

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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November/December 2022

Greetings 4-H Friends and Family,

Although it is officially fall, it certainly has not felt like it lately! I hope that all of you have been able to find ways to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having lately. I am sure it will not be sticking around for as long as any of would hope.

November is always a great month to reflect on what we are thankful and grateful for. I have included a kindness and gratitude challenge for you to work on if you would like. Please feel free to share in photos you have capturing you completing the challenges. In 4-h we are known to “make the best better” and even the smallest acts of kindness can go such a long way! **Each completed challenge that we have turned in to the office will also earn a prize.**

I am looking forward to connecting with members and families during some of our upcoming events including: achievement banquets, cookie exchanges, project kit distribution and others. There are so many great opportunities coming up, so please check them out in the newsletter and don't forget to register for those that interest you!

Wishing you and your family health and happiness throughout the holiday season, as it is quickly approaching. I hope that you are able to enjoy and spread as much cheer as you can over these next couple of months. Take care of each other!

Best,

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Fall into 4-H!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/1	Club Charters due to 4-H Office	https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/wisconsin-4-h-annual-charter-application/
11/11	Family Night – 4-6:30 pm	Bond Community Center Oconto
11/12	Oconto County 4-H Achievement Night – 5 pm	St. Anne's Parish Lena, WI
12/4	Oconto County Leaders Association Meeting – 6 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall
12/10	Cookie Exchange/Card Decorating – 1-3 pm	Oconto County Courthouse LEC 220 Arbutus Ave Oconto, WI 54153
2/3-2/5	Winter Leadership Camp	Spencer Lake Camp Waupaca, WI
4/14-4/20	National 4-H Conference	Washington DC
4/20-4/24	WI 4-H Space Camp	Huntsville, Alabama

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



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.



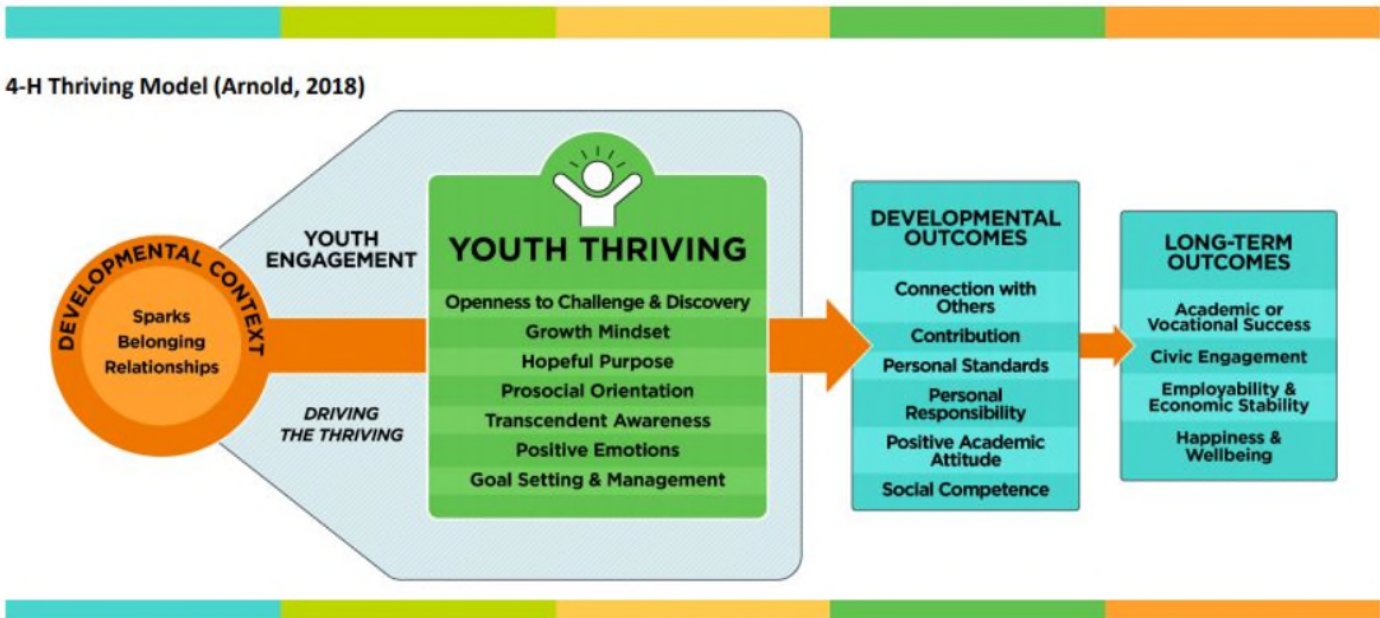
4-H Thriving Survey

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be inviting members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/>) and will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of October. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card!

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model and some of the results from the 2019-2020 4-H Thriving Study in Wisconsin, visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#)

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.



Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leaders association meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 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.

Fall/Winter Take and Learn Project kit Update

We had an incredible response to our take and learn project kits this year with over 80 ordered. As we finish getting all of our supplies we will be putting them together and updating with pick-up information when they are complete. Just reminder that they are \$5 each and we can accept exact change or checks made out to Oconto County 4-H.

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



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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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. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow 4-H'ers and enter for a chance to win one of many door prizes!

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.

Space Camp Registration Opens Soon!

We are excited that 4-H will be bringing back Space Camp in 2023! Space Camp registration will be open from November 15-December 15 in 4HOnline. Space Camp is a great opportunity for youth to explore aeronautics and space science, careers in space, the history of space exploration, and all that Space Camp in Huntsville, AL has to offer!

Registration for Space Camp is open to youth in grades 6-9 this year. There are a limited number of slots available for 9th graders this year, we are accommodating the additional grade this year due to cancelling the program in the past. For more information on Space Camp, please visit our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/>.

If you need help with registering for an event in 4HOnline, check out our informational page here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlcparticipate/>.

If you have any questions regarding Space Camp, please reach out to justin.lieck@wisc.edu. Thank you!



4-H Programming 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.](#)



Bond Community Center Family Night

Did you know that Bond Community Center has a FREE monthly family night. A lot of fun activities are put together by a variety of community partners including: Oconto County 4-H, Oconto County Public Health, the Oconto County Library system and more. This is a great family event and we would love to see you there! The November flyer is attached. (December there will be a free day- but no special events, it will kick off again in January)

2023 National 4-H Conference – April 14-20, 2023

What is National 4-H Conference?

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Held at a Washington DC area hotel (Hyatt Regency in Arlington, VA), it's usually scheduled around the beginning of April. In 2019, there were approximately 350 delegates, including seven from Wisconsin.

National 4-H Conference delegates will:

- Participate in a round table topic of their choosing that will focus on key topics such as: leadership, agriculture, crime, and more.
- Participate in professional workshops.
- Meet with legislators from their State to discuss important issues relating to 4-H.
- Have a chance to network with youth and adults from across the country.
- Learn all about 4-H programming and think about ways to improve programming across the Nation.
- Develop an action plan that will be put to use in their own communities.
- Have fun!

Also check out the [National 4-H page for National 4-H Conference](#). Questions about National Conference that you can't find the answers to on this website? Feel free to contact Justin Lieck, Educational Programs Assistant at justin.lieck@wisc.edu or 608-263-5971.

For additional information, delegate information, and application information please go to:

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

Winter Leadership Camp – February 3-5, 2023

We are excited to offer Winter Leadership Camp again. We are planning a fun-filled over-night experience for our older youth at Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

WINTER CAMP

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023

Spark Your Leadership

GRADES 7-12
BRING A FRIEND
4-H MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED

SPENCER LAKE CAMP
WAUPACA

REGISTRATION OPEN SOON!



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Celebrate Your Smart Goal Successes

Celebration is an important part of the goal process. Recognizing accomplishments unifies 4-H members around an outcome, reminds them to focus on the positive, and motivates them to create new goals. Wisconsin 4-H promotes celebrating your successes through the offering of grants to clubs and groups that met their 2021 Charter SMART goals.

Did your Wisconsin 4-H club or group meet their 2021 charter SMART goals? Apply for a Wisconsin Chartered 4-H Club and Group SMART Goal Grant and celebrate with your members and those who helped you meet the goal.

Funds are available to celebrate as a club or group your success! Approximately 30 grants will be awarded for the following amounts \$100, \$200, or \$300.

Apply by November 30, 2022, using the form found at this link <https://forms.gle/6nRdmP59YYwrziop7>

Grantees will be contacted after December 12, 2022 if they will be awarded the funds to celebrate their SMART goal success! Clubs and groups will be selected based on the level of youth involvement in the goal planning, actionable steps/objectives to reach the goal and the celebration plans.

Your club or group can decide how to spend the SMART goal celebration funds.

We ask in return for the grant funds that you send us a photo and caption telling us how the funds were used to celebrate the club's SMART goal success. We may share your story on social media and in the WI 4-H newsletter.

These grants are made possible by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.



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!

Free Nigerian Dwarf Buckling

Emily Fabry from Willing Workers 4-H has been raising goats for 6 years. This year she has one Nigerian Dwarf buckling left (he was the most timid of the kids). Emily would like to give him to a 4-H family. He can be used as a buck or we can band him so he can be shown in pet class. He is disbudded(no horns) and up to date on all cares. Goats are a herd animal so they should not be alone. If any 4-H member would like him please text Tanya at 920-373-8642.



Willing Workers Updates

The Willing Workers 4-H Club went on a field trip October 28th to LaClare Creamery in Malone, WI. We learned about the history of the Creamery and their dairy goats. We watched cheese production and packaging. At the end of the tour everyone was able to sample goat cheese.

Also at our October meeting the kids made toilet paper pumpkins!



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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4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

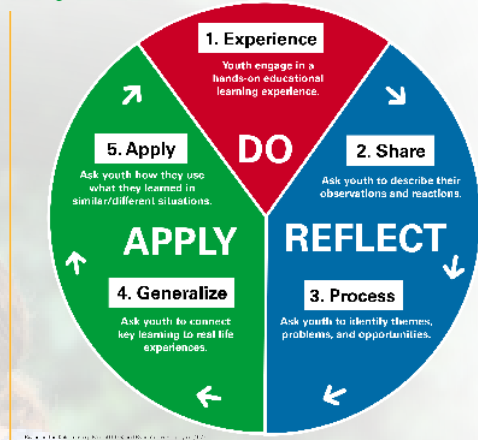
What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Cultural Projects
- Family, Home, & Health
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM
- Start Your Own

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

4-H EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



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More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>

What resources are available?

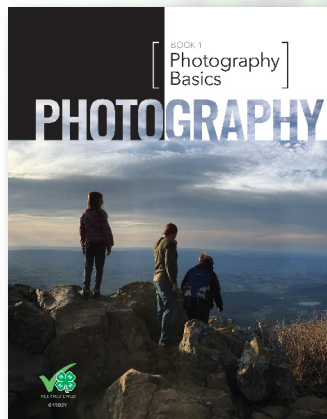
Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from shop4-h.org or your local Extension office.

What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop Benson





Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H: I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H: I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G: I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H: I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H: I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

Totals: A: ___ B: ___ C: ___ D: ___ E: ___ F: ___ G: ___ H: ___

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension

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NOVEMBER KINDNESS & GRATITUDE CALENDAR

This November, complete as many kindness & gratitude challenges as possible. Mark each challenge you complete.

At the end of the month, see how many you were able to accomplish!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 WRITE A KIND MESSAGE & STICK IT IN A PUBLIC PLACE.	2 TEXT SOMEONE WHY YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR THEM..	3 POST A COMPLIMENT TO A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE.	4 DONATE A PAIR OF GLOVES TO A LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.	5 TELL SOMEBODY YOU LOVE HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE.	6 LEAVE A HEADS UP PENNY.
7 TELL SOMEBODY WHY YOU'RE PROUD OF THEM.	8 WRITE A THANK YOU CARD FOR YOUR SCHOOL JANITOR.	9 DO AN EXTRA CHORE AT HOME WITHOUT BEING ASKED.	10 SPEND 10 MINUTES THINKING OR MEDITATING ABOUT KINDNESS.	11 SINCERELY THANK A CASHIER AT YOUR LOCAL GROCERY STORE.	12 VISIT A NURSING HOME. SPEND TIME WITH SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T GET VISITORS.	13 TAPE A QUARTER ONTO A GUMBALL MACHINE.
14 GIVE COFFEE TO YOUR BUS DRIVER OR ASSISTANT.	15 GO THROUGH YOUR OLD CLOTHES. DONATE WHAT YOU NO LONGER NEED.	16 CALL YOUR MAYOR AND THANK THEM FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DO FOR THE COMMUNITY.	17 WRITE A THANK YOU CARD.	18 WALK DOGS AT THE LOCAL DOG POUND.	19 MAKE A LIST OF EVERYTHING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.	20 SHOW YOUR LOVE BY SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY.
21 PICK UP LITTER AT YOUR LOCAL PARK OR PLAYGROUND.	22 LEND A HAND TO SOMEONE NEEDING HELP.	23 SMILE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.	24 GIVE SOMEONE A SMALL GIFT. JUST BECAUSE.	25 SEND A LOVED ONE A HANDWRITTEN NOTE.	26 CHEER ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUT LOUD.	27 HUG SOMEONE!
28 DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS.	29 TELL YOUR LOVED ONES WHY YOU LOVE THEM. BE SPECIFIC.	30 DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF.				



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

November
**FAMILY
NIGHT**

**Friday, November 11th
4:00pm - 6:30pm**

- Crafts • Healthy Snacks • Open Gym •
Activities throughout the building!

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

