

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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<http://oconto.extension.wisc.edu>



Oconto County 4-H

Oconto County Courthouse

301 Washington St.

Oconto, WI 54153

September 2022

Greetings 4-H Families!

I hope everyone is off to a wonderful start of their school years after such a busy summer. Our 4-H program has so much to be proud of, and thankful for over these past few months! We were able to return to some of the programming we have really been missing over the past few years, as well as continue some of our great traditions. These events included: a dual county day camp, a tri-county residential camp, and very successful County Fairs among others. A huge thank you to our members, volunteers, partners, and parents for making all of these events so successful and memorable! Planning is already underway for next year, if you would like to support any of these efforts please let me know.

Can you believe it is also time for another 4-H year to begin? Please refer to your newsletter or connect with 4-H online to re-enroll for this year as soon as you can. Don't forget to share this great program along with information on how to enroll with family and friends as well. WI 4-H has a new state-wide marketing campaign that will begin this fall, so you should expect to see and hear about WI 4-H in a variety of ways. WI 4-H will also be hosting the 2022 National Conference for 4-H Professionals this fall in Madison. I am very excited to share some of the cutting edge research and amazing programming that is going on within WI 4-H to colleagues from across the nation during this event!

There will continue to be many wonderful 4-H events, and opportunities at the local, state, and national levels throughout the year. Please continue to check your newsletters and emails often to be up to date on all that will be happening. I am really looking forward to another amazing year with all of you.

Let's Keep Moving Four-Ward Together!

Aimee Elkins
4-H Program Educator
Marinette and Oconto Counties



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/1	Enrollment Open	V2.4honline.com
9/1	Club Annual Financial Reports due to 4-H Office	https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/annual-financial-report/
10/2-10/8	National 4-H Week	
10/22	Music Festival – 1 pm	Oconto County Courthouse LEC 220 Arbutus Ave Oconto, WI 54153
11/1	Club Charters due to 4-H Office	https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/wisconsin-4-h-annual-charter-application/
11/12	Oconto County 4-H Achievement Night – 5 pm	Tentatively at St. Anne’s Parish Lena, Wi

Member Re-Enrollment

As of September 1st, members may go to v2.4honline.com and re-enroll in the 4-H program for 2022-2023. All 4-H members, youth and adult, must re-enroll each year in order to participate in a 4-H club, county, state, national, and international activities. Even if you just became a member in August, you must go back and re-enroll for the New Year.

If you have questions or need any help with the re-enrollment process, feel free to contact the Extension office at 920-834-6845 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

****MEMBERS AND LEADERS MUST RE-ENROLL EACH YEAR BY NOVEMBER 30th****

- Regular members must be in third grade or older
- Cloverbuds (children in 5K through 2nd grade) should be listed in your club enrollment. Cloverbuds can participate in club activities. They can exhibit at the County Fair, only in the Cloverbud category, and do not receive premiums
- New members can join at any time, but must enroll by April 30th to enter in the Fair
- April 30th is the deadline to add or drop projects
- You must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit at the Fair in that project

If your child has their own email address, please be sure to update their profile with that information so they receive all of the emails that are sent out



Great job to Everyone that Participated in the Fair!





Music Festival Updates

A music festival will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 1pm at the Oconto County Courthouse Law Enforcement Center (LEC). Registration will be due to the Extension office by October 14. Please see the attached registration form and scoring sheet to plan your selections.

Team Green 4-H Updates

The Team Green 4-H club is looking to add members. Please see the attached flyers for information on their projects.

Below is a little bit about their clubs.

The first is our Team Green 4-H Club which uses the VEX Robotics design system to construct robots that we use in competitions. This is appropriate for students in grades 6 through 12.

The second opportunity is the VEX-IQ robotics project. This is for students in about 3rd through 7th/8th grades. This is a 4-H project, so students would need to be a member of any 4-H club. It has much less of a time commitment than the VEX competitive group, meeting only once a month during the school year. It is a good starting point for younger 4-H members.



4-H Food Stand Gift Card Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the gift cards for working in the 4-H food stand. An email was sent to each person letting them know that they won, please let Brooke Schaal know where you would like your gift card for.

Blake Desterheft, Christy Brook
Maya Sowle, Oconto River Rockstars
Autumn Pate, Little Seedlings
Hudson Klitzka, Willing Workers
Josie Holtz, Willing Workers
Miranda Seitz, Morgan Badgers
Andrew Vann, Willing Workers
Isaac Zaidel, Lena Rocketeers
Adrian Huncosky, Northern Riders
Nevæeh Swim, Little Seedlings
Ginger Gerndt, Northern Riders
Lillian McDowel, Little River (Saturday night shift)
Sean McDowell, Little River
Ian Athey, Pasture Pirates

Congratulations!

Food Stand Items for Sale

The Food Stand has a few items for sale. Please let Brooke know if you'd like to purchase any of the following:

Diet Dr Pepper, 14 bottles \$1.25
Diet Sun Drop, 10 bottles \$1.25
Cheese Curds, 11- 4 pound bags \$22
Ranch, ½ gallon \$5

Brooklyn248@yahoo.com or 920-604-2369



Important Annual Club Financial and Charter Paperwork Update

Each 4-H club or group is required to complete financial review and Charter renewal process annually. The deadline for submitting the financial review (covering the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) to the extension office was September 1st, if your club has not submitted the financial review, this must be done as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting the annual club charter to the extension office is November 1st. These dates are set by the UW- Madison, Division of Extension state office to comply with IRS deadlines. A club that does not complete paperwork in a timely fashion risks no longer being recognized as a 4-H club or group which could lead to dissolution of the club. If you need assistance in completing these documents contact Aimee at: aimee.elkins@wisc.edu.



Cedar Crest Ice Cream

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. Clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name.

A panel of ice cream experts chosen by Cedar Crest judges the entries. Five finalists are selected, with one flavor awarded top honors and \$500. All 5 finalists will also receive an ice cream party for their 4-H club. The submission deadline is **November 15, 2022**, with winners announced in early 2023.

Direct link to WI 4-H Foundation CCICC webpage: www.Wis4HFoundation.org

Tractor Supply Company (TSC)

TSC has worked with 4-H for the past several years by coordinating a paper clover campaign held in the spring and fall of each year. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each Wisconsin TSC store go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming.

This year the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is actively encouraging clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the fall 2022 campaign scheduled for **October 5 through October 16**.

**Online registration for this opportunity is required.*

Link to register: [F22 TSC Paper Clover In-store Promo Sign Up](#)

Direct link to WI 4-H Foundation TSC webpage, for complete info and link to register: www.Wis4HFoundation.org

National 4-H Week October 2-8 – Stay Tuned for More Information



September Family Challenge

As the leaves start to fall, can you be creative and find something to do with them? Perhaps a piece of art, a sculpture, a jumping pile? Have some fun with your fall leaves and send us a photo for chances to win some great 4-H prizes!



Oconto County 4-H Achievement Night – Save the Date!

Plans are underway for the annual achievement night banquet. Mark your calendars for November 12, starting at 5 pm. More information will be coming out soon. We can't wait to celebrate all the great things happening in Oconto County 4-H. Hope to see you there!

Summer Challenge Winner

Congratulations to Lillian McDowell for being the winner of the summer challenge. Lillian brought her friend Emily with her to her 4-H club meeting in May. Lillian will receive a \$25 credit to the 4-H store.

Looking for Youth and Young Adults ages 14-25 with a Passion to End Youth Homelessness

The Oconto and Marinette County 4-H Programs are partnering with NEWCAP to address youth homelessness in our area by participating on a youth action board. Please see the graphic below along with the attached flyer for more information. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in our community!

TOP FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE YOUTH ACTION BOARD.....

1) What is a Youth Action Board, and who should join?

The short version: YAB members are anyone 24 and under (at least 2/3 of have experienced homelessness and/or housing instability) who want to come together to give a voice to and advocate for youth who are experiencing, who have experienced, or who might someday experience homelessness in their community.

2) What should I expect?

Thoughtful conversation, friendly debate, and the chance to impact how funding is spent and policies are written in your area regarding youth homelessness.

The YAB is very much a place for youth—the facilitator is there simply to help with the conversation. If youth are struggling with ideas or topics, they might pose a question or ask youth's opinions. They bring what the grant/agencies want to hear from the youth, let the youth talk, and take notes to relay important feedback from the youth to the local homeless & housing coalition.

3) What would be expected of me?

Come when you can. I get it—you all have busy lives. You're not expected to attend every meeting, every time.

Follow the group agreements such as being respectful, having patience with yourself and others, and keeping an open mind.

Share what you are comfortable sharing about your experiences, and keep other's stories confidential.

4) When and where?

We were meeting virtually due to the large area this group covers, but we are looking to start hybrid meetings—the facilitator will travel to where the youth are at, and other youth can call in via Google Meet. Please contact Meaghan for the most current dates, times, & locations!

Interested?

Contact Meaghan by text, call, or email!

920-604-9181 or

meaghangleason@newcap.org

5) What's in it for me?

Besides a chance to make real changes in your community... money!

YAB members aged 14 and older are paid \$15 an hour for their time (via Venmo);

unfortunately, we are not allowed to compensate younger youth, but they are still welcome to join!

Fall Forum

Announcing the 2022 Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration at Hotel Mead & Conference Center, Wisconsin Rapids! All youth in grades 7-13, adult volunteers, and staff are invited to attend.

2022 Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

Friday, November 4, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. – registration begins at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. with activities to follow dinner (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)

Sunday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

What is Fall Forum?

- Fall Forum is an opportunity for learning and networking for youth and adult volunteers.
- Sessions are interactive and provide practical ideas to use within a club, school, or community program.
- Youth and adults learn together!
- All participants will take great resources and inspiration home with them.
- This year's forum offers over 25 educational workshops and over 15 different interactive learning stations.
- [Jesse Horn](#), sport stacker, motivational speaker, and author, will provide the keynote address and an opportunity to try cup stacking on Friday night.

Check out the 2022 Fall Forum promotional website for more details: <https://sites.google.com/wisc.edu/2022fallforum/home>.

Fall Forum is planned by the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council and county staff. The workshops and activities are led by teams of youth and adult volunteer leaders, county staff, and state specialists.

Youth and adults interested in applying for the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council need to complete an application and submit it before Fall Forum. **Both youth and adult applicants need a recommendation from the county 4-H Youth Development staff member. Applications and deadlines will be posted soon on the [Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council web page](#).**

How Do Participants Register?

Registration is required for ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Staff do NOT need to pay registration or lodging fees, but do need to register. In order to register, please create a participant account for yourself using a different email address from your “manager” account (another UW email address - laura.pine instead of lpine, a county email address, or personal email address). You may want to add your regular email address as the “individual” email on this account so that you still receive broadcast emails. Contact Mike Farrey, mike.farrey@wisc.edu for help.

Registration is open September 10 through October 2.

No late registration or onsite registrations will be offered.

During registration, participants choose Saturday AM and PM sessions.

Registration Instructions: IMPORTANT: Please read the registration instructions below and at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlceventreg/> before completing your registration!

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Registration Steps:

1. Re-enroll as a 4-H member in 4H Online for 2022-23 and complete or update your Health and Authorization Forms in 4H Online.
2. Complete 4H Online application at <https://v2.4honline.com/> by October 2, 2022.
3. Send order confirmation along with payment (make check payable to: UW-Madison Extension; do NOT send cash) to: 4-H Fall Forum, 432 N. Lake St., Madison WI 53706.
4. Your registration is NOT complete until we receive your payment and you have completed all of these steps.

Registration fees: Counties may cover the required registration fees as they wish. This program is partially funded by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. This year we are offering multiple options. Fees are as follows:

Registration Fee Options: (includes meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies)

- \$100 registration fee per person - Friday – Sunday (3 meals Saturday, 1 meal Sunday)
- \$75 registration fee Saturday – (lunch and dinner)

Lodging is available Friday and Saturday night.

- Single Occupancy - \$100/night (adults only)
- Double Occupancy - \$50/night (adults and family members only)
- Quad Occupancy - \$35/night (adults, youth, or family members)

Youth Protection policies apply, therefore adults may not room with youth who are not their children. Contact Laura Pine, lpine@wisc.edu or 608-262-1222, or Laura Huber, laura.huber@wisc.edu or 715-421-8439



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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How to Contact Us

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Website: <https://oconto.extension.wisc.edu/>



Oconto County 4-H



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Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association Board of Directors

President – Brooke Schaal (Little Seedlings)

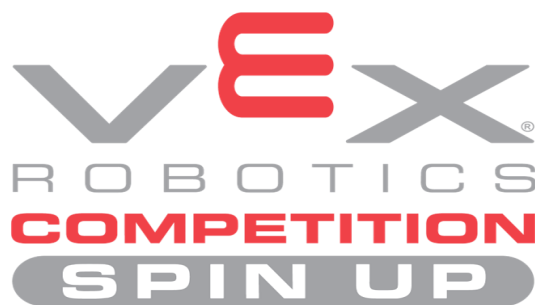
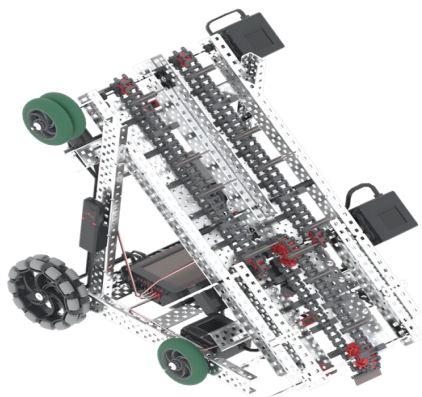
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TEAM GREEN

4-H ROBOTICS CLUB

This is a technology focused 4-H club that concentrates on robotics. We design and build robots using the VEX Robotics system to compete in VEX Robotics Competitions.

More information can be found at vexrobotics.com

- **Students must be in grades 6 through 12.**
- Meets at the Oconto Electric Cooperative Office in Oconto Falls usually Friday evenings or Sunday afternoons. Summer Schedule - One or two meetings per month. Competition Season Schedule (Sept. - Feb.) - Once a week/every other week.
- We host our own competition tournament, the Northeast Wisconsin VEX Robotics Challenge at Oconto Falls High School. Next year's tournament will be on January 14th, 2023.

Interested? Contact General Leader: Kent Lyng, 920-373-4389



VEX-IQ 4-H ROBOTICS PROJECT

This is a 4-H project that explores robotics using the VEX-IQ Robotics system. More information can be found at vexrobotics.com/IQ

- **For students in grades 3 through 7.**
 - Must be a member of any Oconto County 4-H club.
- Meets once per month during the school year at the Oconto Electric Cooperative Office in Oconto Falls.
 - We do **NOT** participate in VEX-IQ tournaments.

Interested? Contact Project Leader: Kent Lyng, 920-373-4389

END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

YOU CAN DECIDE HOW DOLLARS ARE SPENT IN YOUR COUNTIES



920.604.9181

(call or text!)



**meaghangleason
@ newcap.org**

If you are 24 or under, you can decide on what needs to be done in your counties to end youth homelessness. Be a part of our Youth Action Board and get paid for your time to consult on what you and your peers need to end youth homelessness in our counties!

YAB MEMBERS

Earn \$15 per hour*

We serve Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, & Vilas Counties

Whether you have lived experience or not, we need you and your input.

*Youth Action Board members must be at least 14 years old to be financially compensated; however, younger members are still welcome!

2022 WI 4-H ARTS CAMP...Register TODAY!!

Arts Camp, Arts Camp, It's the place to be! It's the 4-H way to build your creativity. Paint a picture, sing a song, the arts are on the run!

If you're going into grades 6, 7 or 8 and love the "ARTS", why not join us for this year's **WI 4-H Arts Camp, October 22-23, 2022, at Upham Woods, WI Dells?!** You'll have the opportunity to explore different types of art (theater art, visual art, musical art, dance, and photography), while making new friends, developing new skills and enjoying new experiences.

WI 4-H Arts Camp is designed for middle school youth to come together and explore the "ARTS." Participants will participate in five different sessions that focus on different forms of art. Space is limited, so complete your application in 4 Online TODAY!

Arts Camp is being planned and will be led by a talented group of 4-H youth and adult volunteers and staff. **Additional adult support is needed!** If you know of an adult who would enjoy helping create a safe and supportive environment for our campers, please tell them about the program and encourage them to complete an Adult Advisor Application in 4HOnline. Adult Advisors participate **fully** in the camp program and provide support for the youth participants. *Adult Advisors may not be assigned to the same cabins or groups as their children, but will be at camp to provide support and leadership for all campers.*

Funding for the WI 4-H Arts Camp Program comes in part through a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Camp is \$100.00 for campers and \$55.00 for Adult Advisors. The fees for the campers and adult advisors include meals, lodging and program materials. If financial support is needed, please reach out to Laura Pine at laura.pine@wisc.edu.

For Camper Application:

IMPORTANT: Please read the Application Requirements below and the instructions at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlceventreg/> before completing your application!

Application Requirements:

1. Complete 4H Online application at <https://v2.4honline.com/> by September 20, 2022.
2. Send order confirmation along with payment of \$100.00 (please make check payable to: UW-Madison Extension; do NOT send cash) to: 4-H Arts Camp, 432 N. Lake St., Madison WI 53706.
3. Due to the timing of this camp, you must re-enroll as a 4-H member in 4H Online after the new enrollment year opens and complete or update your Health and Authorization Forms in 4H Online by September 20.
4. Your registration is **NOT** complete until we receive your payment and you have completed all of the application requirements.

For Adult Advisor/Chaperone Application:

IMPORTANT: Please read the Application Requirements below and the instructions at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlceventreg/> before completing your application!

Application Requirements:

1. Complete 4H Online application at <https://v2.4honline.com/> by September 20, 2022.
2. Send order confirmation along with payment of \$55.00 (please make check payable to: UW-Madison Extension; do NOT send cash) to: 4-H Arts Camp, 432 N. Lake St., Madison WI 53706.
3. Due to the timing of this camp, you must re-enroll as a 4-H Volunteer Leader after the new enrollment year opens and complete or update your Health and Authorization Forms in 4H Online by September 20.
4. Your registration is **NOT** complete until we receive your payment and you have completed all of the application requirements.

Confirmation letters will be mailed to campers and adult advisors (copy to 4-H Educators) around October 1, 2022.

Plan on joining us for this exciting time with the “ARTS!” Register early – Arts Camp fills up fast!

For more information contact: Amber Rehberg, amber.rehberg@wisc.edu or Laura Pine, (608) 262-1222, lpine@wisc.edu.

2022 Oconto County 4-H Music Festival Registration Form

Amount of time allotted for your performance
PLEASE CIRCLE
5 minutes 10 minutes 15 minutes

Groups

- Vocal
- Dance
- Novelty
- Instrumental

Solos

- Vocal with accompaniment
- Vocal without accompaniment
- Instrumental with accompaniment
- Instrumental without accompaniment
- Piano
- Other (list) _____

Duets

- Vocal with accompaniment
- Vocal without accompaniment
- Instrumental
- Piano
- Other _____

Selections / Titles (if song has lyrics, they must be attached to be determined 4-H appropriate)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Parents name: _____

Do you need any special accommodations? _____

Please return completed form to:

Extension Oconto County
301 Washington St
Oconto, WI 54154
Email: 4h@co.oconto.wi.us



Registration due to the office by October 14

Music Rating Sheet

Name:

Grade/Average Grade:

Club: _____

Selection:

Check One: Vocal Type: Solo Duet Trio Group
 Instrumental Solo Duet Trio Group
 Dance Solo Duet Trio Group

Instrument: Tap Years Playing: 4 years

Division:

Cloverbud (5 yr old K – 2nd grade) Junior Division (3rd – 5th grade)
 Intermediate Division (6th – 8th grade) Senior Division (9th grade or older)

Rating Guide:

Excellent – 4 points

Very Good – 3 points

Good – 2 points

Fair – 1 point

N/A – Not Applicable For This Performance

For Instrumental, Vocal, Novelty Ensembles:

Tone Quality Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Intonation Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Articulation or Dictation Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Blend Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Tempo Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Rhythm Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Note Accuracy Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Dynamics, Expression, Interpretation Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Musical Value of Selections(s) Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Stage Presence Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

Stage Appearance Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Comments: _____

