

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.



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Oconto County 4-H

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April 2022

Hello 4-H Families!

Rain, rain, go away - we are all beyond ready to get out and play. Although the beginning of spring has certainly been looking like more of a lion than a lamb we can be sure that the sunshine and warmer weather are on their way. There are so many wonderful opportunities coming up within our local and state 4-H programs - be sure to check them out! Pay close attention to the newsletter for important dates and deadlines. Enrollment and project selections must be made by the end of this month to be eligible for participation in the fair.

Summer Camp is back! Planning is well underway and we are all so excited to have this opportunity again. Registration will be opening soon, you will find more details in the newsletter and on the county 4-H Facebook page. Camp this year is a tri-county effort between Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano and being referred to as Camp Mar-Oco-Sha. Space is limited so be sure to get your registrations in right away if you plan to attend.

I am looking forward to an opportunity I have later this month to present at the National Extension Conference on Volunteerism in Tulsa, OK. A group of colleagues and I will be discussing some of the work WI 4-H has been doing around the Youth Thriving Model and survey that many of our youth participated in this past fall. It is a great time for me to share the amazing things that are happening in both of my local 4-H programs, and the impacts that our program makes. I am really grateful to be able to work with some of the best leaders, members, and families in the state! Thank you all for everything each and every one of you do to help make this 4-H Program thrive!

If you have any suggestions, questions, or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would love to hear from you!

Warm Regards,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/10	Annual Horse Meeting – 2:00 pm	Red Banks Ranch
4/23	Clothing Review – 1:00 pm	Oconto Gospel Chapel-Powerbox 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto
5/2	Leader's Association Meeting – 6:30 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall 8680 Hwy 22, Oconto Falls
5/7	Speaking Festival – 1:00 pm	Oconto Gospel Chapel-Powerbox 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto
8/2-8/5	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/13-8/14	Oconto County Fair – Cage Birds, Dog, Cat, and Horse Shows	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/18-8/21	Oconto County Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds

4-H Summer Camp August 2-5

We are excited to be offering a four-day, three-night 4-H Camp for Marinette, Oconto and Shawano Counties to be held at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI, for those in grades 3-7 as of January 1, 2022. We have a great staff of teens and adults this year that have already spent many hours in training and preparation for your child to arrive. This is a great chance to spend time outdoors, make new friends, and even learn a bit! Activities already in the schedule are swimming, Raccoon Circles (team building), campfires, hiking, lots of games, and canoeing or kayaking! Our camp food is awesome, just ask former campers. We also have a health supervisor and lifeguard on staff.

Campers will be transported by bus from one of several stops. The location of these stops will be determined where campers are registering from. We will contact you closer to camp to confirm which location your youth would like to board.

Register by the early bird deadline (May 31) and 4-H members only pay \$100, non-4-H members-\$110. June 1, if there is still room, the rates go up to \$110 for members and \$120 for non-members. If you are an Oconto County 4-H member and feel you may need assistance with this fee, please contact our county Extension Office at 920-834-6845. To register please go to <https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoShaCamp>



Annual Horse Project Meeting

After many years of being the Horse Project Leader, Danna Magnin has decided to step down. We want to thank her for all of the years that she volunteered and helped make the Horse Project so successful! Taking over for Danna will be Sherrie Reed and Lisa Terry along with volunteers Tanya Fabry, Kathie Beschta, and Charity Beschta.

The annual Horse Project meeting is scheduled for:

When: Sunday, April 10

Where: Red Banks Ranch 8742 Red Bank Rd, Suring 54174

Time: 2:00 pm



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 our meetings, they are held the first Monday of every month 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. It would be great to have two representatives from each club.

Thank you,
Oconto County 4-H leaders Association

Little Seedlings 4-H Club Updates

On March 5th, Little Seedling 4-H members worked on a woodworking project. Members were able to choose from a bird feeder, pencil holder or planter. Members also learned about woodworking safety.



Little Seedlings 4-H held a bake sale and cake walk at Gillett's Christmas in the Park celebration. Money collected was donated to the Gillett Area Ambulance on February 8. The club was able to donate over \$340.



WI 4-H Area Animal Science Days – Save the Date

**WI 4-H
AREA ANIMAL
SCIENCE DAYS**

Save the Date

SHEBOYGAN - JUNE 15TH

CHIPPEWA - JUNE 17TH

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**





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WI Towns Association Scholarship

The WI Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc., will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2022 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2022. The essay should address the topic: “What can Wisconsin’s leaders do to increase young adult interest in serving on a town board?” Essays must be postmarked by **May 27, 2022**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>.

Neighborhood Forest Free Tree Program

For those who ordered trees, the latest update says they will be coming in time for Earth Day - probably around the 20th, and Aimee will have more information in early April about species etc. So be sure to check your e-mail often for an update.

Wisconsin 4-H Project Resources

Are you looking for some project ideas? Not sure where to look for learning resources for your projects? Interested in a different project, but want to learn more about it? Wisconsin 4-H has some project resources for you!

- 4-H Project Webpages - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>: This website has lots of information on the various 4-H projects offered. Each project page has additional information and links to more learning resources.
- Wisconsin 4-H Resource Library - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/resource-library/>: This search site has search options where you can search by project, type of material or audience. There are project resources and other documents here that can be helpful!
- Wisconsin 4-H Project Leader Resources - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteerresources/project-leader-resources/>: Are you a project leader? Looking for some tools for you? Here's a site where you can find tools to help you plan a project activity or meeting!

4-H Project Literature

Are you looking for resources and information about the 4-H projects that you have signed up for? All 4-H members can request free 4-H project books on a variety of topics. We have copies of the 4-H project books for most projects at the Extension office. Give us a call at 920-834-6845 or email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us and we will help you get the books that you need.

4-H Project & Enrollment Deadline

Summer is coming fast which means the Oconto County Fair will be here before we know it. You must be enrolled in 4-H online before April 30th to be eligible to exhibit at this year's county fair. Fair sign up materials will be available in May, and we will notify all families to let them know when the fair signup website is open and ready to go. For more information on the fair go to: ocontocountyfair.org.



4-H Spark Days

Wisconsin 4-H will be hosting 3 separate 4-H Spark Days in June this summer to help youth explore their sparks at different campuses around the State! The Spark Days will be held from June 20-22, 2022. Each day includes hands-on sessions, career pathway exploration, guest speakers, meeting new 4-H friends from around the state, and fun. This opportunity will be open to youth in grades 7-10.

Registration will be done via 4HOnline, and will be open May 2nd on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration costs are to be determined and will include program supplies, a t-shirt, any local transportation and lunch. For more information go to

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/4-h-spark-days/>.

Animal Project day was a HUGE Success!

A HUGE thank you to Lena Rocketeers 4-H club for putting on a great animal project day on March 27th!



New Fundraising Opportunity for 4-H Clubs

NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H CLUBS!



Farm Wisconsin is partnering with local 4-H chapters to showcase their animals while also fundraising for their club!



Sign up to bring your animals to Farm Wisconsin and your club will receive \$2 for every admission ticket sold on your date!

Email jenna@farmwisconsin.org for more details.



Spring/Summer Challenge- Invite a Friend to a 4-H Event & win 4-H Prizes!

The best way for us to spread the word about 4-H is to share it with others! As you participate in 4-H events this spring and summer, make sure to invite a friend! If you bring a friend to a 4-H event this spring or summer (a club meeting, a project workshop, fun activity, etc), send an email to 4h@co.oconto.wi.us and let us know who you brought to the event – your name will be entered in a drawing for a 4-H Mall Gift Certificate! You can use the prize to order 4-H apparel, accessories or more! Enter before July 30th to be eligible to win!



2022 National Dairy Month Promotion Kick-Off

Clubs are eligible to apply for a Community Dairy Pro-motion kit to support their efforts locally. Each group can receive a National Dairy Month kit for events to celebrate WI dairy farmers. Quantities are limited. Physical kits will be sent after May 1; digital kits will be e-mailed to groups by April 15. For more information and/or to sign up for a kit, visit: <https://wisconsindairy.org/Promote-Dairy/dairymonthpromotion/NDMkit>.

National Volunteer Week

April 17-23 is National Volunteer Week! It's time to celebrate our volunteers and all that they do. Volunteering is a big part of 4-H. We rely on a network of volunteers to provide caring and supportive mentoring to our 4-H'ers helping them learn life skills and grow into true leaders. THANK YOU for your service! We could not have 4-H without our volunteers!



Animal Sciences Education Series

The series is offered in connection with the UW Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Dept., College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension. Topics are for youth and adults. Each session begins at 7 pm followed by question and answer time. These sessions will provide awareness and knowledge of animal agriculture in these challenge areas listed. They will also give details on careers and how this area connects with your animal project. Younger youth can learn through a take-home activity they talk about with parents and or project leaders.

April 14 – Grand Challenge: Land and Water

May 12 – Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements For registration and details, go to:

<https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>.

YQCA Platform is Live

The new www.yqcaprogram.org site was live and open for business recently. Please bookmark this new page.

WYLP Presents...

WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2022

January 13 - Grand Challenge: Animal Health & Welfare

February 10 - Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture

March 3 (*date change*) - Grand Challenge: Food/Meat Safety

April 14 - Grand Challenge: Land and Water

May 12 - Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Why are we concerned? What is the scientific problem?

What do we know?

What more do we need to learn?

How does this apply to my youth animal project?

What are the career opportunities?

All events are virtual and begin at 7 p.m.
Can meet county educational requirements.

**For more information & how to
register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>**



Clothing Revue

The Clothing Revue will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 pm at the Oconto Gospel Chapel-Powerbox, 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto. Please see the attached registration form.

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 an 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-shirt that you made into a dress.

Speaking Festival

The Speaking Festival will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 pm at the Oconto Gospel Chapel-Powerbox, 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto. Registration information will be coming soon.

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

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

***If you don't feel comfortable participating in these activities but are curious what they are about, please come and watch to see if it's something you are interested in. We would love to have you join us next year!**

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 send us an email so that we can follow up with you.

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OCONTO COUNTY CLOTHING REVUE

To be held *April 23, 2022*, 1 pm, at the Oconto Gospel Chapel-Powerbox, 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto.

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CLOTHING REVUE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

Male ☐ Female ☐ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Garment: _____

Garment Category: _____

Each participant must include a 3x5-index card with information about himself or herself. Please include this card with your registration form. Include your name, age, fiber content, and things you like to do. Below is an example.

Watch out! Here comes 9-year-old John Doe looking cool and ready for the beach in his 100 % cotton button down shirt with a snazzy Hawaiian print and pocket. In this shirt, John is ready for all his favorite things, whether it be the church picnic, playing ball with his friends or riding his bike, he is sure to stay comfy!

Please return registration form by *April 15th* to:

UW Extension – Amy Brehmer

301 Washington St

Oconto, WI 54153

Please call Brigid with any questions, 920-834-9947.

Oconto County 4-H Speaking Festival

May 7, 1:00 p.m.

Oconto Gospel Chapel-Powerbox

Open to ALL Oconto County Youth
Kindergarten through High School

Speech (Individual)

Deliver a speech written by you. Be sure to acknowledge the source of your information. You may use note cards. Visual aids, props, posters are encouraged.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-8 min

Storytelling (Individual)

In your own words, tell a story or fairytale you know or one you have made up. You may use costumes, makeup or other special effects. Props and music also allowed.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 2-5 min. grade 3 & up: 3-10 min

Interpretive Reading (Individual, Duo, Group)

Perform a from a Reader's Theatre script. Read a story from a book or any other literary form. Recite a poem.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-5 min

Puppetry (Individual, Duo or Group)

Speak or sing through puppets. Be sure to bring any supplies you may need including stage, puppets, music and/or props. Bring a copy of your script for the judge.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

Show What You Know (Individual or Duo)

Give a presentation on something you know or something you can do. May use props, computer-based visual aids, posters, handout, videos or music. Judge may ask questions after presentation.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

****Please make sure all material is age appropriate****

To register, please email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us or call our office at 920-834-6845. The registration deadline is Friday, April 29.