

# 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.



## November 2024

Happy November, 4-H Families!

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As the days grow shorter and the crisp autumn air turns to winter's chill, we're reminded of the warmth and joy that comes from being part of such an incredible organization and community. This month, as we focus on gratitude, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for each and every one of you who make our 4-H Program so special.

Don't forget, it's time to enroll or renew your membership for the new 4-H year! Be sure to check out the rest of this newsletter for exciting upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. Let's celebrate this season of thankfulness and the many moments we share together. Here's to a month full of connection, learning, and gratitude!

Your Oconto County 4-H Team,

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## 4-H Enrollment is OPEN!

Enroll through  
4-H online at  
<https://v2.4honline.com/>



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>12/8</b>	<b>Leaders Association Meeting 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Oconto Falls Town Hall</b>
<b>1/3-1/5</b>	<b>Winter Camp</b>	<b>More info to Come</b>
<b>6/23-6/27</b>	<b>Summer Camp</b>	<b>Camp Bird</b>

## Horse Quiz Bowl

New this year, one of our 4-H leader's, Brigid McDowell, is starting a horse quiz bowl team. She is looking for teammates and another leader or two to help her out. If you are interested or have questions please reach out to Brigid at 920-834-9947, this is a land line and doesn't receive text messages.

The 4-H Horse Bowl provides an opportunity for youth in grades 3-13 and enrolled in 4-H horse or horseless projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting. These contests provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

Youth answer questions in teams of 3 or 4 members and compete against other teams in the same class. Senior class competitors also complete a written exam on their knowledge.

These events consist of quiz-style questions about the following topics: Nutrition and Feed, Health and Diseases, History, Evolution and Breeds, Reproduction and Genetics, Anatomy, and Showmanship Basics.



## 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.

## New, Free 4-H Harmony Guide

Do you ever feel like you're running out of ideas for icebreakers or ways to help youth connect? The 4-H Harmony Guide: Meet Up, Buddy Up, is a set of hundreds of cards and activities you can use with youth of all ages.

Best of all, it's a new, [free download from Shop4-H!](#)

Three types of cards (Collaborations, Conversations, and Community Builders) are designed for two different age groups (Early Childhood and Upper Grades). All the cards are meant to build connection and community by helping youth meet up with each other and buddy up to work and play together. Make conversations a regular part of 4-H gatherings. Regular conversations, even short ones, can help young people connect to others and build a sense of belonging. Conversations can also help young people learn and develop important life skills that help them thrive! Club and Project volunteers can use these cards in meetings with youth. Camp counselors and other youth leaders

can use them in their programs. The cards can be a training tool or just for fun.

Request your [free download](#) and get started today!

## Attention Adult Volunteers

There are volunteers that are in need of completing training and/or background screening. If you reenrolled but did not receive a confirmation email from UW-Madison with your role descriptions, you are not yet fully approved and need to reach out to us as soon as possible. The 4-H office will let you know what is needed and where to find the training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 920-834-6845.

If you haven't enrolled as a volunteer yet, please do so ASAP.



## Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest

Cedar Crest Ice Cream is looking for a new flavor from Wisconsin 4-Hers again! This year's contest kicked off September 1 and entries will be accepted until November 15. More information can be found here:

[Wis4HFoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/](https://Wis4HFoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/).



# Winter Camp

All youth in grades 7 and up are invited to join us at Winter Camp! The cost of camp is \$175 per camper, but the Leaders Association will cover 75% of that fee, so each child would have to pay \$40.75. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H office at 920-834-6845.

Save the Date  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Winter LEADERSHIP CAMP**  
@Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca

Registration Opens  
**Oct 14, 2024**  
Registration Closes  
**Dec 3, 2024**

Scan to register.

A weekend full of leadership development and fun! From team building 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, Sheboygan, and Waupaca

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# Thriving Survey

In November, 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](#) 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 November. 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, please visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#). Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.

## Member Re-Enrollment

Our new enrollment year for 2025 began on October 1.

Members and leaders must re-enroll each year by November 30. Regular members must be in 3rd 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.

Re-enrollment deadline is November 30, 2024.

\*New members can join at any time but must enroll by April 30 to enter in the Fair.

\*April 30 is also the deadline to add or drop projects. \*You must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit at the Fair in that project.

You can register [here](#). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call our office at 920-834-6845 or email [amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us).

**\*It's all treats and no tricks, if you are enrolled by October 31, your name will be registered to win a variety of prizes.**



Enroll Today!

## Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association Meeting will be Sunday, December 8 at the Oconto Falls Town Hall at 6:00 pm. Please join us!

## WI 4-H Program Booklet 2024-25 Now Available

This year's booklet is full of exciting opportunities for 4-H families, members, and volunteers at the state level. These state programs offer valuable educational experiences that help youth develop lifelong skills and form lasting friendships. Whether your 4-H member is ready to create something amazing at Arts Camp in Upham Woods, embark on a thrilling adventure at Space Camp in Huntsville, or showcase their talents in a State Judging Competition, we're confident there's a spark waiting for every 4-H member in this year's offerings.

If you are a volunteer interested in applying to serve as an adult advisor for one of our state or national educational experiences, you can read about the application process and [apply right now through our website!](#)

We can't wait to see all the incredible things our 4-H members will accomplish this year!

Check it out below!

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

## Lena Rocketeers Enjoyed Pumpkin Carving

The Lena Rocketeers enjoyed a night of pumpkin carving at their October club meeting.



## Space Camp

May 1-5, 2025. 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.



## American Spirit East Trip

June 20-29, 2025. All youth grades 8-10 are invited to experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada — Youth-led content throughout the experience — Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred — Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation.

Highlighted Location(s): ▪ Nappanee, Indiana ▪ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ▪ New York City, New York ▪ Boston, Massachusetts ▪ Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts  
▪ Gloucester, Massachusetts ▪ Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (A passport will be needed!)

Pre-registration is available in 4-H online starting November 10 and ending November 30. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes questions for the youth participant to answer.

For more information visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spirit-east/>

## 4-H Trips

Just a reminder that our Leaders Association graciously pays for 75% of all 4-H trips for our youth members. If you have any questions about any upcoming events, please reach out!

## Fall Forum 2024 Update

We had 4 Oconto County 4-H members attend the 2024 Fall Forum in Stevens Point that was held November 2-3.



## WI 4-H Foundation Kicks off Photography Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

The contest is broken into three categories:

1. General Photography
2. 4-H Experience Photography
3. Clovers on Film

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$50 cash award. The Best of Show entry will receive an additional \$100 cash award. Other photographs may be recognized but will not receive a cash award. To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Photography Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4H Online for the 2024-2025 4-H Program Year.

### Entry Information

- Entries will be accepted from Friday, November 1, 2024, until midnight on Friday, January 31, 2025.
- A photo of the entry and the completed entry form must be submitted through the contest website: [https:// wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/](https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/)
- Each photographer may submit up to one entry in each of the three categories but may submit only one entry in each category.

For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit, please visit:

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.

The winning photos from each category and the Best of Show will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. In addition, any entry may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to promote the 4-H program and/or to raise funds for the Wisconsin 4-H program. Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts event 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.





## Tractor Supply (TSC) Paper Clover Promotion Update

The Paper Clover Campaign has been moved to: November 29 – December 15, 2024

The In-Store Promotion opportunity sign up is now open. The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has worked with 4-H for the past several years by coordinating a paper clover campaign held twice each year. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each Wisconsin TSC store go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming and financial aid assistance.

The WI 4-H Foundation will provide an incentive to any 4-H club or individual 4-H member who does an in-store promotion at a TSC store during the Fall/ Winter 2024 Paper Clover Campaign.

A \$50 TSC gift card will be given to any club who completes an in-store promotion and a \$25 TSC gift card will be given to any 4-H member who completes an in-store promotion during this Paper Clover Campaign. Online registration is required.

Please read this document before signing up:

[Fall/Winter24 TSCPC Promo Offer-Info and Guidelines](#)

Guidelines include:

\*Any Wisconsin 4-H club or individual member may reserve ONE promotion date.

\*Promotion reservations are available for each Saturday or Sunday of the Paper Clover Campaign (Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 2024). The timing of the promotion is determined by the Store Manager.

\*Only one club or individual may do an in-store promotion at any store at one time. Time slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*To reserve a date, click on the link below. Fill out the reservation form (all fields are required). \*When you have confirmed your date, the club or individual MUST get Store Manager permission to do the promotion. The Store Manager will provide info about what is allowed, timing, location, etc.

**CLAIMING YOUR REWARD:** When the promotion is completed, in order to receive your reward, clubs/ individuals must email a photo of the activity (but several photos are appreciated!) within 30 days, and the WI 4-H Foundation will send the gift card to the address provided on the reservation form. Photos may

be used for marketing purposes and on social media.

Sign up is open now, and registration is required. Click [here](#).

\*\*Please remember—one club per spot (if you sign up for multiple slots, only one will be accepted—save slots for other clubs to participate!)



## 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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