

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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June 2022

Hello 4-H Families!

Summer seems to be off to a wonderful start. There are so many great opportunities coming up to learn new things and sharpen skills through 4-H. Be sure to check out all of the upcoming opportunities in our newsletter. There are also many wonderful community events coming up that are great opportunities to provide some volunteer support, community service, and to highlight what we do in 4-H! If you have any questions about where you can get involved please reach out to our office and we would be happy to help.

I am pleased to introduce our new summer LTE we have in our Extension office, Emma Walkowiak. You may run into her at some of our community events, 4-H activities, or if you stop in the office. Emma is a college student at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and is majoring in General Psychology in hopes of one day becoming a therapist or counselor. She is very excited to be working in the UW-Extension office to put her skills to the test. During the summer she hopes to work on some projects like updating the website and finding new ways to excite the community about Oconto County 4-H. "This will truly be an experience and I am so grateful to be helping everyone out along with being able to use my creativity in the workspace," says Emma. Please be sure to say hello if you see Emma out and about, or if you stop in the office this summer. Welcome Emma, we are so happy to have you!



Wishing you a summer filled with fun, food, family and friends!

Aimee Elkins

4-H Program Educator

Marinette and Oconto Counties



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/12	Breakfast on the Farm – 8 am – 1 pm	Blaser Farms 9267 Hwy 22 East, Gillett
6/18	Goat Clinic – 10 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
6/21	Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
6/21	Dog Project Training - 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
6/28	Dog Project Training – 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
6/30	Deadline for Online Entries	Oconto County Fair
7/5	Dog Project Training - 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
7/12	Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
7/12	Dog Project Training – 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
7/14	Dairy Clinic – Fitting and Showing Clinic 6-7:30 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
7/19	Dog Project Training – 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
7/30	Horse Project Clinic – 9	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/2	Dog Project Training – 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/2-8/5	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/9	Horse Project-Ring Practice – 6 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/9	Dog Project Training – 6-7 pm and 7-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/10	WI State Fair bus Trip	WI State Fair
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
10/15	Music Festival – 1-3 pm	Oconto Gospel Chapel- Powerbox 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto

2022 Oconto County Youth Fair Theme... BARN in the USA!

Each year the Oconto County Fair Board offers a Fair Billboard contest. The billboards are placed in strategic places throughout the county to help advertise the fair. An 8x10 photo is then displayed at the fair and judged with great cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for the top three places as well as \$100 for the Fairgoers Favorite. This year's Fair Billboard contest theme is:

"BARN in the USA!"



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 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 10th 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. If a whole club would like to volunteer, you can contact Jordan Rank at 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

All entries and/or changes for junior fair exhibitors will close on June 30th. All entries and/or changes for Open, Junior Open, and Nursing Home exhibitors MUST be completed Online by August 1, 2022.

Open, Junior Open and Nursing Home need to pick "open" for the division if they are signing up online, and can NOT enter anything in Depts 1-34.

OPEN CLASS ONLY will accept Walk In entries on Monday August 15 from 4-7pm and Tuesday August 16 from 9-11am.

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/>.



Music Festival – Save the Date!

A music festival will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 1-3 pm at the Oconto Gospel Chapel – Powerbox. More information will be coming soon!

State 4-H Dog Show

The State 4-H Dog Show will be held September 30-October 2, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. It will include agility, obedience, showmanship, and quiz bowl. More information will be coming about registrations and what will be held on which day.

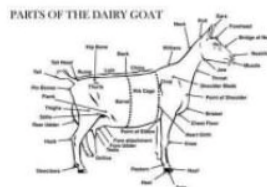


2022 Goat Clinic



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DATE: Saturday, June 18, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Oconto County Fairgrounds-Honey Park



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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University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. An EEO/AA employer, Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements.

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

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!

Dairy Clinic

There will be a fitting and showing dairy clinic held on July 14, from 6-7:30 pm at the Oconto County fairgrounds.

Attention Dog Project Participants

Classes will begin at the fairgrounds on Tuesday evenings starting on June 21st. Shot records must be presented at the first class. There is a sign-up for each class located below, if no-one signs up for a class it will not be held that week. Please contact Heather with any questions- heathertrainsdogs@yahoo.com or 920-370-3513 (text or call).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA5AB2EA7F4CE9-oconto>



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 if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Attached Flyer Highlights

Please be sure to always look at the attached flyers at the end of our newsletter, we share a lot of important information.

Wisconsin State Fair bus Trip

Oconto County 4-H is planning a bus trip to the Wisconsin State Fair On Wednesday, August 10. The cost is \$11 per person. You can sign up [here](#) or call our office at 920-834-6845.

Photography Series

Oconto County 4-H is excited to offer a photography series to our members, from beginners to advanced, there's something for everyone to learn.

2022 Oconto County Youth Fair - Billboard Contest

This year's fair billboard theme is Barn in the USA. Let's see how creative each club can get with their billboard. Please send us a picture of your finished billboard so we can show it off in future newsletters.

4-H Food Stand Schedule

The food stand schedule is attached. New this year they will be offering a "food stand boot camp" for those who will be acting as the club's supervisor/gopher. This person will learn the basics of where things are and have a general knowledge of how the food stand should operate. A date and time will be announced later.

Tractor Safety

Training delivered via self-study, webinar sessions, and attending two live training days. Live training days are at Pound Town Hall in Coleman, WI on Wednesday, July 27, and Friday, July 29 or at the Antigo Town Hall in Antigo, WI on Tuesday, July 19 and Thursday, July 21. Each live session day will be held from 9 am to 3:15 pm. Webinars and self-study check-ins will be scheduled throughout July and will have two opportunities for each lesson. The cost is \$45 per person.



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



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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:

920-834-6845 or
aimee.elkins@wisc.edu

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All Ages and Abilities Welcome

Take & Learn | VLC



PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES

Participate in any or all Sessions



Register by June 3 for the opportunity to receive support materials



You Take Control: Camera controls and settings

June 7, 4:30PM Zoom - Instructor: MaryBeth Wohlrabe

Learn about how to use your camera and what settings and features to use for what settings and situations. The session will provide a general overview of all cameras and settings and then allow for some individualized troubleshooting. Please have your camera ready to trouble shoot and learn with. (Recommendation: participate in the zoom on a separate device than you would use for camera).



Skills Sessions: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

June 20, June 23, June 28 via Zoom

Learn skills for your level of photography practice. Each session will include a 20-minute lesson. The rest of the hour, the instructor will give feedback about youth photos. Youth will have the chance to submit their own photos before the session.

Beginner Photography Skills: Shifting your (camera) perspective

June 20 | 4:30PM | Zoom, Instructor: Ciera Ballmer

Intermediate Photography Skills: Using Natural Light and Reflections in your Photos

June 23 | 4:30PM | Zoom, Instructor: Makayla Mashlan

Advanced Photography Skills: Photo Prints and More

June 28 | 4:30PM | Zoom, Instructor: MaryBeth Wohlrabe

For questions or assistance with
registration contact: 920-834-6845 or
aimee.elkins@wisc.edu

Register Today!

<https://go.wisc.edu/i59ar8>





2022 OCONTO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR - BILLBOARD CONTEST

Purpose: To give youth organizations a chance to advertise for the Oconto County Youth Fair.

Eligible: Any 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other youth organizations that exhibit at the fair.

Theme: This year's billboard theme is "Barn in the USA". Get creative and incorporate the theme into your billboard!

Requirements:

- Billboards must be made on a 4'x 8' sheet of plywood. ****The sheet can be cut and reshaped but can NOT exceed the 4'x8' dimensions. ****
- Boards must be fastened to steel stakes
- Must be an "all weather" sign
- Billboards must be displayed in a high-traffic area; such as a major highway in the club or organization's "home area"
- Billboards **MUST** be put up by July 1st in order to qualify for prize money.
- **DO NOT BRING YOUR BILLBOARD TO THE FAIR**, instead please submit an 8x10 photo (in a frame that can stand on a table) of your billboard to the Fair Office by Tuesday, August 16th, 2020 at 8:00pm.
- It is the clubs responsibility to take down the billboard in a timely manner **AFTER** the fair is over.

Billboards MUST include the following information:

- Oconto County Youth Fair – August 13 & 18-21, 2022– Gillett, WI
- Horse Show, Dog, Cat and Small Pets Show - Aug 13
- **Theme: "Barn in the USA"**
- FREE ADMISSION
- The fair's website: www.ocontocountyfair.org
- ****Your club name MUST be on the billboard (or we don't know who you are!!)****

Judging:*Clubs may enter more than one sign, but only ONE prize will be awarded per club.

- Title & Lettering
 - Must be legible and able to read from a distance
- Message Conveyed
 - All dates and criteria are met; and must be clear and understandable
- Purpose
 - Encourage people to attend the fair
- Creativity
 - Color, design and layout

Prizes: All entries that meet the requirements will receive \$25.00

1st Place-\$300 2nd Place-\$200 3rd Place-\$100 Fairgoer's Favorite-\$100

*****The winners will be announced and awarded at the Buyer's Banquet*****

OCONTO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR - BILLBOARD CONTEST

Application Form

This form MUST be turned in by June 30th, 2021 in order to participate

Please mail to: [Oconto County Youth Fair – P.O. Box 502 Gillett, WI 54124](#)

Or email information to: ocontocountyouthfair@gmail.com

Feel free to call or email with questions: (920)-373-1212

Club or Organization's Name:

Billboard "Slogan":

Location of Billboard: (please be specific)

Leader/Teacher's contact information:

Name & position:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

2022 Food Stand Schedule

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10:45-1:30	Christy Brook	Willing Workers	Northern Riders	Little River
1:15-4:00	Oconto River Rock Stars and Lena Rocketeers	Morgan Badgers	Little Seedlings	Pasture Pirates and Breed
3:45-6:30	Little Seedlings	Willing Workers	Northern Riders	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
6:15-9:00	Willing Workers	Lena Rocketeers	Team Green	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Extra Tasks

Clean Before: Oconto River Rock Stars

Prep Before: Food stand committee

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
End Of Night Cleaning	Willing Workers	Lena Rocketeers	Team Green	Pasture Pirates and Breed
Soda Stocking Times: TBA	Little River	Morgan Badgers	Christy Brook	Little Seedlings

Clean After: Northern Riders

New in 2022:

We will have a “Food Stand Boot Camp” for those who will be acting as the club’s supervisor/gopher. This person will learn the basics of where things are and have a general knowledge of how the food stand should operate. A date and time will be announced later.

Back in 2022:

1. For each shift a registered 4-H member works, the member will be entered into a \$25 gift card drawing. Gift cards are to be used to further a member's 4-H project. Eligible stores: Fleet Farm, Menards, Tractor Supply, True Value, Walmart, Michaels, Hobby Lobby.
2. Each shift that a club works, the club will be paid \$100.

In 2021, this eliminated the need of an all day supervisor and hiring a kitchen supervisor. This also reduced the number of hours food stand committee members spent in the food stand and were able to enjoy the fair. There are over 230 4-H members in Oconto County. We can’t wait to see you at the fair!

2022 Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training



Training delivered via self-study, webinar sessions, and attending two live training days.
Live training days are at Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI on Wed/Fri, July 27 & 29 OR at the Antigo Town Hall – Antigo, WI on Tues/Thurs, July 19 & 21

Cost: \$45/person **9 a.m. to 3:15 pm each live session day**
Webinars and self-study check-ins will be scheduled throughout July and will have two opportunities for each lesson.

Who Needs To Attend the Training? Any 12 to 15-year old who may need to drive any type of farm machinery on a public road in Wisconsin. Others are welcome to attend the course, but only those older than 12 will receive certification. Those 16 years old and older without a valid driver's license can also utilize this training to be legal to drive farm machinery on public roads.

Legal Review: In Wisconsin, 14 and 15 year-olds who have successfully passed the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Farm Machinery Course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads for their parents or grandparents' farms AND can work for other farms and do the same. 12 and 13-year olds who have completed the course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads only when working for their parents or grandparents' farms. If you employ persons under 15 years or who do not have a driver's license, it is highly recommended that you have them attend the training, whether they drive on public roads or not. You may want to talk to your insurance agent to double-check about requirements based on your insurance policy.

Some Logistics:

- All participants MUST be in attendance on either July 21 or July 29 for testing.** You can attend two different sites if need be, as long as you complete 18 hours of instruction prior to attending the test day.
- Participants need to bring their own lunches, a refrigerator will be available for storage. Families are welcome to provide snacks, Scott will have water and/or lemonade and/or milk available.
- The course will emphasize hands-on and skill-building exercises, including first aid and fire safety from local emergency response personnel. We will be analyzing machinery for safety aspects, conducting on-farm safety assessments, and dozens of other activities, along with videos and course material review.

Call Scott Reuss, Regional Crops/Soils Educator, at either 715-732-7510 or call/text to 715-701-0966 if you have any questions, or you can e-mail to scott.reuss@wisc.edu

Registration Form - Tractor & Machinery Safety Training - please print

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ Zip code: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: _____

Please complete this form and mail to the following address by July 1, with a check for \$45 per participant and made payable to UW-Extension. OR contact Scott with the above information by then!

Oconto County Extension
301 S. Washington
Oconto, WI 54153