

# 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.



## January 2022

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Happy New Year to All!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday time with family and friends, and that you are all staying warm and healthy so far this winter. 2022 is here and despite the lingering of COVID-19 the 4-H calendar is filling up with some great opportunities for our members, volunteers, and families. Be sure to check out the calendar, articles, and flyers throughout this newsletter for more information. Speaking of the newsletter, are you and your family re-enrolled for the current 4-H year? If not be sure you do so by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**, on that date we will no longer be pulling contact information based off of last year's enrollment. The newsletter and Facebook page are some of the best ways to find all the latest 4-H information so re-enroll so that you do not miss out. If you have any questions or issues with re-enrollment contact the 4-H office or myself and we would be happy to help you. As we are all working towards planning out the year ahead I wanted to share a few helpful reminders:

- If your club is planning any outings or activities outside of your regular club meetings be sure to let me know with a quick email or phone call. Some activities and events may qualify for supplemental insurance based on who attends and what the event is and I can provide guidance and assistance with that.
- Any contracts need to go through UW-Madison, so contact me for support with this. This includes building use contracts and bussing services.
- If you are in need of any project support or curriculum for the year let us know, we may have it already, and if we do not we can assist in getting it.

I am looking forward to a fun-filled 4-H year and connecting more with all of you. What are some of your goals for the 4-H year? Let's keep learning by doing, and making the best better together!

Aimee Elkins  
4-H Program Educator

HAPPY 4-H NEW YEAR!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>1/16</b>	<b>Painting Project – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Oconto Falls Town Hall 8680 Hwy 22, Oconto Falls</b>
<b>1/28</b>	<b>Deadline to Order Winter Project Kits</b>	<b>*see attached flyer</b>
<b>1/28- 1/29</b>	<b>Winter Teen Leadership Camp</b>	<b>Wisconsin Lions Camp Rosholt, WI</b>
<b>2/7</b>	<b>Leaders Association Meeting – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Oconto Falls Town Hall 8680 Hwy 22, Oconto Falls</b>
<b>2/26</b>	<b>Ceramics – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Little River Town Hall 3627 Cty A, Oconto</b>
<b>4/9</b>	<b>Clothing Review – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Location TBD</b>
<b>5/7</b>	<b>Speaking Contest – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Location TBD</b>
<b>8/2-8/5</b>	<b>Summer Camp</b>	<b>Camp Bird</b>

## 4-H Leaders Association Needs Your Help

Hello 4-H Families,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association is made up of leaders, parents and youth ages 13 and older of all our 4-H clubs. We meet once a month. In these meetings, we discuss what educational and recreational programs that happen in Oconto County. However, for the past year, our group has been made up of just six to seven people representing five out of the ten clubs in the county. This has put a large strain on planning future events.

We would like to invite all leaders, parents and older youth to attend the next meeting on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 pm at the Oconto Falls Town Hall. Our goal is to have each club organize one educational or recreational event from September through May. These events are paid for through the county from the work that EVERYONE has put into the food stand. It's our money, we need to use it!

Please attend our next meeting on February 7th. It would be great to have two representatives from each club.

Thank you,  
Oconto County 4-H leaders Association

## WI State 4-H Horse Virtual Training

Join us for:

### **WI State 4-H Horse Virtual Training: Horse Project Policies, Concussion Protocol, and Planning a Horse Show**

Feb. 9, 2022, 6:30pm

Virtual Zoom Session

Register by: February 7, 2021

**Registration Link:** <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/join/register/tJltf-ysrj4tGtVOvi3q4zCyLPARX3kBW-CZ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You will need to use the link provided in the confirmation e-mail to log-in and be part of the zoom. These links are specific to each registration.

**Have questions you would like us to answer about policies or the concussion protocol?** There is a question area in the registration form. If there is a topic or question you would like us to answer, please add it to the form. We will do our best to answer them and if we don't get to it, we will make sure that we get an answer to you after.

### **What is this training about?**

Are you a 4-H Horse Project volunteer, guardian, or older member that would like to find out more about the statewide 4-H horse project policies and concussion protocol? Have you always wanted to know more about planning a horse show?

Join us on February 9th and we will take a closer look at each of these topics. The first hour will cover the policies and protocols and the second half will be on planning a horse show. The registration link is listed above.

The session will be recorded and posted at a later date (please note this may take some time to process and be posted.)



If you have any questions, please e-mail [jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu)

**WI STATE 4-H HORSE  
VIRTUAL TRAINING**


Horse Project Policies,  
Concussion Protocol, and  
Planning a Horse Show

Feb. 9, 2022, 6:30pm

More information & registration  
information is located in the e-mail



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# 4-H Livestock and Skill-a-thon Contest and the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

## 4-H Livestock and Skill-a-thon Contest and the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Livestock and Skill-a-thon Contest and the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest! If you have participated in the past or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

**What are the contests?** These are three different contests all about livestock where you can use your knowledge about the animal species (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat) and the industry.

**Livestock Quiz Bowl:** Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions (similar to the game show Jeopardy). Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The top team earns the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

**Livestock Skill-a-thon:** Everything you know about raising your animal adds up to so much knowledge of the species and the industry. The Skill-a-thon contest will help you challenge you to share that information through a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top team earns the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

**Meats Judging Contest:** Have you been to your local meat market or grocery store lately and think you could choose the best cut of meat out of the case? Have you ever watched a live animal contest and thought you could choose what animals would provide the best meat products? This is your opportunity to put those skills to work. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification, and a quiz. Top teams earn the opportunity to compete at regional and national competitions.

**Who can participate?** Any current 4-H members ages 8-18. Please note, there are age divisions for each of those contests. Please see the contest information in the links below for more information on the age divisions. Even if your county has not participated in the past, round-up some 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

**Looking for more information, where to register, or resources to study from? Check out the links below:**

**4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon – Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** UW Madison Campus

**Deadline:** March 25, 2022 through 4-H online (more information located in the registration materials link below)

More information and registration available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

## 4-H Meats Judging – Saturday, April 30th

**Location:** \*New\* Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus

**Deadlines:** (more information located in the registration materials link below):

-Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): Feb 4, 2022 - through Google form

-Final registration: April 18, 2022 - Through 4-H online

**More information and registration available at:**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

Please keep in mind, currently, mask/face coverings are mandatory on campus by all. We will be in touch as the event gets closer on any changes to COVID requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at [jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu)/phone at 920-39104659 or Bernie at [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu)/phone at 608-263-4304.



## Summer Camp – Save the Date and Camp Counselors Needed

An Area-Wide Overnight Summer Camp Experience will be offered this year at Camp Bird August 2-5th. Planning is underway and we are looking for some older youth in grades 8-13th (a year past high school) to join in on the fun as camp counselors! Please complete the application found here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UqsPZSKewD\\_Si\\_IHlIMGILX8tW\\_6elQJVAU-ulQ2qsw/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UqsPZSKewD_Si_IHlIMGILX8tW_6elQJVAU-ulQ2qsw/edit)





## National 4-H Shooting Sports

Pull a team together and test your shooting sports knowledge with other 4-H Shooting Sports members from across the country.

Competition runs from January 17 – 21, 2022.

Study Resources are available now and registration opens January 1, 2022.

Follow this link to the National 4-H Shooting Sports web for details: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/events/>.

A promotional poster for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl. The background is a blurred image of a green field with a red and gold shotgun shell in the foreground. The text is centered and reads: "SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 17-21, 2022" in black, "NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS" in large red letters, and "QUIZ BOWL" in large black letters. Below this, it says "in partnership with Z-Suite/Zing Books". On the left, there are three logos: the National Shooting Sports logo, the Z-Suite logo, and the 4-H logo. To the right of the logos, it says "Registration Details & Study Guide available Jan 1, 2022 at National 4-H Shooting Sports" followed by two URLs: "https://4-hshootingsports.org" and "https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports". At the bottom, it says "Registration \$10 per Participant. Youth must be enrolled 4-H Members."

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# **NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS**

## **QUIZ BOWL**

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## American Spirit Experience 2022

### 4-H American Spirit Experience

**Highlighted Location(s):**

- Maumee, Ohio
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- New York City, New York
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
- Gloucester, Massachusetts
- Niagara Falls, New York



**Dates:** June 3-12, 10-19 or 17-26, 2022

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast — Youth-led content throughout the experience — Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred — Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of our nations foundation.

**Participant Eligibility:**

- All youth grades 8-10 (youth in 11th -12th grade eligible for 2022 dates ONLY)
- Pre-Registration in 4-H Online 2.0 open January 3-14, 2022. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes several questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Each experience is limited to 44 youth, decisions about who is selected to travel are based on the following factors: first-come first serve registrants, # of youth per experience, full rooms by identified gender, ages of youth traveling together, eligibility to participate in future years
- Estimated Cost of Experience - \$1,650

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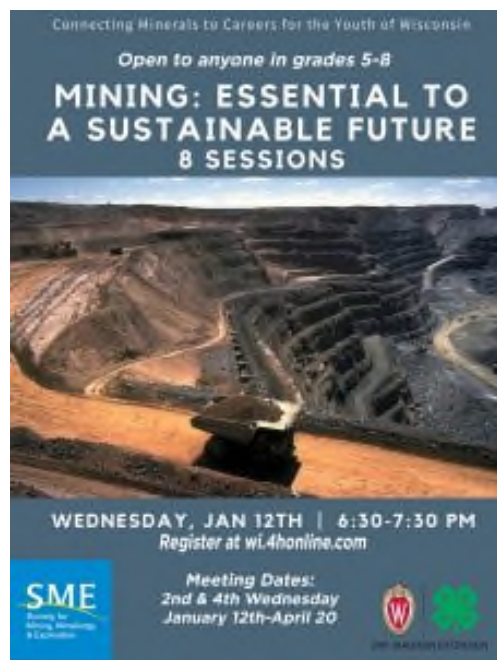
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### COVID Questions

UW Madison, Wisconsin 4-H and the American Spirit Planning Committee is committed to ensuring a solid educational program in a safe and healthy environment. As we move forward with planning and preparing for American Spirit in 2022, we will continue to utilize the latest research and information on how an educational travel experience, through several states, can happen safely; using information from the CDC, the hospitality community (PCMA, MPI, etc.) and the American Camping Association. All participants will be required to agree to and abide by COVID Safety Protocols.

## Youth Opportunity (Mining: Essential to a Sustainable Future)



Area 2 4-H is partnering with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration to offer a statewide eight-session program to introduce participants to mining. Please invite youth in grades 5-8 to participate. Registration is via 4-H online and open to 4-H youth and other youth participants. Contact Anna DeMers with questions ([anna.demers@wisc.edu](mailto:anna.demers@wisc.edu)).

### MINING: ESSENTIAL TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

This virtual, eight-session evening program for 5-8 grade youth introduces participants to mining, one of Wisconsin's most important industries, through a series of activities that show how every-day aspects of the students' lives are dependent on minerals and the career paths that provide them. Students will gain inter-disciplinary

knowledge and enhanced STEAM exposure through guided instruction and experiential learning modes facilitated by industry professionals and project helpers. The curriculum is designed to recognize the impacts of mining from a social, cultural, and environmental perspective – but also show the students how to attain careers in these various professions that support the mining industry. A workbook and course materials will be provided at no cost to the participant. Begins Wednesday, January 12 from 6:30-7:30PM via Zoom and runs on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month through April 20.

## County T-shirt Order Update

We have received some of our order, a few of the items are still on backorder. The shirts turned out really nice, we are excited for everyone to get theirs. If you would like to pick up your partial order please contact the office 920-834-6845 or [amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us).





## Ceramics Session

Join us on Saturday, February 26 at 1:00 pm at the Little River Town Hall for our ceramics sessions. Youth will have the opportunity to learn basic ceramics skills with instruction provided by Brigid McDowell. Space is limited, to register please contact Brigid McDowell at 920-834-9947.

## Clothing Revue

The Clothing Revue will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 1:00 pm. Location TBD. Registration information will be coming soon.

### What is a clothing revue?

The clothing revue is a fun event for all boys and girls in 4-H, grades kindergarten through one year post high school, to model what they have made or purchased. This event includes knitting, crocheting, sewing, consumer savvy\*, or alterations\*. You do not need to be enrolled in these projects. Ribbons will be awarded.

### What you can do:

- ❖ Make something to wear – this can be an entire outfit or just one thing. (Ex: a hat or a hat, mittens, and scarf to match, a shirt, pajamas, etc.) Or, you can purchase and entire outfit.
- ❖ You will wear your creation before the judge and tell him/her all about it. The judge may not touch your garment at all, they will only judge on how it looks on you.
- ❖ You will then model your outfit while the Master of Ceremony reads the card that you sent in with your registration.

\*What is consumer savvy? Rather than making the garment, you go out and purchase it along with accessories to make a complete outfit. (Shirt, pants, shoes, socks, belt, etc.)

\*What does alterations mean? This is a changed outfit that you wear; it can be something that is too big for you and you altered it to fit you, maybe a dress of your mom's. Or, it can be a huge t-shirts that you made into a dress.

## Speaking Festival

The Speaking Festival will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 pm. Location TBD. Registration information will be coming soon.

The speaking festival consists of 5 events: Speech, Storytelling, Interpretive Readings, Puppetry, and Show what you Know.



## 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

President – Brooke Schaal (Little Seedlings)

Vice President - Brigid McDowell (Little River)

Secretary – Vacant, seeking nominations

Ann Sievert - Treasurer (Morgan Badgers)

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# Beat the Winter Blues Project Take and Make Kits

Each Kit will contain learning materials and supplies to complete 4 at home projects Including **String Art**, **Gnome Your Home**, **Homemade Window Clings** and **Kitchen Creations**.

\$5 for each kit, \$3 for each additional family member  
Pick-up information will follow registration.

**REGISTER BY JANUARY 28TH TO RECIEVE  
YOUR KITS IN FEBRUARY  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2P8TZDYX](https://tinyurl.com/2P8TZDYX)**



Contact Aimee with any qestions  
[aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu)



**New in 2022, Monthly 4-H Family Challenge:**

Participate in each challenge for a chance to win prizes by submitting photos to the office by the end of the month. For our first challenge build your own 4-H New Year's Resolution! There are some ideas below, but feel free to get creative. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



# **Build Your New Year's Resolution**

with the 4-H Pledge

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**I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,**

- Learn a new skill
- Organize your schedule
- Take a challenging class
- Read one book a week

**my HEART to greater loyalty,**

- Plan a weekly family game night
- Make family dinner a priority
- Set time aside to visit friends and family each month

**my HANDS to larger service,**

- Hold a food drive
- Volunteer at a pet shelter
- Plan a social event at a nursing/assisted living home

**and my HEALTH to better living for my club,  
my community, my country, and my world.**

- Exercise 5 days a week
- Drink 64 oz. of water a day
- Buy a new fresh fruit or vegetable to try each week





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## OCONTO COUNTY 4-H JANUARY EVENT



*Kathy Beschta will lead youth in a painting project above is an example, there will be other animals to choose from also.*

**JANUARY 16TH 6:00PM  
OCONTO FALLS TOWN HALL  
8680 HWY 22**

Limit 20 youth so Register Now!  
Contact Tanya Fabry at 920-373-8642 or  
[mtfabry@hotmail.com](mailto:mtfabry@hotmail.com)

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