes that enhance mutual understanding and acceptance of all people.
- Develop long-lasting friendships and memories that will last a lifetime!

If you are interested in traveling and experiencing a whole different lifestyle, follow the link below for more information!

https://wi4hinternational.org/homestay/

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 need 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.
Volunteer Opportunities

Leaders Association Volunteers Needed!

The Oconto County Leaders Association Board of Directors will need to elect new members and officers at the October 14th meeting. (Please note the meeting date has changed.) The 4-H motto has always been “We learn by doing.” The Leaders Association and the Extension Office highly encourage adults and older youth in 4-H to volunteer. Being a part of this committee allows adults and 4-H members to get hands on experience in leadership roles which include decision making for upcoming Leaders Association Events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Rennie at heatherjoyrennie@gmail.com.

4-H Tech Changemakers - Volunteers

The Tech-Changemakers Project is making a big impact in Northern WI, but we could use your support to help it grow. On September 16th an event took place in Crivitz to highlight the partnership 4-H has with Astrea and Microsoft to promote digital literacy in our communities. Our partners were very impressed with the work that is already being done and are looking forward to supporting more 4-H youth in providing digital literacy sessions to our communities. Participants will lead learning sessions using nationally developed curriculum to help increase adult understanding with computers and the internet.

Oconto County 4-H is looking for volunteers to create learning opportunities for Oconto County community members. This program goes until July 2020. Please contact Aimee if you are interested in becoming an Adult Volunteer.
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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Oconto County 4-H Leader’s Association Board of Directors
Heather Rennie, President (Pasture Pirates)
Vice President, Lorene Johnston Hardie (Southernline)
Ciara Jarvey, Secretary (Lena Rocketeers)
Ann Sievert, Treasurer (Morgan Badgers)

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