

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes December 16th, 2016

New Stuff

Paula's Retiring!!!

After almost 20 years of working to make Oconto County's 4-H program the success it is today, Paula Huff, Oconto County UW-Extension 4-H Agent is retiring. If you would like to send her a note of congratulations or want to give her a quick call to say good bye, feel free to do so next week. You may call (920) 834-6846 or email paula.huff @co.oconto.wi.us or send your note to Paula Huff, 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153. Thank you Paula!

Leader's Association Meeting Election Results (no recount required)

Congratulations to our new Board of Director members

Mandalyn Schmidt	Adult Director
McKenzie Meyer	Adult Director
Kolin Farrar	Youth Director

We are still in need of three youth directors. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board as a youth Director contact Kim Kamke at kim@fvfgf.com.

Let's Get Ready for Art Beat!, March 17-18th

4-H Art Beat! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! Art Beat! will be held March 17-18, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more!

Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of Arts & Communication sessions which are hands-on, active and led by 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

The \$50.00 fee will include all materials and supplies, (including a very cool Art Beat! backpack!) special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Both youth and adult participants stay warm and cozy heated cabins! All adults will be considered camp chaperones.

Contact Arvilla at (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us if you would like to attend this great opportunity to explore the arts in 4-H. **Financial assistance may be available to cover the cost.** This camp fills up fast! Register early!

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017

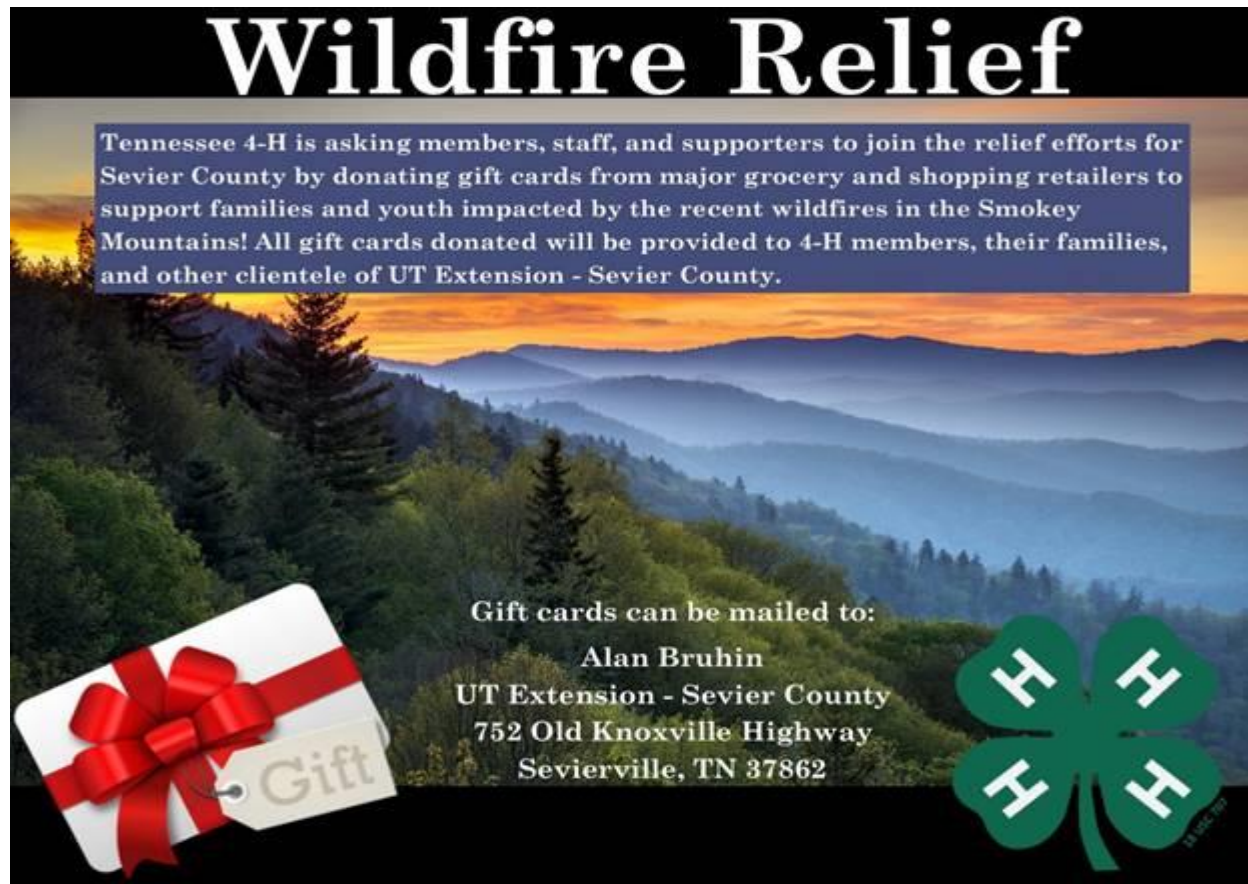
Tennessee 4-H Wildfire Relief, 4-H members need your help!

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and Tennessee 4-H are announcing an effort to collect gift cards for people displaced and affected by the wildfires in Sevier County, Tennessee. Fires over the past two days have destroyed thousands of acres of forests, burned hundreds of buildings and businesses and claimed several lives. At the present time we are aware of 30 4-H families that have lost everything in the fire. In addition, a mother and her two daughters are still missing. These two daughters are both 4-H members, ages 12 and 9.

Gift cards of any monetary value to nationally recognized retailers would be extremely helpful. 4-Hers across the state or nation are encouraged to help out as best they can. Affected families will be able to use these cards to buy supplies and necessities in the coming weeks of rebuilding.

Donated gift cards can be mailed to UT Extension, Attn: County Director, 752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, TN 37862. The phone number of the office is 865-453-3695. If individual 4-H families want to donate and desire a tax deductible receipt they should mail a donation, made payable to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation, 2621 Morgan Circle, 205 Morgan Hall, Knoxville, TN 37796. The Tennessee 4-H Foundation will, in turn, purchase gift cards using the donations and send them to the Extension office in Sevier County.

4-H clubs, please be aware that if you decide to donate as a club, you must first raise the funds for that purpose and make that purpose known to those making contributions. If you have any questions about donating to the Tennessee 4-H Wildfire Relief feel free to contact Paula Huff at (920) 834-6846.



Wildfire Relief

Tennessee 4-H is asking members, staff, and supporters to join the relief efforts for Sevier County by donating gift cards from major grocery and shopping retailers to support families and youth impacted by the recent wildfires in the Smokey Mountains! All gift cards donated will be provided to 4-H members, their families, and other clientele of UT Extension - Sevier County.

Gift cards can be mailed to:
Alan Bruhin
UT Extension - Sevier County
752 Old Knoxville Highway
Sevierville, TN 37862

The poster features a scenic view of the Smokey Mountains at sunset. In the foreground, there is a white gift card with a red ribbon and a tag that says "Gift". To the right of the contact information is a green 4-H logo.

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.

Our community project will be creating cards, pictures and notes for the members of our 4-H family that are serving overseas in the military. If you have a family member that you would like us to send these items too please feel free to contact Arvilla at arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us with their contact information.

Challenges are now available online at <http://oconto.uwex.edu/january-thaw/> or you may contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.

Online registration will open soon. Watch Friday Notes.

MAQA Training at January Thaw, January 7th

An MAQA training session will be offered by UW-Extension Agriculture Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd at January Thaw on January 7th, 8:00-9:00am, at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls. Registration is required and will be available soon. Space is limited. Watch Friday Notes for more info. Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified.

State Fair Dairy Promotions Board Scholarship, March 24th

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>.

Application deadline is Friday, March 24.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

Remember to Re-enroll on 4-H Online

In order to 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) 834-6846 if you need assistance or have any questions.



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!

2017 Camp Bird T-shirt Design Contest, April 1, 2017

The weather has been kind of dreary lately. Here's something to do to remind you of summer fun. The N.E.W. 4-H Camp Team (Counties of Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto & Brown) is looking for their 2017 4-H summer camp T-shirt design. The contest is open to 4-H members grades K-13, campers and camp youth staff.

The design should:

- Include the 4-H clover
- Relate to a camping theme
- Be your original artwork (no photos)
- Be able to be reproduced on a t-shirt (in black & white on colored shirt)
- Be 8 ½ X 11 inches
- Include your name, county, age, phone number and e-mail on the back of your design

The winning youth artist will have his or her artwork displayed on the 2017 camp T-shirt and will receive their choice of \$25.00 off of their camp registration or a \$25.00 gift certificate for the 4-H Mall. All other entries will be put into a random drawing and one person will receive their choice of \$25.00 off their camp registration or \$25.00 gift certificate from the 4-H Mall book. Please note that your design will become the property of the N.E.W. Camp Team and will be subject to editing & change at their discretion. Please submit your design to your UW-Extension Office by April 1, 2017.

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 jazzyboots_7@yahoo.com.