

Oconto Clover Connect

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October 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

October is such an amazing month! Not only is it the beginning of the 4-H year, but we get to celebrate National 4-H week, and enjoy some of the best weather and sights our state has to offer with the changing season. This October Wisconsin 4-H is also welcoming 4-H professionals from around the nation as we host the National 4-H Professionals Conference in Madison this year. WI 4-H is one of the premier programs in the Nation and we are looking forward to sharing this next week. One of the big things coming out of WI 4-H right now is a state-wide marketing campaign. You can expect to see more about the program on social media, streaming services, and on the radio. Our state program also has a lot of support- you may have even seen a plug from local celebrity/comedian Charlie Berens- don't cha know?! Locally we have made connections with all of the area schools to provide a promotional flyer for them to use how they see fit. You can check out the flyer at the end of the newsletter. I am personally happy to see all the buzz, as our program really is something special, something to brag about, and that is because of ALL of YOU! I know without a doubt that I have the very best members, families, volunteers, and staff around that make this program what it is.

Be sure to check out the newsletter for a lot of great opportunities coming up at the national, state, and local levels. You won't want to miss out. If you ever have any questions or idea to share, please feel free to reach out aimee.elkins@wisc.edu. So, as Charlie would say let's Keep er' movin through another great 4-H year!


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Drive Safe, and watch out for deer!!

Aimee Elkins

4-H Program Educator

Marinette and Oconto Counties



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/2-10/8	National 4-H Week	
10/20	Deadline to Order Fall/Winter Take & Learn Projects	
10/22	Music Festival – 1 pm	Oconto County Courthouse LEC 220 Arbutus Ave Oconto, WI 54153
10/23	Leaders Association Meeting - 6:30 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall 8680 Hwy 22, Oconto Falls
10/28	Family Night – 4-6:30 pm	Bond Center 1201 Park Ave, Oconto
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
12/10	Cookie Exchange/Card Decorating – 1-3 pm	Oconto County Courthouse LEC 220 Arbutus Ave Oconto, WI 54153

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



Music Festival

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.

Important Annual Club Charter Paperwork Update

Each 4-H club or group is required to complete the Charter renewal process annually. 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.



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



Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leaders association meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23 at 6:30 pm the Oconto Falls Town Hall. We would like to invite all 4-H youth, ages 13 and older, and all parents to attend. This is your chance to provide ideas and input on what educational and recreation activities you want to see happen in Oconto County 4-H.



Save the Date! 4-H Cookie Exchange and Card Making Event

 
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Save the Date!

4-H Cookie Exchange and Card Making Event

12/10/2022 from 1-3pm
Oconto County LEC

Come and spread some cheer with your fellow 4-H members. Bring a dozen cookies to give, and go home with a dozen new ones! (For those who participate in the take and learn projects you could use a cookie plate you make for this) Cards will be decorated and signed to distribute to local nursing homes as a county community service project.

RSVP: amy.brehmer@oconto.co.wi.us or 920-834-6847

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Fall/Winter Take and Learn Projects

Project kits are back by popular demand. See the form attached to the newsletter for more information. We saw so many projects from the last kit at the fair. You can do them individually or as a club. Contact our office for more information.

Oconto County 4-H Achievement Night

Join us for the Oconto County 4-H achievement night on Saturday, November 12 at 5 pm, dinner will be served at 6 pm. There will be more information coming soon. Leaders, please be watching the mail for a club awards order form. New this year we are offering a water bottle in place of year pins, be sure to let your leader know if you would like a pin or water bottle.



4-H Project Literature/Curriculum

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.

Bond Center Family Night

The September Family night at the Bond Center was a big hit. Join us for the October Family Night on Friday, October 28 from 4-6:30 at the Bond Center in Oconto.



Happy National 4-H Week

We would like to say how proud we are of all our 4-H members, families, leaders, volunteers, and alumni. It's been a challenging couple years, but we came out of it bigger and better than before. Keep up all of the great work, we can't wait to see what 2023 will bring!



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

meagangleason@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!

4-H Programing Booklet

Are you ready to take the next step in 4-H? From attending national trips, joining statewide teams, to exploring the world, the possibilities are (almost) endless. You may not be old enough for all of these experiences yet, but I encourage you to plant the seed of “what could I do in 4-H?” now and watch it grow in the years to come. Many 4-H alumni share inspirational stories about how much they gained (such as new friends, independence, and travel in new communities) from their statewide experiences.

Enjoy learning about all of the amazing opportunities available to you in Wisconsin 4-H! [Click this link to check out all the amazing opportunities available to you as a 4-H member.](#)



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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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

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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: _____



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JOIN 4-H TODAY

#4HGROWSHERE



4-H is open to ALL youth in kindergarten through high school. With Over 100 project areas to choose from there is something for everyone!

Contact Oconto County 4-H:

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

Enroll now at: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

**Visit the
Oconto County
4-H Website!**



WHAT DOES 4-H DO FOR YOUTH?

2X MORE LIKELY TO PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE

2X MORE LIKELY TO GET BETTER GRADES IN SCHOOL

41% LESS LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN RISKY BEHAVIORS

GIRLS ARE **2X** MORE LIKELY TO PURSUE SCIENCE CAREERS OVER THEIR PEERS

MARINETTE AND OCONTO
COUNTY 4-H

FALL/WINTER TAKE AND LEARN PROJECTS

Back by popular demand!
Five projects for \$5.00!!



Complete as a family or a club activity
You can even bring them to the fair!

ORDER THROUGH THE
OCONTO COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE BY
OCTOBER 20TH!

Contact Amy:
amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us
or 920-834-6845

Project kits will be ready by early-mid
November.



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What does 4-H stand for?

Head, heart, hands, and health represent the 4 H's. Each meeting begins with a recitation of pledges, including the **4-H Pledge**. While the 4-H pledge has a very direct meaning for our 4-H clubs and members, there are additional ways that adults can apply the pledge before, during, and after club meetings and events.

I pledge

My head to clearer thinking

It's normal for youth to have questions or be unsure about things. Give your youth the information you can to help them plan, organize, make wise decisions, and problem solve. It will encourage your child to think critically and use this knowledge throughout life.



HEAD



HEART

My heart to greater loyalty

Success is awesome. Some failure is inevitable. Both help youth develop strong personal values and a positive self-concept. Encourage and support all youth, especially your own, to have empathy and concern for others. Show your child, by example, how to cooperate and communicate with those around them.

My hands to larger service

When you help your family's club, you model volunteerism, community service, and inclusiveness to your youth. If you don't have the time to be a volunteer, you can help in many equally important ways. If you do want to learn more about volunteering, contact the Extension Office!



HANDS



HEALTH

My health to better living

In addition to keeping youth physically healthy—body and mind—it is important we provide them the skills to make healthy decisions and to lead healthy lifestyles. You can help create safe spaces to support youth learning and character development.

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

4-H does not happen without supportive adults serving as positive role models. Stay involved as a family/caregiver as best as you can; it makes the experience much richer for everyone. The more involved our 4-H members are, the more impactful they are upon the world around them.





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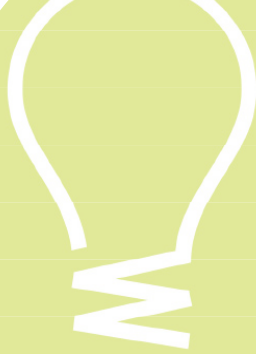
My health to better living

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

The 4-H Pledge

4-H meetings start with pledges, including the 4-H Pledge. In each leaf of the clover below, write what each “H” might mean for you!

I would like to learn...



My hobbies...



We could help our community by...



Just for fun we could...



What does the 4-H Pledge mean to you?

Adapted from “Design Your Own Clover,” Dr. Darlene Z. Millard, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension, by Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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