

# 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.



## December 2023

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Season's Greetings 4-H Family and Friends,

I hope this message finds you all happy and healthy. It can be a time of year of a lot of hustle and bustle for many, but hoping you are also able to find some time to enjoy the small magical moments of the season. Many of you placed orders for our seasonal project kits which are now ready to go. These will be so much fun to complete during your winter breaks. If you ordered some of these fun project learning opportunities please contact the office to make arrangements to get yours as soon as possible. I had so much fun connecting with many of you at our recent Oconto County 4-H Achievement celebration, I hope that you all enjoyed your time and learned some more about the amazing programs going on at the local, state, and national levels. Many of the opportunities the youth talked about during the event are having registrations opening soon. Be sure to look through the newsletter carefully to see what may be a good fit for you and your family. As always if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our office. Stay warm, healthy, and safe this holiday season 4-H er's!

Warm Wishes,

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/10	Leaders Association Meeting	Oconto Falls Town Hall
6/14- 6/16	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/17	Oconto County Youth Fair – Small Animal Day	
8/22- 8/25	Oconto County Youth Fair	

### Leaders Association Meeting – December 10

Please join us for the next Leaders Association meeting on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 pm at the Oconto Falls Town Hall. They will be planning upcoming events. We encourage volunteers, members, and families to attend and share your ideas. We hope to see you there!

### Member Re-Enrollment

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, members may go to [v2.4honline.com](http://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](mailto:amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us).

- Regular members must be in third grade or older
- Cloverbuds (children in 5K through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> to enter in the Fair
- April 30<sup>th</sup> 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
- **Leaders must re-enroll, complete all required trainings, and receive their confirmation letter from the state before they are active and able to hold 4-H club meetings or events**

\*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\*

### New Family Newsletter

There is a state resource available for new families, each month we will include a link to the newsletter for new families to check out. This month is information on 4-H projects. Click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

## WI 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides support for arts and communications programs that encourage youth to develop strong leadership, creative and communications skills. Each year the Foundation highlights 4-H artists through the Celebrate the Arts art contest.

**This year's contest runs November 1, 2023 through January 15, 2024**

All submissions will be online. A link will be made available in late October.

### Description

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts is a contest, to be held annually for the purpose of:

- Promoting 4-H Arts Programming
- Raising Funds to Support 4-H Art Programs
- Telling the 4-H Story
- Raising Awareness of the WI 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Program

### Proceeds

Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts events or sales will be split evenly with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and half used for arts programming in the next 4-H program year.

### Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will sponsor the art contest, open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. **The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically.**

**The contest will be broken into nine categories** (Drawing; Painting; Pottery/Ceramics/Clay; Photography; Paper; Fabric/Yarn/Fiber; Any Other Media; 4-H Art (non-photography); 4-H Art (photography)).

Artists are **STRONGLY** encouraged to create art that has a 4-H theme or has root in their 4-H experience (example: a photo taken on a 4-H trip or of another 4-H member working on a 4-H project; a painting inspired by a 4-H event; pottery that incorporates the clover).

Please read the complete **[2023 Art Event Contest Information](#)** before entering your work.



## Another Successful Achievement Night in the Books!

We had another successful achievement night for our 4-H members! Jo Hipke was honored for 15 years as a club leader, youth spoke about the fun 4-H experiences that they were able to enjoy, and lots of prize baskets were given out to our deserving youth 😊



## Clothing Revue

We will be holding a clothing revue in April, so start working on your projects. A date will be coming soon!

For youth that are interested, we have the potential to learn a simple sewing project every other Friday night, beginning in January. If you are interested please contact the office.



## Take and Learn Kits

The take learn kits are available for pick up in the office. Please email [amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us) or call 920-834-6845 to arrange pick up.

## 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.../>

## Reminder for 4-H Events and Experiences

As a reminder: a portion of costs for camps, events, and experiences are often generously covered by the Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association utilizing funds obtained through the 4-H food stand and other fundraising efforts. There are also state scholarships available [here](#). We never want finances or the need for special accommodations to be a barrier for our members participating in any 4-H events. Please reach out to Aimee if you have any requests, needs, or questions.



## Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards over \$20,000 in scholarships annually. The application period will open 12/1/2023, and will close 5pm, 3/1/2024. Watch for notices in inboxes and newsletters. Current information is always found at: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships>.

## 4-H Winter Leadership Camp Registration is Open

A weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Youth will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that may include sledding/tubing, snowshoeing, crazy games, and other outdoor activities. Register on 4honline before January 12, 2024.

When: February 9-11

Where: Spencer Lake in Waupaca

Cost: \$170 per youth with partial reimbursement available through Oconto County Leaders Association

## State Arts Team

Two State 4-H Arts Groups are formed every year to give 4-H youth the opportunity to develop their artistic and leadership skills. They then have the opportunity for real-world applications of these skills at the Summer Academy and Fall Forum.

**4-H Drama Company** creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to the Summer Academy. Show content is a collaborative effort between company members and their director. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem solve issues on the set and in the script.

**4-H Art Team** creates artwork around the theme of the Summer Academy as well as designing and organizing the Summer Academy Art Exhibit, reception and guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including Fall Forum. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.

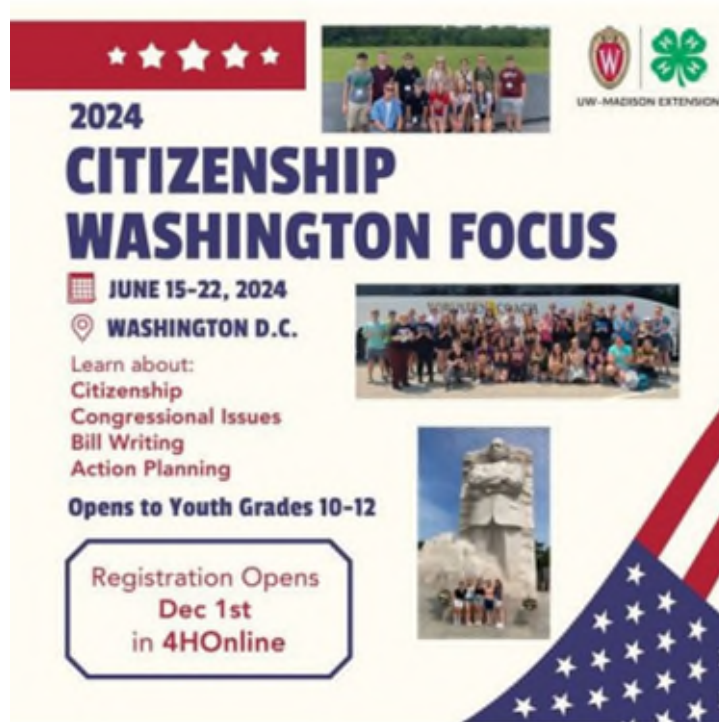
Applications close January 16, 2024. For more information and to apply please visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>.



## Citizenship Washington Focus

If you are interested in learning more about the Citizenship Washington Focus please visit [Citizenship Washington Focus – Wisconsin 4-H](#) for more information. Registration can be done through 4-H online.



## 2024 4-H Camp Counselor Application

If you are interested in serving as a camp counselor at MarOcoSha 4-H Camp serving Shawano, Marinette, and Oconto Counties, June 14-16, 2024, as well as Shawano County Teen Adventure Camp, and Shawano, Marinette, and Oconto County 4-H Day Camps, please complete this [form](#)

## Space Camp

April 18-22, 2024. 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space.

Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. Register through 4HOnline for Space Camp. Registration will be open from November 15- December 15 prior to program year.

Delegates will be notified by the State 4-H Office by January 12 of the program year whether they are attending or wait-listed. After registration closes, delegates will be sent a link to register for Space Camp through the Space Camp website. All delegates must register online for Space Camp prior to March 1st.

For more information visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-andopportunities/space-camp>

## 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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# Wisconsin 4-H Night

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing through this link will get to participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- Jockey High Five Tunnel

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION:  
SCAN THE QR CODE!  
OR VISIT:**

[fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h](http://fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h)



**GAME:  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**@7PM**



**VS**



**LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP  
FOR TICKETS TODAY!**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR [TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM](mailto:TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM)**



Save the Date

FEB 9<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup> 2024



# Winter LEADERSHIP CAMP

@Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca

Registration Opens

**DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

Registration Closes

**JAN 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**



Scan to register.

A weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding and making new friends to winter recreation and campfire, there will be something for everyone! Youth will participate in hands-on, interactive sessions to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.



**For youth in grades 7th and up**

in the following counties: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Portage, Washington, Waupaca, and Winnebago.



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# CALLING ALL CAMP STAFF!

We are seeking youth currently in grades 8 - 13 to act as camp counselors and waterfront staff at 4-H camps this summer. We are intending to host 3 day camps, one weekend-long residential camp (3 days, 2 nights for campers), and one teen outdoor adventure camp in mid-summer. Youth will not need to lead at every camp offered. If you have any interest in being a part of camp staff, please apply!

The Camp Staff application will be open from December 1st - January 12th. Applicants will be invited to initial trainings upon application.

Apply today here:

[https://tinyurl.com/4HCampStaff2024.](https://tinyurl.com/4HCampStaff2024)

SAVE THE DATE

## CAMP MAROCOSHA

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JUNE 14 - 16, 2024  
CAMP BIRD

- Arts & Crafts
- STEM
- Stargazing
- Archery
- Indoor games
- Outdoor games
- Storytelling
- Water Activities

Registration opens March 1, 2024

\$125 per 4-H camper

\$150 per non 4-H camper

*\*Full payment due May 17, 2024*

GRADES  
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