

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.



April 2024

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Hello Oconto County 4-H Families!

It is time to start thinking Spring! In true Wisconsin fashion- of course we will be getting some late season cold and weather in the mix. For anyone that will be traveling for spring break this year I hope that you have safe travels, and to all I hope this time of year brings you some of all the things you love! I really enjoy all of the new life that the spring season brings. We start to see some of our birds, animals, and plants returning and starting to multiply, grow, and blossom. I know many of our animal families have either enjoyed some babies being born this winter, or will be expecting in the spring. With the weather starting to turn, a lot of our projects will also really start to take off. Be sure to review the newsletter closely for important dates, and amazing opportunities coming up in the next few months. April is volunteer appreciation month- I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of our adult and youth volunteers that give of their time, talent, and energy to help our Oconto County 4-H Program Thrive. Please take a moment this month to reach out and thank the volunteers that have made a difference in your life!

Warmly,

Aimee Elkins
4-H Positive Youth Development Educator/WI 4-H Program
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/7	Oconto County Spring Fling Project Day – More info to Follow	St. Anne’s Lena
4/13	Clothing Revue – 1:00 pm	The Shop on Main, Oconto
4/27	Sheep/Goat Weigh In	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/27	Swine Tag Pickup	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/28	Horse Project Meeting – 1:00 pm	Kathie Beschta’s house 6401 Kriescher Ln, Lena
5/14	YQCA Training for 1 st -3 rd 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
6/14-16	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/17	Oconto County Youth Fair – Cat, Dog, Horse, Small Animal Day	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/22-25	Oconto County Youth Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds

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.

- 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 projects for the fair**
- 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 the emails that are sent out

Fair Updates – Watch for More Updates

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



Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21 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.

4-H Volunteer Impact Study

Volunteers in 4-H make a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region.

This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected, you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate.

You may be picked! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences.

Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational, and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region.

Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!

RESPOND TO THE

4-H VOLUNTEER IMPACT STUDY

WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Wisconsin is participating in the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study! A random sample of 1000 volunteers from each of 12 states will be surveyed to learn more about volunteer impact in our state.

YOU MAY BE PICKED!!!
If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences!!!

Clothing Revue

The Clothing Revue will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 pm at the Shop on Main, 821 Main St., Oconto. Please utilize curbside parking only!

What is a clothing revue?

The clothing revue is a fun event for all boys and girls in 4-H, grades kindergarten through one year post high school, to model what they have made or purchased. This event includes knitting, crocheting, sewing, consumer savvy*, or alterations*. You do not need to be enrolled in these projects. Ribbons will be awarded.

What you can do:

- ❖ Make something to wear – this can be an entire outfit or just one thing. (Ex: a hat or a hat, mittens, and scarf to match, a shirt, pajamas, etc.) Or you can purchase an entire outfit.
- ❖ You will wear your creation before the judge and tell him/her all about it. The judge may not touch your garment at all, they will only judge on how it looks on you.
- ❖ You will then model your outfit while the Master of Ceremony reads the card that you sent in with your registration.

*What is consumer savvy? Rather than making the garment, you go out and purchase it along with accessories to make a complete outfit. (Shirt, pants, shoes, socks, belt, etc.)

*What does alterations mean? This is a changed outfit that you wear; it can be something that is too big for you and you altered it to fit you, maybe a dress of your mom's. Or it can be a huge t-shirt that you made into a dress.

*You will be judged on: Overall look, construction of garment, knowledge, and presentation.

WI 4-H Area Animal Science Days – Save the Dates

<p>WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS <i>Save the Dates</i></p> <hr/> <p>SHAWANO COUNTY JUNE 18TH</p> <p>GREEN COUNTY JUNE 20TH</p>	
 <p>WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION</p>	

Save the Date! 2024 WI Restorative Justice Summit

Save the date for our 5th annual Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit, July 11 in Madison. The Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit (WRJS) is a chance for youth people and adults to convene, connect, and network. The WRJS is known for inspiring restorative practices in an inclusive setting, where you can learn from diverse lived experiences and engage in innovative discussions from restorative justice practitioners from across the state of Wisconsin. Come connect and network; engage with our keynote speaker; share your experiences with restorative practices; and take part in authentic, interactive breakout sessions.


Don't miss the 2024 Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit on July 11!



SAVE THE DATE! 2024 WISCONSIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT

EMPOWERING VOICES: INNOVATIVE AND
INCLUSIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

 **DATE**
July 11, 2024

 **LOCATION**
Madison State College Truax
Campus
1701 Wright Street, Madison,
WI 53704
Truax Building, Room D1630

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



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AND ADULTS.

Horse Project Updates

The WI 4-H Horse Association has updated their handbook for the year. Link:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>

This is where you will find the calendar of events, information about specific state horse activities and rules, and much more.

April 28th, 1:00 pm Horse Project Spring Meeting at Kathie Beschta's house. 6401 Kriescher Rd, Lena, WI 54139. Please call 920-829-5417 with questions. Attendance is highly recommended. Have your horse's birthdate (if known) and other information handy to fill out the Horse Information Sheets at the meeting.

May 1st, Horse Information Sheets and Code of Conduct forms due to Kathie Beschta. Fill them out at the meeting or email them to Kathie. paintingsbykathie@gmail.com or text 920-829-5417.

May 19th, Oconto County Fairgrounds, 1:00 PM, Grooming, Tack Prep and other useful demonstrations and information. If you would like to earn an Education Credit to go towards your Sale of Champions requirement, consider doing a demonstration for the group. Contact Kathie Beschta with your idea.

Horse Practice Ring Nights

Negative Coggins Required at your first practice

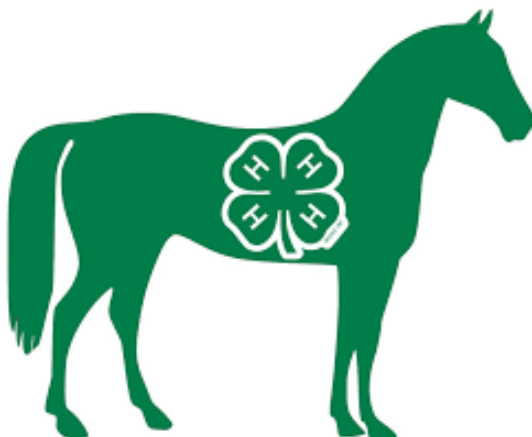
You must attend at least 1 Ring Night to participate in the horse show. More than 1 is recommended.

Tues. June 11	6:00 PM Fairgrounds
Thurs. June 27	6:00 PM Fairgrounds
Thurs. July 11	6:00 PM Fairgrounds
Tues. July 23	6:00 PM Fairgrounds
Thurs. Aug. 1	6:00 PM Fairgrounds
Thurs. Aug. 8	6:00 PM Fairgrounds

Wed. Aug. 7, all remaining paperwork is due to Kathie Beschta. Horse Health Record, Horse Project Record, Educational Points and Credits Record. Email, text or snail mail to Kathie Beschta.

Oconto County Youth 4H Horse Show

Sat. August 17th, 2024. 9:00 AM. Please do not arrive before 8:30.



WI 4-H Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week

UW-Extension — Oconto is proud to announce Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 21-27, 2024, a time to honor the devoted individuals who generously give their time and talent to support Wisconsin 4-H.

Our volunteers are the backbone of 4-H, committed to helping provide opportunities for youth to learn vital life skills such as decision-making, problem-solving, caring for others, generosity, and making healthy choices.



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!



The poster features a green background with a circular illustration of a forest scene containing a tree, a deer, and two rabbits. Text on the poster includes the title 'Wildlife & Woods' in a cursive font, 'EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES' in bold, and a list of dates: 'JAN. 24, 2024', 'FEB. 28, 2024', 'MAR. 27, 2024', 'APRIL 24, 2024', and 'MAY 22, 2024'. Registration information is provided as 'Register via 4-H Online wi.4honline.com'. Logos for Oconto County and UW-Madison Extension are at the bottom, along with a URL: '4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc'. A small disclaimer at the bottom states: 'An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.'

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 at aimee.elkins@wisc.edu if you have any requests, needs, or questions.



MarOcoSha Summer Camp 2024 Registration is Open!

We are excited to be offering a three-day, two-night 4-H Camp for Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano Counties to be held at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI from June 14th-16th this year!

We have a great staff of teens and adults that have already spent many hours in training and preparation for your child to arrive. This is a great chance to spend time outdoors, make new friends, and even learn a bit! Activities already in the schedule are swimming, Raccoon Circles (team building), campfires, hikes, lots of games, and canoeing or kayaking! Our camp food is awesome, just ask former campers. This will be a week of actively enjoying nature, the outdoors, and the fellowship of new friends while learning. We also have a health supervisor and lifeguard on staff.

Campers can choose to be transported by bus from one of several stops. The location of these stops will be determined where campers are registering from. We will contact you closer to camp to confirm which location your youth would like to board. If a bus option is not chosen, a scheduled drop off time at Camp Bird can be arranged.

- **4-H members cost \$125 camp payment.** Due to the generosity of the Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association, and funds primarily obtained through the annual 4-H fair food stand and raffle, **Oconto County 4-H Members are only responsible for \$31.25 (per camper registered to attend).** Money must be sent to the Oconto County Extension Office prior to May 10th or your spot may be given to a wait list camper.
- **Non 4-H members** will be responsible to submit **\$150 camp payment** (per camper registered to attend). Money must be sent to the Marinette County Extension Office prior to May 10th or your spot may be given to a wait list camper.

CANCELLATION POLICY (New in 2024) - If you need to cancel your registration, you may do so, without penalty prior to June 1, 2024. If cancelling your registration on, or after June 1, 2024, a \$50 per camper late cancellation fee will be assessed. Please contact the Shawano County Extension Office (715-526-6136) if you need to cancel for any reason.

REGISTER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/MarOcoSha24> ****More than one youth to register? Please submit a new form for EACH youth.**

If we reach our maximum number of campers, we will start a waitlist.

If you have questions or are needing financial assistance, please reach out to your 4-H Educator: Aimee Elkins (aimee.elkins@wisc.edu)



Summer Academy

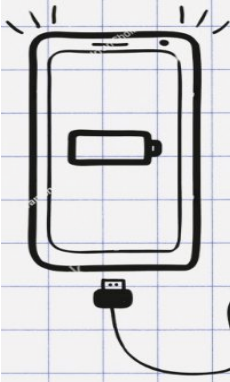
SAVE THE DATE. June 24-27, 2024. Hosted by Wisconsin 4-H and Community Youth Development of UW-Madison Extension.

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, June 24-27, 2024. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you dis-cover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

Track offerings for 2024 Summer Academy are still being determined. Check back here soon for more information: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

SAVE THE DATE SUMMER ACADEMY

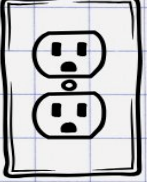

CHARGE YOUR SPARKS



JUNE 24- 27, 2024
UW-MADISON CAMPUS

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
WITH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE FOR 11TH GRADE +

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST, 2024
GO.WISC.EDU/4HSUMMERACADEMY

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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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SPRING FLING PROJECT DAY



04/07/24

St.
Annes
Church
Lena

1PM-5PM

ANIMAL PROJECT SESSIONS 1-3PM
NON-ANIMAL PROJECT SESSIONS 3-5PM

Registration is required by March 31st- some sessions have limited space! Use this link-
<https://forms.gle/2Gcu5FshH1La9Gj37>

Light snacks and refreshments will be available.

Contact Aimee to request accomodations for this event
aimee.elkins@wisc.edu

Clothing Revue

April 13, 2024

1:00 P.M.

The Shop on Main – 821 Main St, Oconto WI 54153

Name: _____

Address: _____

Male Female Age: _____ Phone: _____

Garment: _____

Garment Category: _____

Each participant must include a 3x5-index card with information about himself or herself. Please include this card with your registration form. Please include your name, age, fiber content, and things you like to do. Below is an example.

Watch out! Here comes 9-year-old John Doe looking cool and ready for the beach in his 100 % cotton button down shirt with a snazzy Hawaiian print and pocket. In this shirt, John is ready for all his favorite things, whether it be the church picnic, playing ball with his friends or riding his bike, he is sure to stay comfy!

Please return registration form by April 4th to:

Extension Oconto County Attn: Amy

301 Washington St

Oconto, WI 54153

Or email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us

Please call the office with questions 920-834-6845.

Oconto County Clothing Revue Judging Sheet

2024 Clothing Revue



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Name _____ Club _____

Grade _____ Age (as of January 1, 2024) _____

Date of competition April 13, 2024

Article Shown _____

	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	NEEDS WORK	COMMENTS
OVERALL LOOK:				
Retains Fresh Appearance				
Color & Style				
Good Fabric Choice				
Accessories				
Appropriate Undergarments				
INDIVIDUAL:				
Grooming				
Posture				
Poise				
FIT:				
Neck Area				
Armholes				
Sleeves				
Bodice				
Waist				
Hips				
Hang of Garment				
CONSTRUCTION:				
Overall Sewing				
Hem Length				
Knowledge				

Placing (please circle):

1st

2nd

3rd