Hello,

It is hard to believe but 2019 is quickly coming to a close. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you, for everything that you do day in and day out, to make 4-H in Oconto County thrive. I am so honored to be a part of such a great group! I look forward to all that we will work on, and accomplish together in the New Year. Please continue to reach out with any ideas, questions, or concerns. Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year!!

~Aimee

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Public Speaking Clinic

Join us February 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a public speaking clinic located at the Little River Town Hall. Tammy McCarthy will be the speaker at this event. We ask that all 4-H kids come with a speech or demonstration ready to share with the group. Please RSVP to Brigid McDowell at (920) 834-9947, this is a landline so texts will not be accepted.
The Pasture Pirates Donated to the Humane Society

The Pasture Pirates worked on their Community Service Project by shopping for supplies at Witts Piggly Wiggly in Oconto Falls to donate to the Oconto County Humane Society.

Congratulations to the Pasture Pirates New Officers

Row 1: Evan Rennie (Treasurer), Nathan Desterheft (Activities & Games) Row 2: Jacob Gander (Reporter), Elsie Desterheft (Vice President), Victoria Athey (Secretary), Isabella Rennie (President)

Clothing review coming in April

Start working on your sewing/knitting/crocheting. The clothing review will be coming in April. Date to be determined.
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.

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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
James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Awards

The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. We are pleased to name the award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county for their accomplishments in 2019. These medallions are provided by the Crowley Fund. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques and recognition at the Dairyland Youth Celebration at the 2020 Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. In addition, the top three youth in the state competition will each receive $500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

Morgan Badgers has been out and about doing fun things

We enjoying seeing pictures and hearing all of the fun things that your clubs are doing. Please continue to send us pictures.
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.

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
Future Leaders Training to be announced in the New Year

This training is mandatory for any volunteer 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 contact the Extension office at 920-834-6845 or email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us with any questions. Please watch for another training in the New Year.
ArtBEAT Registration Is Now Open

Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT? ArtBEAT! Even though we are in the midst of the holiday season, it IS time to start thinking about and planning to participate in our 2020 WI 4-H ArtBEAT!

4-H ArtBEAT! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. It is our Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication introductory program at the state level. ArtBEAT! will be held March 13 through 15, 2020, at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday, March 13 at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday, March 15 at 11:00 am.

4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, collegiate 4-H members, 4-H adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Along with exploring the “arts,” participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

Parents are not required to attend, but are invited! All adults attending the camp must be active 4-H leaders who will be considered adult advisors (chaperones) responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers. As such, all adults who want to attend the camp must complete the requirements to become a 4-H leader before camp and participate in an Adult Advisor Orientation Teleconference on Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Interested adults who are not already active 4-H volunteers should contact their county Extension 4-H Office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves VIP Training and a background check.

The $100.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, meals and snacks.

Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H FUN? Transportation to the camp is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office, but if you are having trouble with transportation, please reach out.

REGISTER EARLY! This camp fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration will open in 4H Online on December 20, 2019 and will close on January 20, 2020. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

IMPORTANT: Please read ALL of the application requirements/instructions at https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-beat-forms/ BEFORE completing the online application at http://wi.4honline.com

For additional information check out: https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/

For more information contact: Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist, at 608-262-1557 amber.rehberg@uwex.edu.
The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday April 4, 2020 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner.

Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of Jan.1, 2020. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2020. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division. The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges.

The cost is $20 per team due at the time of registration.

Registration starts at 9 a.m., competitions start at 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for registration is March 14, 2020, 5 p.m. Please register at this link: https://tinyurl.com/20204HDairyBowl

For more information and registration information, please contact Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Specialist at (608) 262-9605, joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu or at https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hanimalscience/dairy/ You can also “like” Wisconsin Dairy Youth on Facebook as well.

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**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 leaders association is working on their calendar for the New Year. We need youth and adult volunteers to continue supporting and growing 4-H in Oconto County!

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 the extension office at 920-834-6845.

Volunteer

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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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