

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes November 18th, 2016

New Stuff

January Thaw Project Event, January 7th

January Thaw will be held on January 7th at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls. This is an all-day event with five individual project sessions, Team Building activities, a community service project and lunch (for a small fee) provided by Northern Riders. Members will bring in their completed challenges, get some feedback from the Project Leader and other members and receive another challenge for Spring Fling.

Challenges were available at 4-H Fall Kick-off which was held just before the Achievement Banquet on November 5th. Challenges will be available online next week or you may contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.

Online registration will open soon. Watch Friday Notes.

Two new January Thaw project areas this year:

Hiking Challenge:

Step 1. Choose to create: a poster (14x22 stiff cardboard) or a scrapbook page (8 1/2 X11 or 12 x 12)

Step 2. Select 10 or more items necessary for your hike.

- footwear (closed toe shoes or boots that offer support) & thick socks
- weather protection (sun, wind, rain) layers of clothing (temperature)
- maps, compass, GPS, and phones to plan your route (consider if electronic devices will function in your chosen location. Also consider how long your hike should take (distance, terrain, & pace)
- emergency contact information (dog tags, note card with names & phone #)
- first aid supplies, food (light weight/high protein snacks) & water



Performing Arts Challenge

Research Reader's Theatre and bring in a play that would qualify.

January Thaw and Spring Fling Lunch Hosts Selected

Thank you to Northern Riders and Willing Workers for volunteering to host the lunches at January Thaw and Spring Fling project events. Each year clubs or offered an opportunity, on a first come, first served basis, to host the lunch at our two, all-day project events. Each club gets to keep all the profits from the lunch/snack sales. Profits average around \$200-\$300.

Remember to Re-enroll on 4-H Online

In order to be eligible to show at the fair, qualify for 4-H travel experiences, receive the 50% discount to attend Summer Camp or receive any of the awards handed out the Achievement Banquet, you must be enrolled on 4-H Online each year. Just go to www.4honline.com and follow the instructions. Contact Arvilla at (920) 834-4845 if you need assistance or have any questions.

Equity Livestock Scholarship Opportunity, November 28th

Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association is offering ten \$1,000 college scholarships and two \$750 technical college scholarships. Students must have completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, or any student who has completed one semester at a technical college.

Scholarship Criteria:

- cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale
- student or their parent(s) is an active patron of Equity

How to get an application:

Complete application online from the home page of the Equity website at www.equitycoop.com, or contact Janice Schyvinck at (800) 362-3989, ext. 152.

Application, transcript and letters of reference all due by November 28, 2016.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships, Applications Due March 15th

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2017.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year. All applications must adhere to the strict conventions. Any application that does not meet these requirements (including all document names) will not be considered. All documents must be attachments to the email; Google docs or any cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted. See the attachment for more information.



4-H WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP



4-H Winter Leadership Camp, Applications due December 31

Winter Leadership camp will be held February 10-12th at Camp TaPaWingo, near Mishicot. This camp is open to 6-9th graders. With 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 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.

A flyer is attached. Feel free to contact Arvilla, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us, (920) 834-6845, for information on how to apply. Financial assistance may be available.

Fun Stuff to Do

Don't forget to let us know what fun things your club is doing so we can post it here and on our website. We would like share your experiences with other 4-H clubs. This would be a great task for a club reporter. Please send your information to arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us. Remember to include some pix!

Upcoming Events

New Dog Obedience Training Location!

The new location for dog obedience training sessions for 2017 will be in the Gillett Exhibition building on the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett. Your instructors, once again, will be Cheryl Schinker, Jamie Lesczykowski and Annie Lesczykowski. Date and times of the sessions will be announced next year. If you have questions about this project, contact Annie Lesczykowski at jazyboots_7@yahoo.com.