

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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Happy National 4-H Week!

This week is a great opportunity to share our love of 4-H and pride in our program. Be sure to check out our Facebook posts for chances to do just that! We have some great opportunities coming up at the local, state, and National levels, so be sure to re-enroll in 4Honline as soon as possible to stay informed. Planning is already underway for some amazing camp opportunities including Winter Teen Leadership camp and overnight summer camp. Your Leader's Association is working hard to plan a recognition and Achievement Event as well. There will be so many fun and educational experiences ahead, it is going to be a great year. If you have any ideas of things you would like to see planned, please reach out to the Extension Office, or attend an upcoming Leaders Association meeting, we would love to hear from you! I hope all of you are getting to enjoy some of this beautiful warm fall weather we are having! I just love getting out this time of year to enjoy the sunshine and colors our area has to offer as long as it lasts.



Take Care,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/29	Leaders Association Meeting – 6:30 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall
11/1	Annual Charter Paperwork due to Office	
12/2	Achievement Night	St. Anne’s Parish Lena, WI

Leaders Association Meeting – October 29

Please join us for the next Leaders Association meeting on Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 pm at the Oconto Falls Town Hall. This is an important meeting where they will be having officer elections and 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 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

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 the 4-H pledge. Click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

Beef Demo – Hosted by Cam Wagner and Family

It was a beautiful evening for an AMAZING & informative beef demo hosted by Cam Wagner and family. I think we all learned something new. Beef require a lot of time, care and most importantly hair products! It was nice that Cam mentioned past 4H members he has learned some things from threw out his beef journey. Sophia his new heifer was a great model. Thank you to all who attended and to Miss Addie for assisting and serving refreshments. Wagner family we appreciate you taking the time to share your beautiful homestead with us! – Submitted by Northern Riders 4-H Club



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/>

4-H Thriving Survey

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/>) and will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of October. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card!

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#).

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.



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.../>



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](#).

Achievement Night – Save the Date

Achievement night will be held on Saturday, December 2. The doors will open at 5:30 and a potluck will begin at 6:00. It will be held at St. Anne's Parish in Lena. More information to follow.



Winter Camp

Plans are underway for yet another amazing Teen Leadership Winter Overnight Camp opportunity for youth in grades 7 and up. If you have attended in the past and would like to participate in the planning process this year please reach out to Aimee at aimee.elkins@wisc.edu. More information to come!



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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