

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.



September 2023

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Greetings 4-H Families!

I hope you had an amazing summer and the transition into the school year is going well for everyone! With back to school comes enrollment time for 4-H. Be sure to re-enroll your family as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on any important information or opportunities. This is also a great time to share the enrollment opportunity with family and friends, invite them to club meetings and events, and show them what 4-H is all about. We would love to welcome some new members and volunteers this year. We will do more celebrating of all 4-H has to offer soon during National 4-H week October 1-7th. This is a great time to show your 4-H pride! Be sure to check out all of the updates and upcoming opportunities in the newsletter and take advantage of what works for you.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy September!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/24	Leaders Association Meeting – 6 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall 8680 Hwy 22 Oconto Falls
10/1- 10/7	National 4-H Week	

Member Re-Enrollment

As of September 1st, members may go to v2.4honline.com and re-enroll in the 4-H program for 2023-2024. 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 amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us.

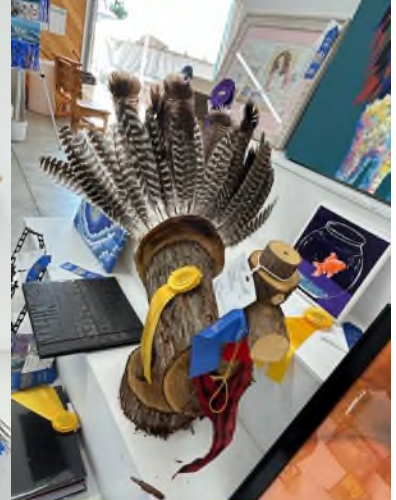
****MEMBERS AND LEADERS MUST RE-ENROLL EACH YEAR BY NOVEMBER 30th****

- 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



Great job to all of the Fair Participants!!!!



Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Naming Contest

It's back! The contest runs September 1 through November 15, 2023 and is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs. Visit www.cedarcresticecream.com (the link will not be "live" until contest opens) for details and entry forms, and find links on our website (www.Wis4HFoundation.org).

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion

The Fall TSC Paper Clover campaign runs October 4-15, 2023, and clubs have the opportunity to earn a \$50 TSC gift card. In-store promotion dates are Saturday/Sunday 10/7, 8, 14, 15. Online registration is required and is open now. For more information visit: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/tscpaperclover/>

Join us for Fall Forum and Build Connections in All Directions!

Fall Forum, a statewide conference held in Green Lake, Wisconsin, gives youth and adults the opportunity to collaborate, communicate, and connect with others who love 4-H! This event offers interactive stations, workshops, a capnote speaker, and more for you to enjoy!

Who: youth grades 7-13

When: November 4-5, 2023

Where: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Registration is open September 1, 2023 to October 6, 2023 in 4HOnline

For more information, visit the [Fall Forum page](#) on the Wisconsin 4-H website.



Project Support for Your Sparks

Youth who join 4-H are often excited about the many, many projects they can choose to explore. There are so many Sparks (or things they want to learn about)! Yet, if their Spark doesn't have a local project leader to support their learning, that excitement can turn to questions. They may not know how to get started on their own.

Clover to the rescue!! Clover is an online smorgasbord of sparks, interactive activities, and fun. It was created by the National 4-H Council in collaboration with more than 100 universities throughout the United States. And it's FREE and ready for youth, parents, and educators to dive into.

To start exploring:

1. Go to 4-h.org/clover
2. Create a login
3. Click on activities
4. Search for your Sparks

It's that simple. In Clover, you can connect with others in your club or group, track your progress through pins and achievements, and best of all, explore your Sparks! Most activities can be accessed in different formats (interactive online, basic webpage, or download PDF), making access flexible based on your local needs and bandwidth.

An honest note about the site:

- Is Clover perfect? No.
- Might there be moments of frustration as you learn to navigate the system? Most likely.
- Does it get easier as you go? Yes.
- Is the content worth it? Absolutely!

No project leader? No problem. Have fun exploring your Sparks with Clover!



Important Annual Club Financial and Charter Paperwork Update

Each 4-H club or group is required to complete financial review and Charter renewal process annually. The deadline for submitting the financial review (covering the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) to the extension office was September 1st, if your club has not submitted the financial review, this must be done as soon as possible. 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.



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrate the Arts Art Contest

We're celebrating our Wisconsin 4-H artists for the 6th year. This contest opens November 1, 2023 and runs through January 15, 2024. When information is ready to be posted, it will appear here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>, and look for information in the statewide newsletter.

Wisconsin 4-H Statewide Programs Booklet is LIVE!

The Wisconsin 4-H Statewide Programs Booklet is LIVE! Check out all the amazing things you can do with Wisconsin 4-H, from Arts Camp to Citizenship Washington Focus to Area Animal Science Days, there's something here for YOU! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide-events-and.../>



Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council

Applications are now being accepted for the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council! Youth in grades 9-11 and adult volunteers are encouraged to apply!

WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Promote and advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and volunteers
- Connect the county, regional and state levels of 4-H
- Have fun and build connections!

Applications are due October 1st in 4H Online – visit <https://go.wisc.edu/4hwlc> for more details on WLC and the application process!

4-H Arts Camp

4-H Arts Camp is the premiere art event for middle school youth in Wisconsin. Join your peers to embrace your creativity in learning about various types of art in an outdoor setting! There are so many opportunities to explore various interests through theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while meeting new friends and experiencing new things.

- Who: youth grades 6-8
- When: November 18-19, 2023
- Where: Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Registration will be open in [4HOnline](#) October 1-27, 2023.

For more information on registration for Arts Camp, please visit the [Arts Camp](#) page on the Wisconsin 4-H [website](#).

National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2023

National 4-H Week is a great opportunity for 4-H members and clubs to share their love for 4-H with others and recruit new members!

2023 National 4-H Week Theme: I ♥ 4-H

Attached are 2 coloring sheets, send them into the office for a chance to win 4-H merch! 301 Washington St, Oconto WI 54153 Attn: Extension 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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Educational Experiences

Throughout the year, Wisconsin 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in educational travel experiences. These opportunities provide a valuable chance to gain new experiences and make new friends along the way! 4-H members often refer to their 4-H travels as the highlights of their 4-H careers.

Travel with a Purpose

Wisconsin 4-H educational experiences—

- » **Provide opportunities** for young people to develop life skills in new and diverse settings across the state and nation.
- » **Encourage youth leaders** to learn about and appreciate different ideas and perspectives while forming lasting relationships.
- » **Prepare young people** for future opportunities and experiences that require independence, decision making, and problem solving.
- » **Inspire action** in youth and adult volunteers in their clubs, their communities, and their schools.



Each year, Wisconsin sends a delegation to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.



Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is a pre-college experience at UW-Madison.

Credit: Wisconsin State 4-H Communications Team

Protection is a Priority

For some young people, 4-H experiences are the first time they are away from home for an extended period of time. Youth safety, both physical and mental, are the top priority for Wisconsin 4-H. All experiences have at least one adult for every ten youth. Chaperones are a mix of 4-H professionals and trained, vetted volunteers committed to ensuring a positive experience for youth. Youth participate in an orientation prior to the experience to help them prepare and to give ample time to answer questions from youth and adults.

Important Payment Information

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation may provide some funding to help offset the total cost of educational experiences for 4-H members. Many county Leader Organizations also provide financial support for participating members. If you have concerns about the cost of participating, talk with your local 4-H educator about options that may be available. We want all youth to have the opportunity to have life-changing experiences.

For more information about specific experiences, including approximate program costs and registration details, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/get-involved/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>





A World of Opportunities



Credit: Sara Bodensteiner-Brown

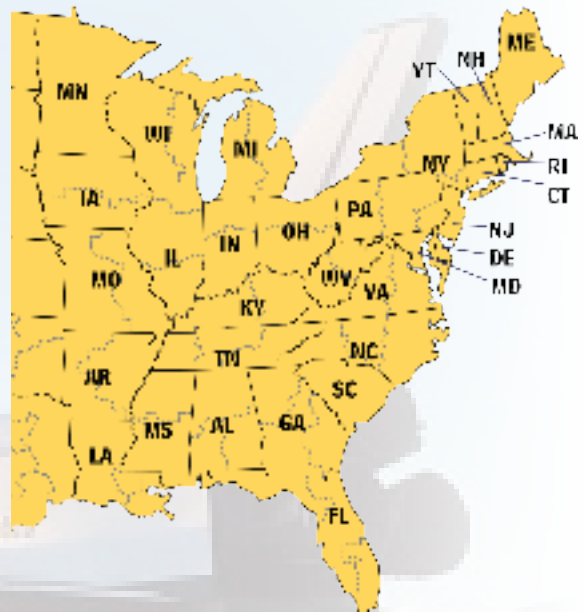
Each year, 4-H members travel on educational experiences. Learn more about each experience on the [Wisconsin 4-H Events and Opportunities](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/get-involved/statewide-events-and-opportunities/) webpage. Try to find the answer to these questions!



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Find out where you'd be headed on each experience. Write the number on the map! You might write the same number multiple times—some travel experiences visit multiple cities, and other experiences are in the same city!

1. **Space Camp**
2. **Wisconsin Youth Conference**
3. **American Spirit**
4. **Citizenship Washington Focus**
5. **National 4-H Congress**
6. **National 4-H Conference**



Want to discover more about each travel experience? Match these statements below with the number of the correct experience! Some questions have more than one correct answer.

- _____ Make a difference in local communities through community service projects.
- _____ Visit the Freedom Trail to explore America's journey to independence.
- _____ Write your own legislative bill and participate in a mock House of Representatives meeting to discuss and find out if your bill is passed or denied.
- _____ 8-10 youth represent Wisconsin in Washington, D.C. and work with youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming.
- _____ See what life is like as a Badger on this pre-college experience.
- _____ Visit the Centennial Olympic Park and attend a Gala.
- _____ Meet with Wisconsin's members of U.S. Congress.
- _____ Participate in the 3-day Pathfinder Program and experience simulated space activities.

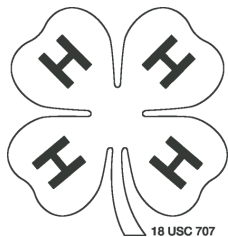


Do you love traveling? Some 4-H members even travel internationally as part of the Wisconsin 4-H International Program! Learn more at wi4hinternational.org!

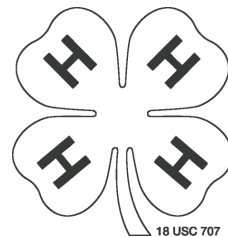
Which educational experience seems like the best fit for you? Why?

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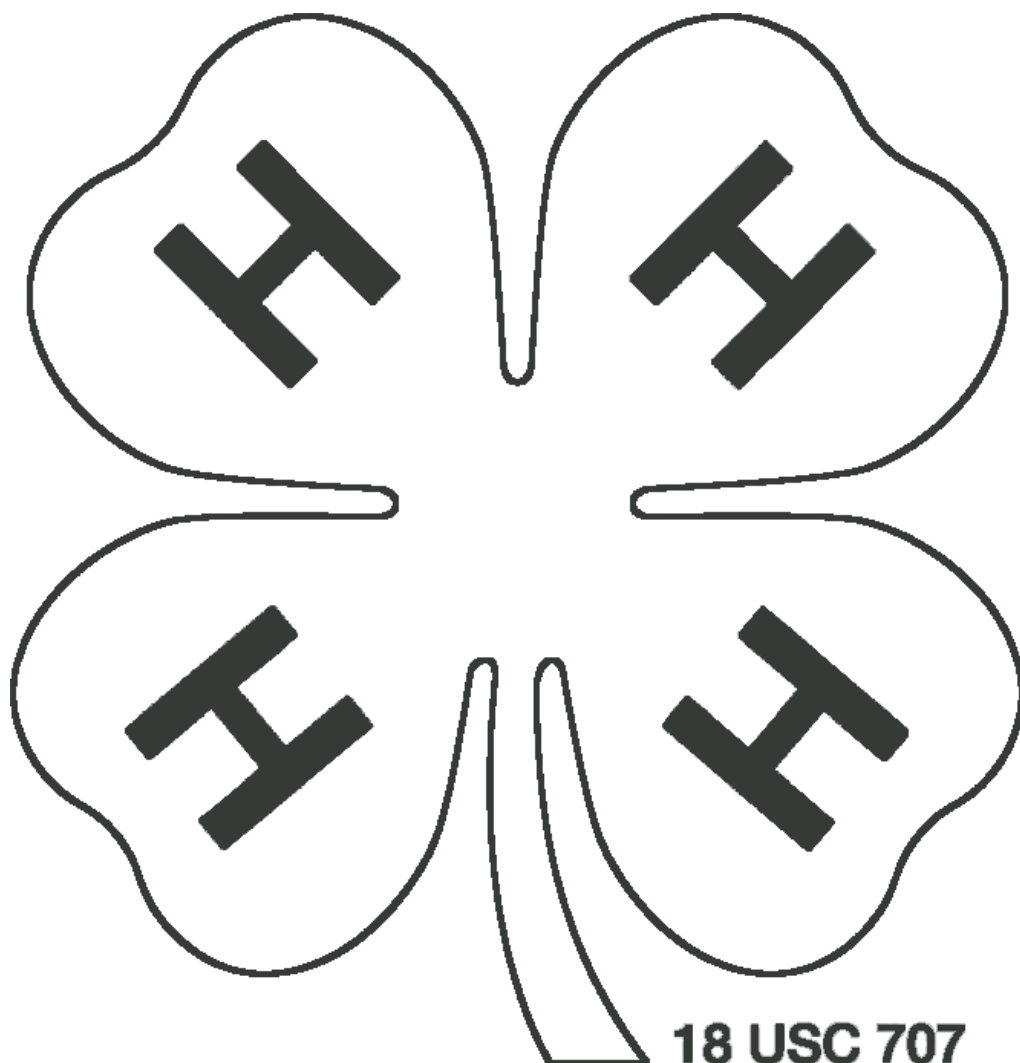


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