

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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Greetings 4-H Family and Friends!

I hope you are all staying warm during this cold snap we have! According to the ground-hog we still have 6 more weeks of winter ahead of us. I know that doesn't mean too much for many of us in Wisconsin and especially in 4-H as we still know how to have fun and get things done!

The deadline is quickly approaching for enrollment to be able to enter at the county fair. If you or anyone you know needs help with enrollment please let us know at the 4-H office. We are always happy to help!

There are lots of great opportunities coming up in 4-H at the local, state and National level. Be sure to check out the newsletter for more information and sign up for the things that interest you! If you have any questions or need any assistance, again we are always happy to help.

Stay Warm!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/6	Oconto County Leaders Association Meeting – 7 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall
2/11	Green Bay Gamblers Game – 7:05 pm	Resch Center Green Bay
3/17- 3/19	ArtBEAT	Upham Woods WI Dells
3/18	Beef Weigh in- 9 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
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
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



4-H ArtBEAT

4-H ArtBEAT! is for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. It is an introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication where 4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future.

The 2023 WI 4-H ArtBEAT! will be held March 17 through 19 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday at 11:00 am.

Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders, and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Along with exploring the “arts,” participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

The \$125.00 per person fee for youth and \$75.00 per person fee for adults will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, and meals.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members! REGISTER EARLY! This arts experience fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration is OPEN and will close on February 20, 2023. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

For additional information check out: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide.../art-beat/>

For more information contact: Laura Pine, 4-H Educational Programs Coordinator at 608-262-1222 or lpine@wisc.edu or Amber Rehberg, State 4-H Arts & Communication Support, at 715.784.1540 or amber.rehberg@wisc.edu.



Apply now to be a Georgia Boot Trail Blazer

Calling all 4-H'ers! 🇺🇸

Want to show off your project? Check out the 2023 Georgia Boot Trailblazers contest! Georgia Boot looking for four enthusiastic #4-H'ers to share their 2023 project journeys with the Georgia Boot audience. Don't miss this chance to win a prize package valued at \$500! 🏆

Apply here & learn more: <https://bit.ly/3J3IXeQ>



**APPLY NOW
TO BE A**

**GEORGIA BOOT
TRAIL
BLAZERS**

IN PROUD PARTNERSHIP WITH 4-H

Wildlife & Woods Virtual Series

2023 Wildlife & Woods Virtual Classes – Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry monthly, virtual event.

Outdoor enthusiasts connect with other 4-H youth of all ages from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and trees. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Since the sessions are co-presenter by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful.

Youth leaders research about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices; prepare slides; lead activities; present topics from slides; record videos; or read announcements. Youth leaders also meet virtually the week before for prep and practice. Being a part of this team is great preparation for WHEP and Forestry competitions. For more information or to join the Wildlife & Woods Leader Team, contact: Lee Delcore and Kerri Ast wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com.

Wildlife & Woods

VIRTUAL SERIES

JAN. 25
FEB. 22
MAR. 22
APRIL 26
MAY 24

Register via 4-H
Online
wi.4honline.com





*To learn more about virtual learning opportunities,
please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc*



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18 4-H Members Enjoyed the Acrylic Painting Night



Summer Academy June 19-22

Save the date! Some amazing career exploration opportunities for our older youth! Regional transportation will be available across the state via bus at no additional cost. More information to come!



SUMMER ACADEMY
Exploring Your WHY
2023

On the UW-Madison Campus!

JUNE 19-22
GRADES 7-10
\$350/youth
Scholarships Available!

Youth will explore higher learning opportunities and future career paths along one of seven SPARK tracks:

- ✦ Arts & Communication
- ✦ Agriculture & Animal Science
- ✦ Leadership & Civic Engagement
- ✦ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)
- ✦ Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, & Health)
- ✦ Construction & Trades
- ✦ Hospitality Management & Culinary Science

Build Networks & Friendships!

Registration opens in April on 4-H online
Presented by Wisconsin 4-H & UW-Madison Extension

Little Seedlings 4-H Club Update

At our January meeting, Little Seedlings 4-H learned how to make a sugar scrub. Members Amanda P. and Anna S. led the group using items that can be found around the kitchen.



Leaders Association Meeting

The Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association will meeting Monday, February 6 at 6 pm at Oconto Falls Town Hall. The meeting is open to youth 7th grade and older and all parents and leaders that want to make a difference in 4-H. We hope to have all clubs represented at the meeting. Hope to see you Monday night!

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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Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means. The number next to each **bolded** word corresponds to the answer in the crossword puzzle on the opposite page.

4-H words you might hear in your **Club**

A 4-H **club**¹¹ is made up of youth **members**³ and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud**¹¹ is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader**¹⁰ who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service**² projects to make a difference in their community. Some clubs also have their members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book**¹. Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**⁶, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.



Credit: Ben Hoppe



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

4-H words you might hear across your **County**

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**¹⁷. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**⁸. Many counties also have a **Leaders Organization**¹⁶ made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county. The organization is usually known as a Leaders Federation, Leaders Association, or Leaders Council.

4-H words you might hear across **Wisconsin**

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**⁷. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H educator**⁴ who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**,⁹ to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website, members can also enroll in an **educational experience**,¹⁹ which is an educational travel opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

4-H words you might hear across the **country**

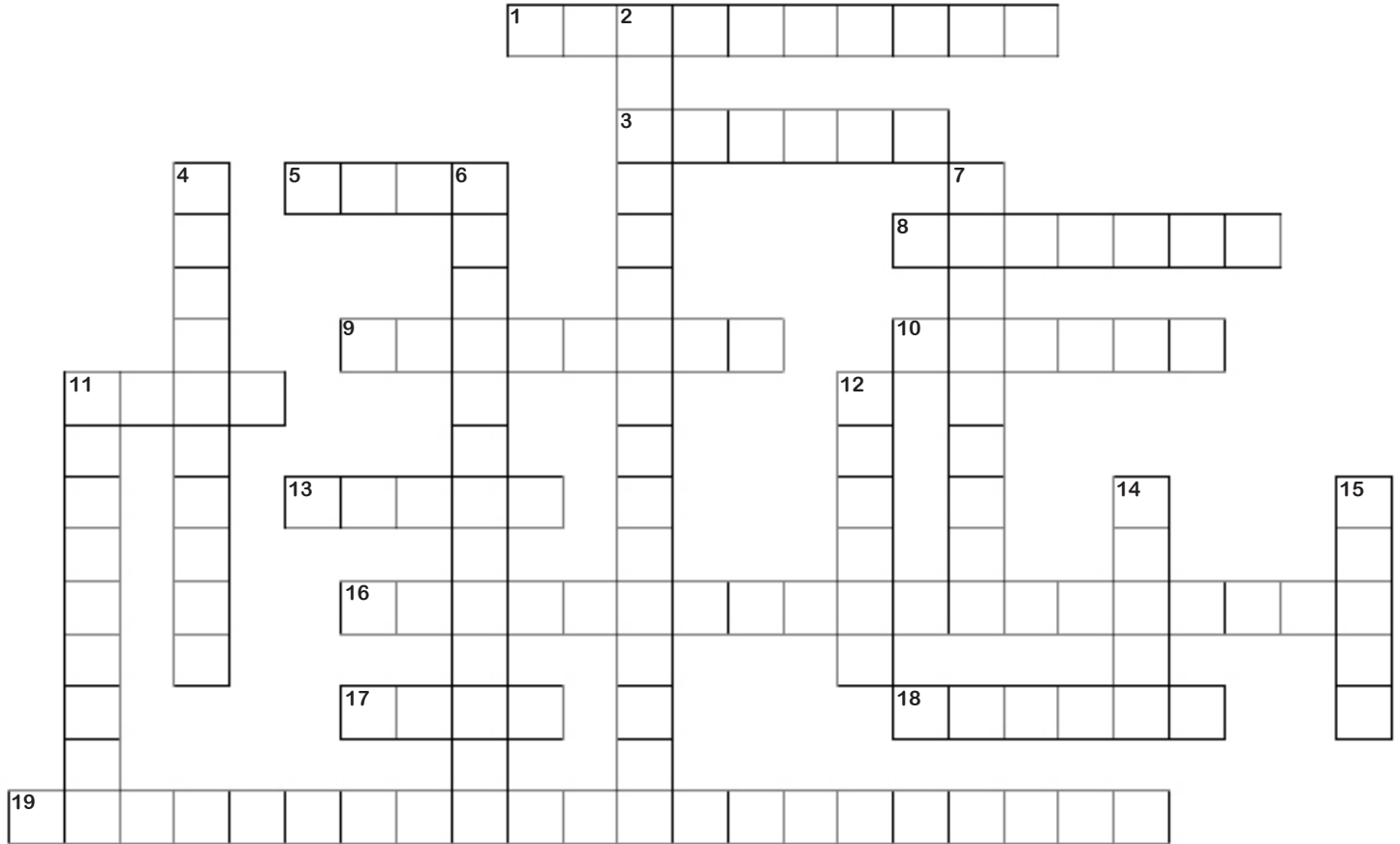
The 4 H's are **Head**⁵, **Heart**¹⁴, **Hands**¹⁵, and **Health**¹⁸. These are all part of the 4-H **Pledge**,¹² which is usually recited at the beginning of meetings. The 4-H **Motto**¹³, adopted nationally, is "To Make the Best Better."





Common Word Crossword

4-H has a lot of words that might not get used in other places. See if you can fill in the word that matches each definition!



ACROSS

1. Where you keep track of all your 4-H project work in a year (2 words)
3. Any young person signed up for 4-H
5. I pledge my _____ to clearer thinking
9. Website where adults sign youth up for 4-H (2 words)
10. Adult volunteer who helps youth in 4-H
11. Group of 4-H members who meet regularly to conduct business, learn about projects, do community service, and have fun
13. The 4-H _____: To Make the Best Better
16. Leadership group made of volunteers and youth leaders from around the county (2 words)
17. Event where 4-H youth may exhibit their projects
18. I pledge my _____ to better living
19. Travel opportunity that explores other places with Wisconsin 4-H members (2 words)

DOWN

2. Project or event done by 4-H members to help make the community a better place (2 words)
4. Person who leads and coordinates the county-level program
6. Presentation by a 4-H member where they teach a project-based skill to other club members
7. System that is home to the 4-H program, established by the Smith-Lever Act (2 words)
11. 4-H member in grades K-2
12. Commitment or promise; most clubs recite this to start each meeting
14. I pledge my _____ to greater loyalty
15. I pledge my _____ to larger service

Stuck on a clue? That's ok! You can find the answers on the opposite page!