

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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July 2023

Hello 4-H Families!

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Independence Day spending time with those you care about and doing things you love! We had some beautiful weather and my family and I spent a lot of time working hard and playing hard outdoors! It is hard to believe we are already in the month of July though. Have you been able to check some things off of your summer bucket list yet? If not there are lots of fun activities coming up with 4-H that are sure to meet your needs! Be sure to check out this newsletter and our FB page for details, and give the office a call with any questions. We have everything from Day-camps, county outings, state travel opportunities and more. You will also find all of the important updates from our county fair partner in these locations as well. Summer time is such a fun and busy time for 4-H. Keep trying new things and improving on the sparks that you already love.

Stay Cool!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	STEM Day Camp – 1-4 pm	Oconto County Courthouse- LEC Conference Room 220 Arbutus Ave Oconto, WI
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 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 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- 8/27	Oconto County Youth Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds

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 or Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu with questions regarding these scholarship applications.



Important Clinic/Fair Dates

Beef Clinic

Thursday, July 13

6:00 p.m.

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Swine Clinic

Thursday, July 13

7:00 p.m.

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Please bring your whip or show stick if you have one

Sheep Clinic

Thursday, July 13

7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Dairy Clinic

Thursday, July 18

5:30 p.m.

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Horse Project Ring Nights

Monday, July 17, Thursday, August 3, & Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Cat, Dog, Horse, and Small Animal Show

Saturday, August 19

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Oconto County Youth Fair

Thursday, August 24 – Sunday, August 27

Oconto County Fairgrounds

Reminder for Summer Academy/Camp Fees

We would like to thank the Leaders Association for graciously paying 75% of the summer academy and summer camp fees. Just a reminder to please get those payments in to our office ASAP, we need to get those to the Leaders Association.

thank you

Check us out on Instagram and Facebook!

In addition to our Facebook account we have started an Instagram page that will provide updates on all things Oconto County 4-H and Extension Oconto County. If you are looking for upcoming events or opportunities in 4-H, this is the place for you! Please check out our page by visiting the link below.

<https://www.instagram.com/extensionocontocounty/>. If you are interested in our Facebook page please visit <https://www.facebook.com/ocontocounty4h>.



Option for Poultry Testing

Rich Kempka will be testing birds July 15, 29 and August 5, 10 am-noon, at the **Marinette County** Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, contact Rich at 920-672-9540.



National 4-H Congress

A five-day educational experience to meet with other 4-H youth from around the US, Canada and Puerto Rico to engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness and inclusion. November 24-28, 2023 in Atlanta Georgia. Registration open July 1-August 1. 4-H members need to be in 9th-12th grade at registration. Max age 18 as of 1/1/23. Youth can only attend once as a delegate. Visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewideevents-and-opportunities/national-4-h-congress/>

Stem Day Camp

This day camp is free and open to grades 1-6. If you are interested, please scan the QR Code below or visit the link posted below. <https://forms.gle/j4YGSDLCgTzQwfyb9>

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STEM DAY CAMP

July 17th 1:00-4:00 PM

**Law Enforcement Center
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Oconto, WI**

Join us for a fun day of STEM learning. We will explore and practice the basics of **coding** and **engineering** using LEGOs, robots, and other tools.

FREE for ALL youth grades 1-6



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Contact Cole Pierucki at cole.pierucki@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6845 for additional information



4-H NIGHT OUT



Join us for a Timber Rattler Game & Fang's Birthday at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 P.M.

**2400 NORTH CASALOMA DRIVE
APPLETON, WI 54912**



Fang T. Rattler turns 28 and you're invited to his birthday party! Fans will receive a piece of cake on the way in and can watch the always hilarious mascot kickball game featuring Fang's friends from around the Fox Valley. Stick around for Post-game Fireworks! Kids may Run the Bases

4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP TODAY!

COST \$14 PER PERSON

FEE INCLUDES: BASEBALL GAME ADMISSION, 4-H GIVEAWAYS, FUN WITH FRIENDS

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT.

**Register by going to:
tinyurl.com/4HTRatt81123
or by calling the Shawano
Extension Office at
715-526-6136**



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2023 Fall Pen Pal Program

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs is excited to announce the 2023 Fall Pen Pal Program! This is an amazing opportunity to connect and create community with international youth from Taiwan and South Korea. Meet friends from other countries with different cultures, experiences, foods, and traditions. Who knows, you may have a lot in common as well!

Registration for this program will close on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or when all spots are filled; register soon!

Register at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/wi4hpenpal

Details of the Fall 2023 Program:

- **Program Dates:** August 1- October 31, 2023
- **Participant Requirements:** 4-H members 9-18 years old
- **Registration Fee:** Due to the generous support of the WI 4-H Foundation, the \$10 registration fee is waived for the first 100 WI participants.
- **Online Registration:** Participants can sign up by completing an online registration form, which includes a Terms of Use Agreement and Parental Consent form.
- **Matching:** States' 4-H will match youth participants based on age, gender, and interest to the best of their ability. Finalized matching information will be sent directly to participants via email.
- **Letter Writing:** Youth participants are encouraged to communicate at least two times per month with their Pen Pal during the program period via their preferred communication method. They may write as many times as both parties wish. States' 4-H will provide optional writing topics during each month to foster ideas of what to write between Pen Pals.
- **Questions?** Reach out to the WI 4-H International/Global Citizenship Programs Team at wi4hinternational@extension.wisc.edu or at 608-262-2491

Youth Fair Carnival Wristbands Available



**2023 CARNIVAL
WRISTBANDS
AUGUST 24 - 27, 2023**

WRISTBANDS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

- THURSDAY (6PM – 10PM)
- FRIDAY (6PM – 10PM)
- SATURDAY (12PM – 4PM)
- SATURDAY (6PM – 10PM)
- SUNDAY (12PM – 4PM)

PRESALE WRISTBANDS ARE GOOD FOR UNLIMITED RIDES DURING 1 OF THE ABOVE TIMESLOTS.

\$15/EACH (PRE-SALE PRICE)

\$25/EACH (AT THE FAIR)

Pre-Sale tickets are available at:

Peshtigo National Bank in Gillett/Oconto Falls

NEW Credit Union in Oconto Falls



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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SAVE THE DATE

Oconto County 4-H Day Camp

WITH THE RAPTOR
EDUCATION GROUP

August 7th



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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Contact **Aimee Elkins** at aimee.elkins@wisc.edu or 920-834-6845 for **additional information**



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**

**BY JULY
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2023 Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training



Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI on Thurs/Fri, July 13/14 and 20/21

Birnamwood Community Center – Mon/Tues July 17/18 and 24/25

Cost: \$45/person

9 a.m. to 3:15 pm each live session day

NOTE: If these dates are not available for your family, another set of training is being offered in Birnamwood area, planned for July 17, 18, 24, and 25 – contact Scott for more information.

Who Needs To Attend the Training? Any 12 to 15-year old who may need to drive any type of farm machinery on a public road in Wisconsin. Others are welcome to attend the course, but only those older than 12 will receive certification. Those 16 years old and older without a valid driver’s license can also utilize this training to be legal to drive farm machinery on public roads.

Legal Review: In Wisconsin, 14 and 15 year-olds who have successfully passed the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Farm Machinery Course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads for their parents or grandparents’ farms AND can work for other farms and do the same. 12 and 13-year olds who have completed the course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads only when working for their parents or grandparents’ farms. If you employ persons under 15 years or who do not have a driver’s license, it is highly recommended that you have them attend the training, whether they drive on public roads or not. You may want to talk to your insurance agent to double-check about requirements based on your insurance policy.

Some Logistics:

– **All participants MUST be in attendance on July 21 or 25 for testing.** You can miss one of the other days and complete self-study to ‘make up’ that time, but must be at testing day.

– Participants need to bring their own lunches, a refrigerator will be available for storage. Families are welcome to provide snacks, Scott will have water and/or lemonade and/or milk available.

– The course will emphasize hands-on and skill-building exercises, including first aid and fire safety from local emergency response personnel. We will be analyzing machinery for safety aspects, conducting on-farm safety assessments, and dozens of other activities, along with videos and course material review.

Call Scott Reuss, Regional Crops/Soils Educator, at either 715-732-7510 or call/text to 715-701-0966 if you have any questions, or you can e-mail to scott.reuss@wisc.edu

	Circle Site Attending	
Registration Form - Tractor & Machinery Safety - please print	Coleman	Birnamwood
Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____		
Mailing Address: _____		
City: _____ Zip code: _____		
Emergency Contact Telephone Number: _____		

Please complete this form and mail to the following address by July 10, with a check for \$45 per participant and made payable to UW-Extension. OR contact Scott with the above information by then!
Marinette County Extension
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143

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 XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX
6:15-9:00	Lena Rocketeers	Willing Workers	Team Green	XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX 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 Times: 1, 4, 7, and 9 pm	Oconto River Rock Stars	Northern Riders	Morgan Badgers	Little River* 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!



Making Memories at the Fair



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

Going to and exhibiting at the fair is often a major highlight for 4-H youth. For some youth, that may be participating in their community, county, or regional fair. For others, that may mean exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair. No two fairs are the same, but they do share the opportunity for 4-H members to show their accomplishments.

Who organizes the fair?

The Wisconsin Association of Fairs and DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection), gives leadership to county fair boards and associations. Those local entities are responsible for organizing the fair. Most fairs have volunteers who serve in roles called superintendents. They serve as a valuable link between the fair and the exhibitors to make sure judging goes smoothly and answer questions related to exhibit scoring. Please be kind to the superintendent—they freely give their time to help the fair and your child.

How to help your 4-H member find success

- Be **prepared**. Read the premium book and get to know fair entry rules for your 4-H member's exhibits. Check with your local fair for their premium book and exhibitor rules.
- Make it **educational**. Ask your 4-H member questions about their project(s). Helping youth reflect on their work can also help them prepare to exhibit.
- Keep everything in **perspective** and be **supportive**. Even if the color of the ribbon wasn't what your exhibitor was looking for, you can help them focus on what they learned in the process.
- Have **fun** and **make memories!** The fair is full of opportunities that will stick with your family for a long time. Adults can help make sure that it is a positive experience for youth.



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

Fairs and exhibits may use different kinds of judging to assess exhibits. Becoming familiar with these types of judging can help your youth have a more positive experience. Learn more: [How Fair Entries are Judged](#)





Show What You Know

The fair is your time to show off your hard work! In your first year, try to only enter one to three exhibits at the fair. Answer these questions to create a plan for one exhibit you want to enter at your fair this year!

Pick one project: _____

What exhibit are you entering under this project? _____
If you are exhibiting a rabbit project, you could be showing your rabbit, or you may be entering an animal science poster about your rabbit.

What will make you feel successful?

This might mean a specific goal, or this might also be how you feel after the fair is done. What will make you feel good about what you did?

What do you need to get done to be ready for the fair?

Create a list of steps you need to get done to be ready to show your exhibit. Think about requirements the fair might have or finishing touches your exhibit needs to be “show ready.” If you’re not sure what the fair requirements are, have an adult help you look through your fair’s premium book!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel



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Judges might ask you questions about your project. Start thinking about your answers!

- Why did you select this project?
 - Who helped you along the way?
 - What did you do to prepare from start to finish?
 - What challenges did you face? What was the hardest part?
 - What did you learn while doing this project?
 - How can you use what you learned to help you in everyday life?
- Adapted from “4-H exhibitor judging tips” by Gary Wyatt, University of Minnesota Extension, 2016.*

Remember to have fun!