

# 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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## June 2023

Greetings 4-H Families,

It may have taken a little while, but this summer is sure starting to heat up! There are so many great things going on in 4-H at the local level and beyond. Interest for overnight summer camp Mar-Oco-Sha was very high again this year with registration filling quickly. If you missed out but remain interested please let us know so we can get you on the wait-list. Our amazing counselor and staff team is gearing up for another fun-filled week at Camp Bird! Some other great summer opportunities you will want to get on your calendar include day-camp opportunities, county 4-H fun days, a Northern Wisconsin 4-H night at the Timber Rattlers, and more. I know everyone is working hard on their project in anticipation of the upcoming fair. Speaking of the fair, don't forget to get all of your entries in on time! Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer, and looking forward to seeing you at some of these great events!

Stay Cool!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| 6/8           | Horse Project – Ring Practice – 6 pm                          | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 6/11          | Breakfast on the Farm   | Kohls Dairy Farm LLC<br>6214 Klaus Lake Rd, Gillett 54124 |
| 6/19-<br>6/22 | Summer Academy  | UW Madison  |
| 6/20          | Horse Show Clinic w/ Dawn Bradow – 4:30 (more info to follow) | ???   |
| 7/6           | Horse Project – Ring Practice – 6 pm                          | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 7/13          | Sheep Clinic – 7 pm   | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 7/13          | Swine Clinic – 7:30 pm  | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 7/16          | Bay Beach Trip – 12 pm  | Bay Beach   |
| 7/17          | Horse Project – Ring Practice – 6 pm                          | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 7/18          | Dairy Clinic – 5:30   | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 7/24          | Summer Day Camp – 9 am – 3 pm                                 | Holtwood Park<br>Oconto                                   |
| 7/25          | Goat Clinic – 6:30 pm   | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 8/1-8/4       | Summer Camp   | Camp Bird   |
| 8/3           | Horse Project – Ring Practice – 6 pm                          | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 8/3-13        | WI State Fair   | West Allis, WI  |
| 8/7           | Day Camp W/ the Raptor Education Group                        | More Info to Follow                                       |
| 8/11          | Northern WI Timber Rattler Night – 6:40 pm                    | 2400 N Casaloma Dr<br>Appleton                            |
| 8/12          | All Horse Show Paperwork due to Sherrie Reed                  |   |
| 8/14          | Horse Project – Ring Practice – 6 pm                          | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 8/19          | Horse, Dog, Cat, and Small Animal Show                        | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |
| 8/24-<br>8/27 | Oconto County Youth Fair                                      | Oconto County Fairgrounds                                 |

## Breakfast on the Farm

Sunday, June 11, 2023. Kohls Dairy Farm LLC, 6214 Klaus Lake Rd, Gillett WI 54124. 8 am – 1 pm. Advanced tickets are \$9 and tickets at the door will be \$10. You can get advanced tickets at Lena Fastop, Kelly Lake Kwik Stop, Pat’s Market, Peshtigo National Bank Branches: Oconto Falls, Gillett, and Coleman, NEW Credit Union Branches: Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, and Suring. We hope to see you there!

## Wisconsin State Fair

August 3-13. Junior Livestock Shows: Junior show exhibitors must be between the ages of 12-19 by January 1st of the current year and have completed YQCA certification. For more info, visit <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>

## Food Stand Schedule

Please see the food stand schedule for the fair that is attached at the end of the newsletter. Thank you to everyone for volunteering to make the 4H food stand a huge success!

## ASL Day Camp at Upham Woods

Are you ready to experience the fun of summer camp while learning about Deaf culture and the ASL language? Join us for this ASL day camp co-hosted by Richland and Vernon County 4-H programs, and Upham Woods. No prior experience with ASL necessary! <https://go.wisc.edu/2xam52>



# ASL DAY CAMP



Learn ASL from Deaf/Hard of Hearing youth leaders while playing games and making new friends!

August 13, 9:30 am - 4 pm



## 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](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) or Justin Lieck at [justin.lieck@wisc.edu](mailto:justin.lieck@wisc.edu) with questions regarding these scholarship applications.



## Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinators

Get your calendar and mark down UW Madison Extension Horticulture Program's Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinator Week from June 19-25, 2023 and visit the Wisconsin Celebrate Pollinator Week website:

<https://bit.ly/41nwp6M>

This week is dedicated to raising awareness, increasing knowledge and promoting adoption of pollinator friendly practices to improve pollinator health and habitats throughout Wisconsin. National Pollinator Week is an annual event managed by the Pollinator Partnership to help spread the word about what we can do to protect pollinators.

Pollinators in Wisconsin and around the world are facing population declines due to a number of factors. You can get involved in pollinator conservation in many ways! Starting in May and continuing in June, learn more about pollinators with our free online programs. Find pollinators and habitat in your area with a scavenger hunt that you can download and print or use the iNaturalist app. Join in local activities and use the resources on the website to help pollinators in your own yard and community. By creating pollinator friendly habitats, reducing or eliminating environmental contamination from pesticides, and spreading the word about pollinators with your communities, we can all contribute to pollinator conservation.

Join us, UW-Madison Extension Horticulture Program, in celebrating Pollinators! Visit the official website:

<https://bit.ly/41nwp6M>



Wisconsin Celebrates  
**POLLINATOR WEEK**  
June 19-25, 2023

## Lena Rocketeers Welcomes new Families during Bowling Event

The Lena Rocketeers hosted their May meeting at the Lena Lanes where they welcomed two new families to the group, had pizza and bowled. The group also had each family bring an item for a "Dog" Themed gift basket that they donated to the Oconto County Youth Fair Steakfry. If your group didn't participate by donating a basket this year, the Lena Rocketeers would like to encourage you to do so.



## Northern Riders Painting Day

At the last meeting, club president Georgia, instructed the Northern Riders 4-H club on a painting project.



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

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Vice President - Brigid McDowell (Little River)

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# OCONTO COUNTY 4-H BAY BEACH TRIP

**July 16th starting at 12 PM**

**Lunch served at 12:30 PM**

**Pavilion rental sponsored by Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association**

**Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages**

**Transportation and tickets are responsibility of attendees**

**SIGN  
UP**

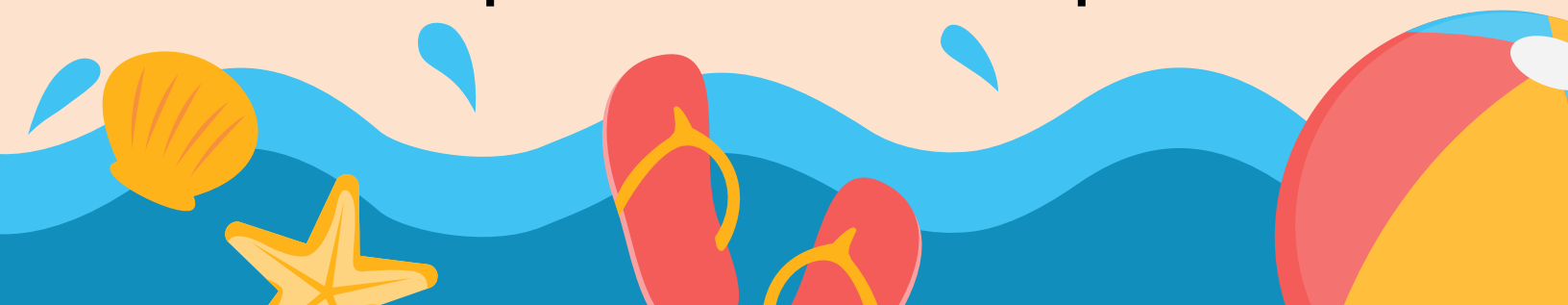
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OPEN TO KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

# 4-H DAY CAMP

Join us for a day of outdoor learning and fun!

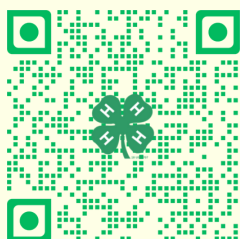
**JULY 24TH 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**115 HOLTWOOD WAY, OCONTO, WI**

Registration is **\$5 for members** and **\$15 for non-members**

The deadline to register is **July 17th**

Please bring your own lunch. We will provide a snack

**SIGN UP HERE**



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*Save The  
Date*



*4-H Timber Rattlers Game*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

**NORTHERN WI TIMBER RATTLE NIGHT**

**GAME STARTS AT 6:40 PM**

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Oconto County 4-H Day Camp

WITH THE RAPTOR  
EDUCATION GROUP

**August 7th**



## 2023 Food Stand Schedule

|            | Thursday                | Friday                              | Saturday         | Sunday   |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| 10:30-1:30 | Christy Brook           | Little Seedlings                    | Willing Workers  | Little River   |
| 1:15-4:00  | Oconto River Rock Stars | Northern Riders and Lena Rocketeers | Little Seedlings | Pasture Pirates  |
| 3:45-6:30  | Willing Workers         | Morgan Badgers                      | Northern Riders  | XXXXXXXXXXXXX<br>XXXXXXXXXXXXX<br>XXXXXXXXXXXXX<br>XXXXXXXXXXXXX |
| 6:15-9:00  | Lena Rocketeers         | Willing Workers                     | Team Green       | XXXXXXXXXXXXX<br>XXXXXXXXXXXXX<br>XXXXXXXXXXXXX<br>XXXXXXXXXXXXX |

### Extra Tasks

Clean Before (Sunday, August 20 or earlier): Willing Workers

Prep Before (Monday, August 21): Little Seedlings

Judges dinner (Tuesday August 22, 4-6 pm): Northern Riders

|   | Thursday                | Friday          | Saturday       | Sunday  |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| End Of Night Cleaning                     | Lena Rocketeers         | Willing Workers | Team Green     | Pasture Pirates   |
| Soda Stocking<br>Times: 1, 4, 7, and 9 pm | Oconto River Rock Stars | Northern Riders | Morgan Badgers | Little River*<br>help refill soda cooler to return at 4 |

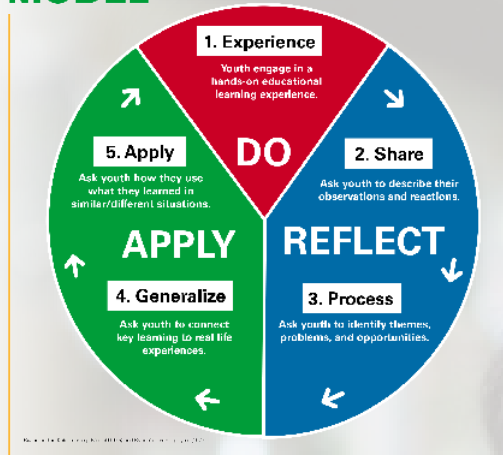
Clean After: Christy Brook

Soda Stocking: Please have a family sign up at one of the 4 times!



## Learn By Doing

### 4-H<sup>®</sup> EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, the idea of “learning by doing” has defined the program. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they’re doing it. This model is known as the Experiential Learning

### Failure is OK!

One of the biggest challenges (and benefits) of experiential learning is not always being successful immediately. It might be hard to sit back and watch your youth struggle, but it’s a valuable lesson. 4-H is supposed to be a place where you can fail in a safe environment. Learning is a process—change from failure is ok!

Support your youth and encourage them! The first arrow in an archery lesson might miss the target, but you’ll be amazed how your youth progresses after ten, fifty, one hundred more attempts.



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## Car Ride Questions

It’s pretty common for 4-H members to share what they learned with their peers and the adults leading a project. The learning doesn’t end when youth leave the activity and head home! Take time with your 4-H member to reflect on their experience. Ask some questions to see what they learned and to help them think critically about the activity they just did. Reflection is an important part of learning by doing, and you as a caregiver can help support the process. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What was the easiest part of the activity? What surprised you?
- What were some problems that came up over and over? How did you handle them?
- What was the most challenging part of the activity? Why? How did you solve it?
- What advice would you give to someone who wants to do this activity?
- How can you use what you learned?

Source: Reflection Questions for Experiential Learning Activities, UW-Madison Division of Extension (2015) by Brianna Stapleton Welch

**Encourage your youth 4-H member to try the origami activity on the opposite page. Then reflect with some of these questions!**

Do you have special skills or knowledge that you would like to share with 4-H youth? Check with your local 4-H educator and ask about signing up as a Project Leader!



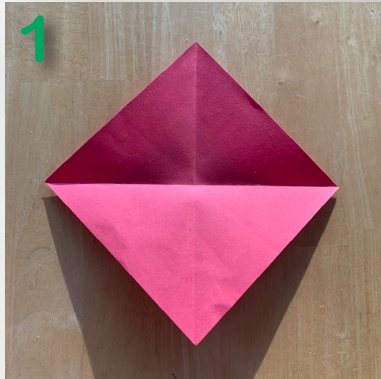
Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)





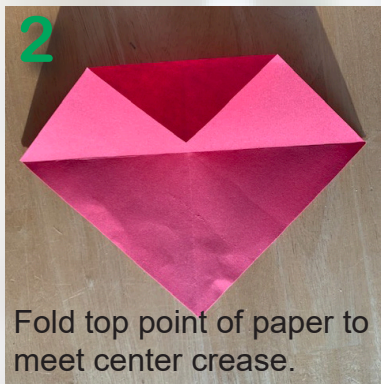
## Origami Hearts

Have you ever tried origami before? Origami is the art of paper folding. Try to make a heart out of a square piece of paper by following these steps! If you don't understand a step, ask an adult for help!

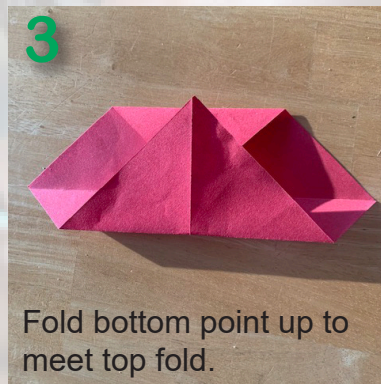


Start with a 6" x 6" square piece of paper. If you're using origami paper, put the side with the color pattern face down on the table.

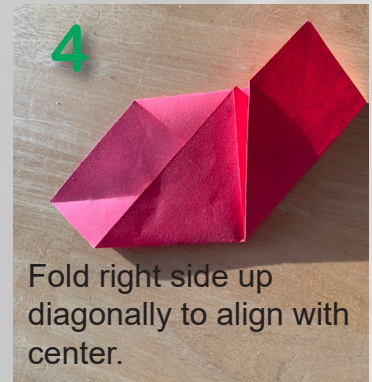
Fold paper in half on the diagonal, bringing top corner to bottom one. Unfold. Fold in half again, bringing right corner to left one. Unfold.



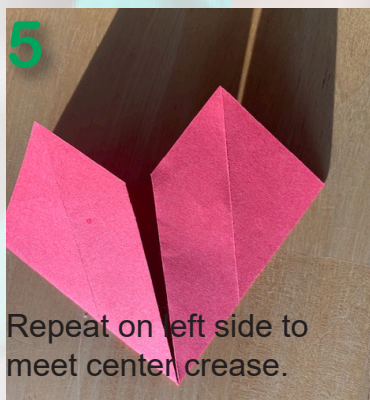
Fold top point of paper to meet center crease.



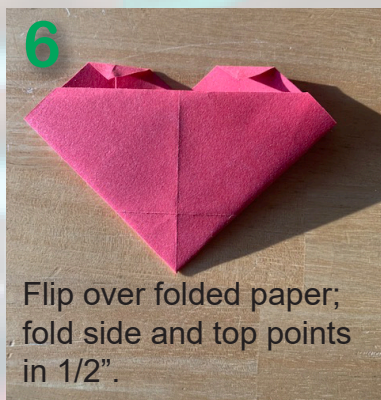
Fold bottom point up to meet top fold.



Fold right side up diagonally to align with center.



Repeat on left side to meet center crease.



Flip over folded paper; fold side and top points in 1/2".



Flip over and insert a slip of paper with a message into pocket of heart.

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### How did it go?

Did you get it right the first time? If you did, great job! If you didn't, try it again! It's normal to not get an origami fold perfect on the first try. Try to see if you can perfect the skill. After you have this one down, try to create some other new folds!