

# 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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## May 2022

Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is truly finally in the air. It is so fitting that in the beginning of May we celebrate mothers as we see so much life spring up around us. With the cold and gloom of winter behind us it is time for new beginnings. What are you looking forward to this spring and summer? Is there something new you would like to try? I am looking forward to connecting with many of you during upcoming community events, Summer Camp, the Fair and beyond! As the weather gets nicer there are so many opportunities to get out and enjoy all our state has to offer. Take some time to set some goals around what you hope to accomplish. Is there a way that 4-H can help you get there? I bet there is! Be sure to check out some of the amazing opportunities 4-H has to offer in this newsletter. Have ideas you would like to share? Please let the 4-H office know, we are always happy to help.

Best,

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>5/21</b>	<b>Cloverbuds-Let's Plant – 10 am-12 pm</b>	<b>Gillett Community Center 201 Main St, Gillett</b>
<b>6/6</b>	<b>Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>6/6</b>	<b>Leader's Association Meeting – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Oconto Falls Town Hall 8680 Hwy 22, Oconto Falls</b>
<b>6/12</b>	<b>Breakfast on the Farm – 8 am – 1 pm</b>	<b>Blaser Farms 9267 Hwy 22 East, Gillett</b>
<b>6/21</b>	<b>Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>6/30</b>	<b>Deadline for Online Entries</b>	<b>Oconto County Fair</b>
<b>7/12</b>	<b>Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>7/30</b>	<b>Horse Project Clinic – 9</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>8/2-8/5</b>	<b>Summer Camp</b>	<b>Camp Bird</b>
<b>8/9</b>	<b>Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>8/10</b>	<b>WI State Fair bus Trip</b>	<b>WI State Fair</b>
<b>8/13-8/14</b>	<b>Oconto County Fair – Cage Birds, Dog, Cat, and Horse Shows</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>8/18-8/21</b>	<b>Oconto County Fair</b>	<b>Oconto County Fairgrounds</b>

### 4-H Summer Camp August 2-5

MarOcoSha 4-H Camp for youth in Grades 3 - 7: **August 2-5, 2022**, at Camp Bird. Camp is full but we are accepting members on a waiting list and hope to be able to expand the opportunity to more youth as we work on our staffing plan. E-mail [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu) if you would like to be added to the waiting list.



This program is proudly shared through the Virtual Learning Community.  
For more opportunities like this, please visit:  
**4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc**

**READ TO LEAD: JOINING TOGETHER WITH OTHERS IS POWERFUL**



**Join Us**

**THUNDER'S HAIR**

**MAY 16, 2022**

**4:30PM-5:30 PM**

**VIRTUAL SESSION**

**A FREE COPY OF THE BOOK WILL BE SENT TO 20 LUCKY PARTICIPANTS!!**

**Book Reading, Discussion, Connection to Learning**

- Learn about a new book, *Thunder's Hair*
- Meet the Author and learn the inspiration behind the story
- Book Reading, Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre
- Hair braiding activity overview, Sofie Teller-Cloud
- Early Childhood Response to story/activity, Dr. Candy

**Register by May 16: <https://go.wisc.edu/5teacu> or <http://wi.4honline.com>**

Author's Website: <https://www.jessierencountre.com>

## WI 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations

The WI 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals and organizations with significant contributions to the WI 4-H Youth Development program on any level. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired Extension staff. Any group or individual is eligible to nominate for consideration by the state level selection committee. All nominations must be submitted electronically to: [lpine@wisc.edu](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) no later than **May 20**. Recognition of those chosen will take place during Fall Forum in November. For more info and forms, click on <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hhof/nominations/>.

WISCONSIN 4-H  
HALL OF FAME





# 4-H is for YOU!



## Chris Clover Shirt Design Contest

We want to share what's important to you with others!

1

**Design** a shirt that represents a cause, history, a project, anything important to you.

2

**Write** about your shirt and where to learn more.

3

**Submit** at [cc.wi4h.org](http://cc.wi4h.org) or <http://bit.ly/wi4hmovementpic>

Designs will be used to promote 4-H and may be modified/edited

Can you see yourself here?



#opportunity4all

#WI4Hmovement

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## Breakfast on the Farm

This year's Breakfast on the Farm is on Sunday, June 12 at Blaser Farms, Inc. 9267 Hwy 22 East, Gillett, WI 54124. This event will be held rain or shine. They will be serving breakfast from 8 am-1 pm. This year's menu consists of scrambled eggs with cheese and ham, pancakes, sausages, yogurt, applesauce, cheese, milk, orange juice, ice cream, coffee, and water.

They are looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Food will be provided for all who help. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up at [www.ocontocountybreakfastonthefarm.org](http://www.ocontocountybreakfastonthefarm.org). If a whole club would like to volunteer, you can contact Jordan Rank at [ranks1@centurytel.net](mailto:ranks1@centurytel.net).

4-H will have a promotion and activity booth and will need adult and youth volunteers to assist in running it along with 4-H staff. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering.

## Oconto County Youth Fair Entries

Oconto County Youth Fair Entries will be available online mid-May through June 30. An email will be sent to families when the site is ready. If you have any members in your club that do not have access to the internet and need paper forms, please let Stacie Pienta know at [staciepienta@gmail.com](mailto:staciepienta@gmail.com). All entries must be completed by June 30, 2022. There will be no new Junior Fair entries accepted after that date.

## Wisconsin State Fair

August 4-14. Junior Livestock Shows: Junior show exhibitors must be between the ages of 12-19 by January 1st of the current year and have completed YQCA certification. For more info, visit <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>.



## 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/>.

## Area Animal Science Days

For our area, Sheboygan County will be hosting on **June 15th**. Each site will host livestock and dairy judging along with other animal species offerings. To be eligible for Area Animal Science Days, team preregistration must be submitted by online form at: [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_exty2hzkrvm5vn0](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_exty2hzkrvm5vn0) by May 25th. In addition, the individual participants must be a member of a WI 4-H and must be within the division age limits listed. Registration fees will be \$12.00 per participant and will need to be paid by check on the day of the event.

The host counties will be providing lunch on the day of the event for a cost of \$10 per person. All participants, coaches, parents, etc. who plan to eat will need to preregister for lunch on the registration form.

Checks should be made payable to the host counties – Sheboygan or Chippewa County – see registration forms for more details. No refunds will be given if the participant has paid and can't make the event. All participants will need to pay the registration fee. Contact the State 4-H office for needs-based scholarship options. For more information and booklet, click on <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewideevents-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>.

## 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/>.

## State 4-H Dog Show

September 30-October 2, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Will include agility, obedience, showmanship and quiz bowl. More information will be coming about registrations and what will be held on which day.





## 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy

**Registration  
Opens  
July 1**

Activities Include:

- High / Low Ropes Course
- NASA Simulators
- Russian Language Lessons
- Scuba Diving
- Fighter Jet Simulators
- Advanced Rocketry
- Meeting NASA Engineers
- Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training
- STEM Challenges
- Simulated Space Mission
- International Space



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Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.



**Grades:** 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

**Dates:** January 21—27, 2023

**Location:** US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

**Cost:** \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

**Lodging:** Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

**Meals:** All meals will be included in the price.

**Transportation:** Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

**Registration:** July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

**More information:** Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or [joshua.goede@wisc.edu](mailto:joshua.goede@wisc.edu)

## YQCA

The new [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) site was live and open for business recently. Please bookmark this new page.



Dear Exhibitors and Families,

All youth must complete YQCA in order to show at our fair and other animal expositions. You may complete this online, which has a new website. Please create a new account. You can purchase online trainings, complete them, print the certificate, and present a copy of it with your entries.

Oconto County Youth Fair and the Oconto County Livestock Committee offer youth in first and second years of a project, to be trained in-person. Once you have an account, purchase the in-person training coupon and select “Oconto County Youth Fair YQCA Training” to be added to that roster. Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 5-7pm in the Oconto Falls High School Ag Room. Also, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 from 5-8pm, you can come to the OFHS Ag Room to complete your individual YQCA training. I will be available for technical issues.

Sincerely,

Walter Taylor

YQCA Trainer

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>





## 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to win!

## DATCP Issues New Order Suspending Movement of Domestic Birds to Live Events

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 10, 2022

**Contact:** Kevin Hoffman, Public Information Officer, (608) 224-5005, [kevin.hoffman@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kevin.hoffman@wisconsin.gov)  
MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has issued a new order prohibiting the movement of domestic birds to all live events, including shows, exhibitions and swap meets. The order comes as the state continues to see cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in domestic and wild birds.

The [new order](#) replaces the special order [issued on April 7](#). It expands the suspension from poultry to all domestic birds and will remain in effect until 30 days after the last detection of HPAI among domestic flocks in Wisconsin. Domestic birds are defined as any avian species held in captivity, including poultry, ratites, pet birds, and farm-raised game birds that have not been released into the wild.

A listing of HPAI detections and dates can be found on the DATCP website at [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/HPAIWisconsin.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HPAIWisconsin.aspx).

Poultry owners are strongly encouraged to continue practicing [strict biosecurity](#) and, when possible, keep their flocks indoors to prevent contact with wild birds. DATCP also asks poultry owners to register their premises. State law requires that all livestock owners register where their animals are kept, and registration helps animal health officials during disease outbreaks.

To report increased mortality or signs of illness among domestic birds, contact DATCP at (608) 224-4872 (business hours) or (800) 943-0003 (after hours and weekend). Reports also can be emailed to [datcpanimalimports@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpanimalimports@wisconsin.gov).

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Find more DATCP news in our [newsroom](#), on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

- [20220510SpecialOrderHPAI.pdf](#)

## 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 4-H Leader's Association Board of Directors

President – Brooke Schaal (Little Seedlings)

Vice President - Brigid McDowell (Little River)

Secretary – Amber Seitz (Morgan Badgers)

Ann Sievert - Treasurer (Morgan Badgers)

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# Oconto County 4-H State Fair Bus Trip 2022



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**\$11/  
person**  
discounted  
fair admission

## WISCONSIN STATE FAIR



**Wednesday August 10**

Bus transportation provided by  
Oconto County 4-H Leader's  
Association- first come first served

**4-H members and their  
parent/guardian**

Participants  
responsible for their  
own food/ spending  
money

**Exhibits**

Beef, swine, sheep, Draft  
horses and more...

**Tentative Schedule**

- ✓ 7:15 arrive at Stiles Park n Ride
- ✓ 7:30 Bus Leaves
- ✓ 10:00 Arrive at WI State Fair
- ✓ 3:30 group meets
- ✓ 3:45 Bus Departs for home to return approx. 6:45 p.m

**Limited Space- sign up today!**

**To register go to:**

<https://forms.gle/kcvHcsSc7dNS3T2C9>

**For Question or Assistance:**

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Pick Up Location: ☐ Gillett Flower Shoppe ☐ Oconto Falls Flower Shoppe

CALLING ALL  
CLOVERBUDS

# LET'S PLANT!

*Hosted by 4-H Leader Kevy Schaal  
Sponsored by the Oconto County 4-H  
Leaders Association*

**Saturday May 21st from 10-12  
at the Gillett Community Center  
201 Main St. Gillett**

Youth ages K-2nd are invited to learn all about plants while enjoying a themed snack, crafts, and gardening activities.

To Register contact the 4-H office: 920-834-6845



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# FAMILY NIGHT

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Thursday, May 19th  
5:00pm - 7:30pm**

Crafts  
Open Swim in the Pool  
Open Gym  
Activities throughout the Facility

Thank you to our event partners for making May Family Night possible:



Registration is not required, but is encouraged.  
Register by calling (920) 834-5585



## Northern Riders 4-H Club Updates



On April 3rd, Northern Riders 4H members helped at the historical society breakfast at St. John's church. The help was appreciated by all.



Members got a tour of Green Valley Dairy's robot milking barn. Both the kids and the adults learned a lot and had fun! Thank you to Craig Gerndt and Shawn Wagner for the tour!



Although we were missing half our group, the slopes were super good and the kids had so much fun! They didn't even want to come in for a picture. Afternoon got a bit sticky for the better skiers/snowboarders, but were perfect for the newbies and slowed them down just enough to try some more challenging hills! Our group even contained some first time skiers! It was a wonderful day had by all.