

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.



April 2023

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Greetings 4-H Families! The first day of spring was March 20th but winter does not want to let go this year, and has some more plans for snow, to go out with a bang! Despite the white we know that sunny days are on the way. Throughout the winter months planning has been underway for spring and summer fun. There are some great opportunities coming your way including a dual county Creative Arts Festival, the state Summer Academy career exploration camp, overnight summer camp at Camp Bird, day camps and more! If there are other events or opportunities that you would like to see offered please reach out to us and let us know, we love to hear from you!

Every year in April we like to take the time to recognize our amazing 4-H volunteers. This year National Volunteer Appreciation Week is being held April 16-22nd. What are some things you can do to show your appreciation to our leaders and volunteers that share their time, talents, and hearts with us? Our 4-H volunteers assist in leading meetings, project learning, event planning and so much more. 4-H would not be possible without them, and we thank them so very much for all that they do! Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and happy Spring!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/14-4/20	National 4-H Conference	Washington DC
4/20-4/24	WI 4-H Space Camp	Huntsville, Alabama
4/29	Goat/Sheep Weigh in – 9 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/29	Swine ear tag Pick up – 9 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/29	Creative Arts Festival – 1:00 pm	Grover Town Hall W5161 Town Hall Rd, Peshtigo
5/20	Oconto County Youth Fair Steak Fry – 4:30-7 pm	Zippel Park - Gillett
6/19-6/22	Summer Academy	UW Madison
8/1-8/4	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/19	Small Animal Show (tentatively)	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/24-8/27	Oconto County Youth Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds

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



UW-Madison Science Expeditions/Explore Science – Campus Open House

UW-Madison Science Expeditions April 14-16. Connect with researchers, visit labs and field sites and grow your interests in STEM. For further information, visit science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/.



Attention: Adult Volunteers

We still have lots of volunteers that are in need of completing training. If you re-enrolled but did not receive a confirmation email from UW-Madison with your role descriptions, you are not yet fully approved and need to reach out to us as soon as possible. The 4-H office will let you know what is needed and where to find the site to complete the necessary training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 920-834-6845 or email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us.

Project and Enrollment Deadline is May 1st

Summer is quickly approaching and that means it's almost time for the Oconto County Youth Fair! You must be enrolled as a 4-H member in 4-H Online by May 1st to be eligible to exhibit at this year's county fair.



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 2023 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2023. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: “If Wisconsin could design it’s local government funding system from scratch, what would be the best and most equitable way to fund town government services?” Essays must be postmarked by May 26, 2023. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>.

Statewide Scholarships

Each year, the WI 4-H Foundation provides a sum of money to the State 4-H Office for needs-based scholarships for youth to participate in statewide educational experiences. WI 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. Youth can apply for a scholarship by submitting their information at the Qualtrics form linked below. The responses to this form will remain confidential and will only be shared with a small committee managing the scholarship funds.

[Statewide Educational Experiences Scholarship Form](#)

Each youth should submit one form per program they are participating in. Staff will do their best to assess each request and make a determination on the amount awarded.

Programs

This scholarship fund is available to any youth who is attending one of our Statewide Educational Experiences. Examples of these experiences are:

- Advanced Space Academy
- Animal Science Programming (AASD, Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Judging Contests)
- Arts Camp or ArtBEAT!
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- Fall Forum
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Space Camp
- State Arts Team (Drama Company or Arts)
- Summer Academy
- Other Programs

Please reach out to Laura Pine at lpine@wisc.edu or Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu with questions regarding these scholarship applications.



National Volunteer Week

April 16-22 is National Volunteer Week! It's time to celebrate our volunteers and all that they do. Volunteering is a big part of 4-H. We rely on a network of volunteers to provide caring and supportive mentoring to our 4-H'ers helping them learn life skills and grow into true leaders. THANK YOU for your service! We could not have 4-H without our volunteers!



TSC Paper Clover Spring Campaign

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has worked with 4-H for the past several years. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each WI TSC store go to the WI 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming. This year the WI 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 spring campaign scheduled for **April 26 through May 7, 2023**.

****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Click this link to sign up: [Spr23 TSC Paper Clover In-store Promo Sign Up](#)

The WI 4-H Foundation will provide an incentive to any 4-H club or individual 4-H member who does an in-store promotion at a WI TSC store during the Spring 2023 Paper Clover Campaign. A \$50 TSC gift card will be given to any club who completes an in-store promotion and a \$25 TSC gift card will be given to any 4-H member who completes an in-store promotion during the Spring 2023 Paper Clover Campaign.

****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Click this link to sign up: [Spr23 TSC Paper Clover In-store Promo Sign Up](#)

For more info, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2023/03/10/tsc-paperclover-campaign-2>

Oconto County Youth Fair Steak Fry Fundraiser

We potentially have a donor that is willing to match the funds raised during this year's Steak Fry! In order for us to have the best year yet, we are asking that each 4H group and Livestock group spread the word to purchase tickets. Also, if your 4H or Livestock group would like to donate a basket to raffle off, we would appreciate it.

If you would like to take some tickets to try and sell, please contact me and I can meet up with you.

Thanks again for your support!!!



Oconto County Youth Fair Steak Fry

- WHEN:** Saturday, May 20, 2023
- TIME:** Grilling 4:30pm –7:00 p.m.
- PLACE:** Zippel Park, Gillett, WI
- COST:** \$25.00 per person/ticket –only selling 250 tickets and each ticket includes: Steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and cookie.

If you cannot stay to eat but would like to get a meal to go, please buy a ticket and come that night for GRAB AND GO!

All proceeds are going towards the Fair Operations. There will be many bucket and raffle items that night as well.

If you would like tickets, please contact any Fair Board Member or email us and we will deliver (ocontocountyouthfair@gmail.com) or 920-373-1212.

Thank you for your support
Oconto County Youth Fair

Summer Academy June 19-22

This program is open to 4-Hers in grades 7-10 and will be held June 19-22, 2023 on the UW-Madison campus. Students will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other students from across Wisconsin.

The theme of the inaugural Summer Academy is “Exploring Your WHY,” with the goal of providing students the resources to discover pathways to their futures. There will be chances to learn about higher education from UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.

Students will be able to choose from 7 SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are: Arts & Communication; Leadership & Civic Engagement; Agriculture & Animal Science; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health); Construction & Trades; Hospitality Management & Culinary Science.

There will also be fun activities and entertainment from the WI 4-H Leadership Council, the WI 4-H Drama Company, and more! Registration opens in April, keep an eye on [this page](#) for more information to come!

To register click here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

SUMMER ACADEMY 2023
Track Descriptions & Registration Information

<p>Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Ag Technology + Food Science + Genetics + Veterinary work + Tours of Arlington Research Center, greenhouses on campus, and the Meat Science lab 	<p>Arts & Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Photography + Painting + Performance Arts + Nature Art + Radio + Writing + Sign Language 	<p>Culinary Arts & Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Cooking & Baking Workshops + Hands-on, official simulations at Madison College's mock hospital + Industry Careers + Respiratory Health 	<p>Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Higher Education + Social Work + Non-Profit Mgmt. + Choose day-long community service opportunity with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feeding America 2. Amer. Heart Assn. 3. Goodman Community Center
<p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Discover WI Past, Present, & Future + Reimagine your hometowns + Meet your elected officials & staff + Tour the Capitol + Volunteer service 	<p>S.T.E.M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Archaeology + Aviation + Biotechnology + Climate Change + Engineering + Entrepreneurship + Geology + Quantum Science + Stem Cells 	<p>Trades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Automotive: build and race RC cars + Construction: tools, design, & materials + Diesel / Ag Tech: work with heavy machinery + Electro-Mechanic: automation & robotics 	

Registration - \$350 per youth

Youth in Grades 7-10 are eligible to register for Summer Academy from April 1-30. You can find the registration by going to the events tab in your youth's profile in 4HOnline. For full registration instructions and more track information, visit go.wisc.edu/o324uk

UW-Madison Campus | June 19-22 | Grades 7-10

Creative Arts Festival

We are trying something new this year to showcase our talented youth, and offering a combined event to Marinette and Oconto Counties highlighting the arts. Categories will be offered in MUSIC/MOVEMENT, SPEECH, DRAMA, and CLOTHING. More details regarding registration and scoring will be emailed in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to a fun and talent filled event! Please contact Aimee, aimee.elkins@wisc.edu with any questions.

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SAVE The Date

April 29 1pm

**OCONTO/MARINETTE 4-H
CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL**

**Grover Town Hall
W5161 Town Hall Rd. Peshtigo**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR REGISTRATION AND SCORING
INFO. CONTACT AIMEE WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
AIMEE.ELKINS@WISC.EDU**

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4-H Eastern Regional Communication Contest

Save the date, Saturday May 20th, 2023, for the first annual 4-H Eastern Regional Communications Contest. There are no pre-requisites for this event. Newbies and more seasoned communicators are encouraged to register.

4-H REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

SAT
MAY 20TH
2023

9:00 am-12:00 pm

UW Green Bay
Sheboygan Campus



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



**4 OPTIONS TO
CHOOSE FROM!**



**ORIGINAL
SPEECH**



INTERPRETIVE



**READERS
THEATER &
STORYTELLING**



DEMONSTRATION

Open to Eastern Region 4-H Youth
Register in 4-H online by Friday, May 5

Oconto County Animal Project Day

The Lena Rocketeers 4-H Club did an amazing job hosting the 2nd annual county animal project day on March 26th. We had over 60 county youth attend this event! Youth were able to attend a variety of sessions focusing on animal projects to peak their interest and sharpen their skills. By participating in the educational sessions youth were able to earn educational points for the fair along with a chance to win some amazing project tools. The event also featured a cloverbud art project corner and some snacks for participants. It was wonderful to see so many youth leaders emerge as they shared their knowledge of animals. Great job by all!



Annual Horse Project Meeting



The Horse project held their annual meeting on March 26th. This meeting was an opportunity for project members to learn about important dates, and updates regarding the project. Participants were also able to witness a chiropractic exam of a horse and ask questions. If you missed the meeting and are interested in participating in the horse project please contact the 4-H office.

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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Oconto County 4-H



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2023 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 "Cowboy Boots and County Roots". 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 22nd, 2023 at 6:00pm.
- It is the club's 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 19 & 24-27, 2023– Gillett, WI
- Horse Show, Dog, Cat and Small Pets Show - Aug 19
- **Theme: "Cowboy Boots and County Roots"**
- 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, 2023 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

Club or Organization's Name:

Billboard "Slogan":

Location of Billboard: (please be specific)

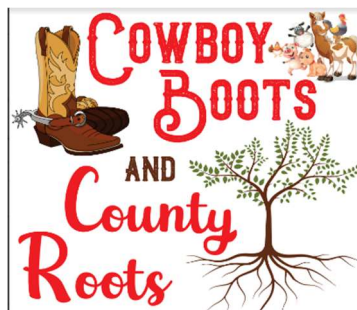
Leader/Teacher's contact information:

Name & position:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:





Oconto County Youth Fair Decorated Cake Auction

Young people ages 5 through 19 years are invited to enter the Oconto County Fair Decorated Cake Auction. The auction will take place the Saturday afternoon of the Fair in the Exhibition Hall.

Rules:

- Entrants must be either a member of and Oconto County 4-H, Scouts, FFA or other youth organizations or reside in Oconto County to enter.
- The cake may be made from scratch or from a boxed mix.
- Entries must be brought to the Fair on a non-returnable board, plate or pan.
- Entries will be accepted in the Exhibition Hall between 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023 in the back of the Expo Hall.
- Entrants must be present for the auction as they will present their cake while it is being sold.
- **A 3X5 inch card must be attached to the entry with the following information:**
 - **Name and age of the entrant**
 - **Address of the entrant**
 - **Club of the entrant**
 - **A short profile of the entrant – school, hobbies, school/community activities, etc.**
 - **Type of cake and theme for decoration**
 - **Short explanation of why cake and decorating theme was selected.**
- Entrants must bring at least two people to bid on their cake.
- Entrants will receive the amount bid for their entry less a 5% commission to the Fair Association to help cover program expenses.
- Fair rules prevent exhibitors from selling more than one item at a Fair auction. Therefore, exhibitors qualifying to sell a project in the Sale of Champions would have to choose between selling their cake or their project.
- These rules are specific to the Cake Auction only.

Questions about the auction can be directed to Oconto County Fair Board via email ocontocountyyouthfair@gmail.com or Debbie Woods (920) 373-1212.



2023 FLOWER PLANTER CONTEST

Sponsored by: Oconto County Fair

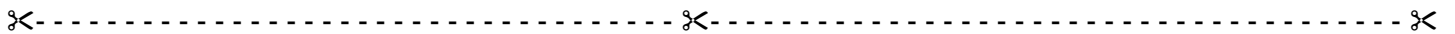


The Fair invites county youth development and adult civic or other organizations to help dress up the grounds during the Oconto County Fair by participating in the annual Flower Planter Contest. **To participate, a group needs to pre-register by June 30.** Your club designs and plants the planter, delivers the completed planter to the Fair, and removes the planter after the Fair. A panel of judges evaluates the planters during the Fair and cash prizes are awarded for the top three entries. All other participating clubs will receive a \$10 honorarium from the Fair.

Rules for Planter Contest:

1. The contest is open to all youth and adult organizations in Oconto County.
2. The Fair will provide planters, if the club chooses. (They are large (about 3 ft in diameter) pressed fiber pots.) Clubs are open to being creative and providing their own planter, at their own cost.
3. One entry is allowed per organization.
4. Planters must be able to be moved – a suggestion is to pack the bottom of the planter with Styrofoam, “packing peanuts”, or other light material to reduce the weight of the planted display.
5. Planters must contain a minimum of 12" of soil or plant growing media.
6. Only live plants may be used in the design, other than the identification sign. Flowering or foliage plants or a combination may be used. Endangered wild plant specimens are not allowed.
7. Drip irrigation, or other watering hoses or connections cannot be included in the planter display while at the Fair.
8. No electrical applications (lights, fans, music, etc.) are allowed to be part of the planter display.
9. Participating organizations will be responsible to maintain their planter during the Fair.
10. Entries must include a sign with the sponsoring organization’s name on it.
11. Planter entries must be brought to the Fairgrounds on the Wednesday of the Fair between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. and placed in the assigned area as designated by the Fair. Planters not in the assigned area will not be judged.
12. **All planter registrations must be in by June 9 to ensure that enough planters are ordered.**
13. Planters may be removed by the organization responsible for them after 6 p.m. Sunday evening of the Fair, and must be removed by noon on the Monday following the Fair if they want their planter, plants, or sign. The Fair will dispose of planters not removed by that time.
14. Planters will be judged between Friday morning and Sunday afternoon. Winners will be announced on Sunday.
15. Cash prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded respectively, for the top three placing planter displays. All other participating clubs will receive a \$10 honorarium for participating.
16. Judging criteria include the following:

Criteria	Description	Total Points Possible
Overall Appearance	Pleasing combination of plant texture, form and color	20
Originality	Creative use of plant material and/or expression of a theme, such as color, logo, etc.	10
Maintenance of display during the Fair	Planter maintained during the Fair - watered as needed, spent blooms deadheaded, broken stems removed, etc	10
Sign with name of organization included	Neatly done, fits display versus appearance of being an after thought	5
Follow Contest Rules		5



FLOWER PLANTER CONTEST REGISTRATION

Send Registrations to: **Debbie Woods, Flower Planter Contest, P.O. Box 502, Gillett, WI 54124**
 or email info requested to: **ocontocoutyyouthfair@gmail.com**

Entry Deadline: June 30, 2023

Club/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address _____

Pick Up Location: Gillett Flower Shoppe Oconto Falls Flower Shoppe

Monday, April 10th

FAMILY NIGHT

FREE admission ALL DAY!

Building Hours: 5:30am-8:00pm
Pool Hours: 5:30am-7:30pm



Special appearance
by a surprise
**GREEN BAY
PACKERS PLAYER!**

4:00pm-6:30pm activities:

-  CRAFTS
-  FAMILY YOGA
-  BAG TOSS
-  OPEN GYM
-  OPEN SWIM

**AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT THE
BUILDING!**



4:00pm-6:30pm activities:

-  BOUNCE HOUSE
-  FACE PAINTING
-  TAEKWONDO
DEMONSTRATIONS



Join Bellin Health Fitness - Bond Community Center for Family Night: a fun-filled community centered evening of family-friendly activities for kids of all ages!

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



Register for a Virtual Learning Opportunity: Fibers of Our Future--Weaving Series

Explore your Sparks in art & STEM!

Join us for Weaving Patterns, Weaving Materials, and Weaving Light. We will have three virtual sessions May 9, 16, & 23.

Register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/u9nz46>

Registration closes April 27 (or when the maximum number of participants is reached.)

Sessions are aimed at those 5th grade and up. They were developed by Helloloom! creator and professor of design at UW-Madison, Marianne Fairbanks; UW-Madison STEM outreach specialist, Tom Zinnen; and 4-H Program Educator in Eau Claire County, Rachel Hart-Brinson. Each session will build on the previous one, but you will have access to a recording to watch the ones you may have missed.

Supplies will be sent to you or your County's Extension Office after registration closes May 1.

Thanks to a Baldwin Grant, there is no cost for this program

Session descriptions are below:

WEAVING PATTERNS

Learn how to weave using a small hand held loom! You will learn how to weave with multiple colors, explore patterns, and create a fun and colorful woven creation!

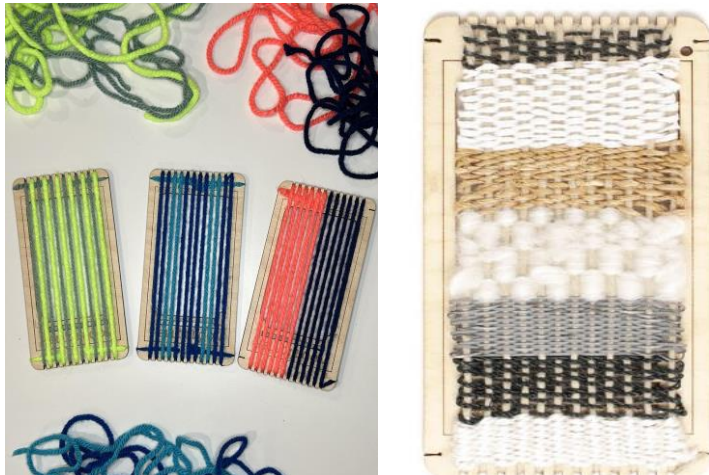
We will begin with a quick paper weaving to learn new patterns including plain weave, several twills, and basket weave. Students will learn the definition of warp and weft and how patterns are used to make the weaving balanced, warp faced, or weft faced. Once you weave these patterns you will notice them all around you in woven garments and upholstery fabrics.

Ultimately students are encouraged to play with pattern and color to see what combinations they can invent!



WEAVING MATERIALS

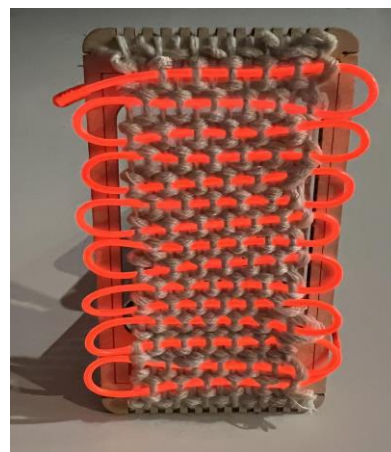
In this workshop we will focus on a wide range of materials that can be used to weave. These materials include cellulose yarns that come from plants including cotton, linen, hemp and more specialty materials like kudzu yarn. You will get your hands on yarns that come from animals as well, including silk, wool and mohair. Finally, there will be a range of synthetic materials to try including reflective yarns! Each of these yarns have different textures and properties that students can explore in their own woven designs.



WEAVING LIGHT- Electroluminescent Wire

In this workshop, students will have the opportunity to weave light! Electroluminescent Wire or EI wire produces a 360 degree unbroken line of visible light. Its thin diameter makes it flexible and ideal for use in weavings and on garments. Smart clothing, [wearable technology](#), and [wearable computing](#) projects often involve the use of Electronic textiles or e-textiles. Students in this workshop will get to experience how to incorporate light into their own woven projects. We'll discuss circuits and technology in textiles. The possibilities are endless!

Citation: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wearable_technology





Volunteering: How Can You Help?



Credit: Ben Hoppe

Volunteers are a huge part of the success of 4-H and help make 4-H possible. 4-H volunteers can serve as club leaders, project leaders, chaperones, and other roles. While the experience level of volunteers varies, our volunteers have one thing in common: wanting to make a positive difference in the lives of young people. In addition to making a positive impact with youth, 4-H volunteers gain important life skills of their own and also impact the communities in which they volunteer.

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

To ensure volunteers in the 4-H program are prepared and to protect the safety and best interests of 4-H members, all 4-H volunteers who are 18 years of age and older who are no longer members go through a process which includes:

1. Participate in training to help you serve in your role. This training is called Volunteers in Preparation,
2. Have a background check.
3. Agree to conduct yourself in a way that positively represents 4-H.
4. Learn how to keep our youth safe by taking a Mandated Reporter Training.



Credit: Eva Terry

To get started on your volunteer journey, contact your local 4-H educator.

Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Roles

There are many ways to volunteer in 4-H. All volunteers work with youth and adult volunteers to offer a positive youth development experience for youth. Wisconsin's 4-H program has six main roles for volunteers.

- Activity/Event Volunteers lead or organize a 4-H activity or event.
- Adult Advisor/Chaperones work with 4-H educators to chaperone a 4-H educational experience.
- Club Enrollment Coordinator leads and supports enrollment in a club or group.
- Club Leader provides leadership for a club or group organization.
- Committee Volunteers help lead or participate as a member of a committee.
- Project Leaders provide leadership and organization to a group learning about a specific topic.

There may be additional trainings to volunteer in some of these roles, for example a WI 4-H Shooting Sports Leader

Can I help without volunteering?

Not everyone feels ready to become a 4-H volunteer. Check in with your club leader or local 4-H educator to find out other ways you can still make an impact on the program without serving 4-H in an official capacity. This might mean providing no-contact support in a warm welcoming way such as bringing a healthy snack, set up and clean up, etc. Any help you give makes the experience more positive for everyone.





Helping Hands

The 4-H pledge talks about using your hands for larger service. Not only can you use your hands to help your club through leadership and teaching, but you can use your hands to help your community too! 4-H members are known for helping their community through service. Plan your own community service project by answering the questions below!

Who needs (or would benefit from) help?

Choose an organization (example: animal shelter or food pantry), group of people (people who are elderly), or a person who you'd like to help (a neighbor).

How can I help?

List skills (example: art or building), interests (being outside), or abilities (talking to other people) that you want to use to make a difference.

What tasks need to get done?

Match the "how" with the "who"! Write what you need to do to complete your project and the supplies you'll need to accomplish it. (Example: If you are creating cards for people in a senior living facility, you will need to contact the facility, gather writing supplies, create the cards, and deliver the cards.)

How did it go?

After you've done your community service project, reflect on how things went and how you might do things differently if you did it again. What went well? What could be better?

Almost every club does a community service project. At your next club meeting, ask a club officer or your club leader what project your club is doing this year!