

# 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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## January 2024

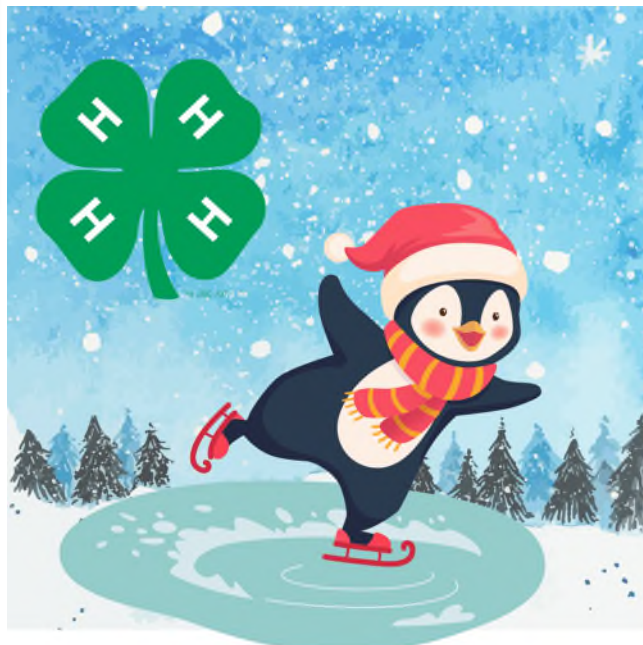
Happy New Year 4-H Families!

I hope that you all enjoyed your holiday time doing exactly what you needed most. We have certainly had an interesting winter so far! It seems the cold is starting to creep in, and I am sure the snow is soon to follow! Winter is not a time to hibernate for 4-H however, there are so many great opportunities to take advantage of year-round. Check out all the details in the newsletter and contact us in the 4-H office for help with registration, if you have any questions, or need any accommodations to participate in any of the activities or events.

Stay warm, stay safe, stay healthy, and most of all have some fun this Winter!

Aimee Elkins

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/14	Painting Workshop 6:00 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall
1/28	Leaders Association Meeting 6:00 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall
3/16	Beef Weigh In	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/7	Oconto County Spring Fling Project Day – More info to Follow	St. Anne's Lena
4/27	Sheep/Goat Weigh In	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/27	Swine Tag Pickup	Oconto County Fairgrounds
5/14	YQCA Training for 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Members 6-8 pm	Oconto Falls High School Ag Room
6/2	Animal Project Education Point Day Covering Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine	Oconto County Fairgrounds
6/14-6/16	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/17	Oconto County Youth Fair – Cat, Dog, Horse, Small Animal Day	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/22-8/25	Oconto County Youth Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds

## 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\*

## Fair Updates – Watch for More Updates

- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Beef weigh in at the fairgrounds
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Sheep/Goat weigh in at the fairgrounds
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Swine tag pickup at the fairgrounds
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – YQCA training for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> year members at the Oconto Falls High School Ag room 6-8 pm
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Animal project education point day at the fairgrounds – multiple sessions will cover Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Cat, Dog, Horse and Small Animal day at the fairgrounds
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Oconto County Youth Fair

## Save the Date!! Oconto County Spring Fling Project day

April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 at St. Anne's in Lena hosted by the Lena Rocketeers 4-H Club and Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association. An entire day of project learning is being planned with focus areas on animal and non-animal projects. More information to come as it is available. If you have a specific project or talent you would like to see or share that day please contact the 4-H office!

## 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](#)

## Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 6 pm at the Oconto Falls Town Hall. Please come and share your ideas and learn about upcoming events that are being planned.

## 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.



## Lena Rocketeers Visit Rennes West

On Sunday, December 10, Lena Rocketeer members went to Rennes West in Peshtigo to play BINGO with the residents. The 4-H group brought prizes for the residents.



## 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/>.





# 2024 Regional 4-H Communication Arts Contest

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
8: 30 a.m. Check-in and Welcome

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** March 22, 2024

All entries accepted <https://v2.4honline.com>

**AGE:** Open to all youth in grades K – 13 who are members of an organized youth group under adult leadership.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- The Creative Arts Festival is a family event. Family and friends of all ages are welcome to attend.
- Watch your email for more information regarding the 4-H Regional Communication Arts Contest
- Each participant will be judged face-to-face immediately following the presentation.
- All entries must have a title.

For more information regarding this opportunity please call Sarah Tarjeson, [sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu) or 920-459-5915



The poster features a green header with the 4-H logo and the text "2024 EASTERN REGION COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST". To the right of the text are icons for a microphone, hands holding a heart, a play button, a globe, and a heart. Below the header, the date and time are listed as "SAT APRIL 6 TH 2024" from "9:00 am. 12:00 pm" at "UW Green Bay Sheboygan Campus". A list of five options is provided: "ORIGINAL SPEECH" (with a crown icon), "INTERPRETIVE" (with a theater mask icon), "READERS THEATER & STORYTELLING" (with a book icon), "DEMONSTRATION" (with a screen icon), and "INTERVIEW" (with a speech bubble icon). A circular photo of a young girl speaking into a microphone is on the right. At the bottom, it says "Register in 4-H online FEB 1<sup>ST</sup> through MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>".

## Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H civic engagement experience for high school youth. For seven days, teens from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions and hear from prominent speakers, influential leaders and engaging young people who have created an impact. They will connect with 500 other teens as they learn the skills needed to lead in their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future. Learn more at [go.wisc.edu/CWF](http://go.wisc.edu/CWF).

CWF is hosted in Washington, DC and is scheduled for June 15-22 2024. Interested applicants need to complete the following tasks:

Complete the CWF application via 4honline by January 2, 2024

Submit a \$500 deposit by January 15, 2024

Work with your local 4-H county/tribal program to learn about local scholarship opportunities + make a fundraising plan for the remaining balance

The full cost of this experience is estimated at \$2500 per person, which includes: Airfare from Wisconsin to Washington, DC (exact airport(s) TBD); Seven nights of room & board at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda; Most meals; DC-area transportation, site visits, and program materials.

This experience typically fills quickly; don't wait to apply!

**2024**

# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

**JUNE 15-22, 2024**  
**WASHINGTON D.C.**

Learn about:  
Citizenship  
Congressional Issues  
Bill Writing  
Action Planning

**Opens to Youth Grades 10-12**

Registration Opens  
Dec 1st  
in 4HOnline

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## Wildlife & Woods Series

Join us for virtual opportunities to explore Wildlife & Woods! This virtual series is returning for 2024 and is open to youth in grades K-5, their parents/guardians, and adult leaders. Register today to explore and learn about Wildlife & Woods! Registration is open now in 4HOnline for this virtual series. You may participate in as many hour long sessions as you like!



**Wildlife & Woods**

**EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES**

**FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5**

**JAN. 24, 2024**

**FEB. 28, 2024**

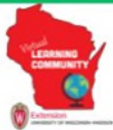
**MAR. 27, 2024**

**APRIL 24, 2024**

**MAY 22, 2024**

**Register via 4-H Online**  
**wi.4honline.com**

The poster features a green background with a circular illustration on the right side. The illustration depicts a forest scene with a large tree, a deer, two rabbits, and a butterfly. The text is arranged in a vertical list on the left side of the poster.



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc)



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## 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**



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

President – Brooke Schaal (Little Seedlings)

Vice President – Riley Windus (Lena Rocketeers)

Secretary – Amber Seitz (Morgan Badgers)

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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>.



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  
3-7**







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# Oconto County 4-H Painting Workshop

with Kathy Beschta

SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH  
6:00PM OCONTO FALLS TOWN HALL  
8680 CTY 22 OCONTO FALLS  
RSVP TO AMY BY JAN. 10TH  
920-834-6845 OR [AMY.BREHMER@CO.OCONTO.WI.US](mailto:AMY.BREHMER@CO.OCONTO.WI.US)

FOR ACCOMODATIONS PLEASE CONTACT AIMEE AT  
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## See you there!