

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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Welcome to a New 4-H Year!

As we kick off another exciting year in Oconto County 4-H, we're thrilled to invite you to re-enroll and continue your 4-H journey! Please reach out if you have any questions with this. Whether you're a returning member or new to the program, there are plenty of fun activities and learning opportunities ahead. Check out this newsletter for details on upcoming events, project workshops, and other exciting opportunities. We can't wait to see what this year has in store and are looking forward to growing, learning, and making memories together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/28	Leaders Association Meeting 6:00 pm	Oconto Falls Town Hall
11/9	Achievement Day 5:30 pm	St. Anne's Parish Lena
1/3-1/5	Winter Camp	More info to Come
6/23-6/27	Summer Camp	Camp Bird

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.

Important 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 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.



Join us for some Fall Family Fun!

We will be promoting 4-H at 2 upcoming events and would love to see you there!

- Wednesday, October 23 – Fall Family Night at the Bond Community Center in Oconto. We will be there from 4 pm – 7:30 pm. This is a free event featuring lots of fun for the whole family!
- Saturday, October 26 – Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail down the west side beach trail, 307-399 N Flatley Ave. We will be there from 10 am – 12 pm. The trail will feature treats, vendors, games, activities, prizes and pumpkins.



Save the Dates

Plans are underway for another amazing Teen Leadership Winter overnight camp opportunity for youth in grades 7 and up. Camp will be held January 3-5, 2025. 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!



Plans are also underway for MarOcoSha summer camp at Camp Bird. Camp will be held June 23-27 this year. If you are interested in being a camp counselor, please reach out to Aimee at aimee.elkins@wisc.edu.



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.

***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 Monday, October 28 at the Oconto Falls Town Hall at 6:00 pm. Please join us, we will be accepting nominations and voting in a new secretary.

Achievement Day

Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, November 9, at St. Anne's Parish in Lena. The doors will open at 5:30 with a potluck beginning at 6:00. The leaders association will be providing pulled pork, please bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Amy by Monday, November 4 at amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us or call 920-834-6845.

Join us

National 4-H Week is October 6-12

National 4-H Week is here! Running from October 6-12th, National 4-H Week is the perfect time to show off your 4-H spirit! This year, Wisconsin 4-H is celebrating by [participating in a statewide service project](#), promoting 4-H, and by participating in the themed National 4-H Week on social media! Check out the social media schedule below:

- **Service Sunday:** Complete an act of service or share about an act of service you have completed
- **Memory Monday:** Share your Favorite 4-H memory with us
- **Thank You Tuesday:** Thank a local educator, club leader, or 4-H volunteer
- **Wear It Wednesday:** Wear your favorite 4-H gear
- **Throwback Thursday:** Post a throwback photo
- **Fun Fact Friday:** Share your favorite 4-H fun fact!
- **Sing Along Saturday:** What's your favorite 4-H song?

You can follow along and share with us on social media by following Wisconsin 4-H on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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IGNITE YOUR SPARK FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

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Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:



<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>



Stay tuned for more National 4-H Week activities



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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