



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes



November 17, 2017

Because of the holiday there will be no Friday Notes next week. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Congratulations to All Our 4-H Members!

On Saturday, November 11th, 4-H families from all over Oconto County gathered in Lena for our annual Achievement Banquet. There was food, fun and many beautiful door prizes provide by our 4-H clubs. It was a great time!

Congratulations to all our members for another awesome year of learning, leading, exploring and making new friends. Let's make this year even better.



Awesome Job Everyone!



January Thaw Project Event, January 6th

The Project Development Committee is in full swing, gearing up for January Thaw, Oconto County 4-H's next project event.

January Thaw
Saturday, January 6th
9:00am-3:30pm
Washington Middle School
102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls

If you attended 4-H Fall Kick-Off before the Achievement Banquet on November 11th, then you've already got a taste of what will be offered at January Thaw. If you weren't there, (we missed you) keep reading for more details.

January Thaw is an all-day event made up of five, 55 minute hands-on project sessions, a 30 minute all-inclusive team building activity and a 25 minute lunch break. Participants can sign-up for up to 5 different project sessions. Each project session has a challenge which needs to be completed and brought to each session. At each session 4-H members will actively learn about the project, get some feedback on their completed challenge and receive a further challenge in that project area if they choose.

Registration is required for this event. Registration details and challenges will be available on the UW-Extension website soon. Watch Friday Notes.

Enroll Today!

<https://co.4honline.com>

4Honline
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration



Club Articles

Club articles must be submitted by Thursday noon to appear in that week's Friday Notes. All articles should be edited for proper grammar and spelling, cover the, who, what, where, when, how and why of the event, include the reporter's name and the club involved. If a headshot of the reporter is submitted, that will be placed alongside the article but is not a requirement.



Northern Riders Attend Achievement Banquet Submitted by Harlee Wolf, Reporter

Northern Riders 4-H was well represented at this year's 4-H Achievement Banquet. Congratulations to all Oconto County 4-H members on your accomplishments.

Members Pictured: Parker Zahn, Harlee Wolf, Meghan Wagner, Birdee Cramer, Holly Brock, Ryann Wagner, Hannah Brock, Chloe Schroeder, Emma Anderson, Ginger Gerndt, Claire Anderson, Bunny Cramer, Leader Sherrie Reed.



This new section is devoted to the volunteer opportunities available in our 4-H program. Consider giving back by becoming involved in 4-H at a deeper level and offer to help out in any of these areas.

Board of Directors

The Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association is seeking adults and older youth (8th grade and up) to serve on their Board of Directors. They are looking for individuals that are passionate about 4-H, willing to commit 2 hours once a month to making Oconto County 4-H a growing program and interested in having lively, creative discussions about our 4-H program.

Oconto County 4-H relies heavily on the voice of the board, so be a part of that voice. Elections for both adult and youth board directors will be held during the Leader's Association meeting on December 14th (see page 5). If you are interested in serving as a member of this dynamic panel, please contact Kim Kamke at kimkamke@gmail.com.

Volunteer in Preparation (previously known as Volunteer Orientation) Training Dates

In order to become an adult volunteer in 4-H you must attend a Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training. The training introduces you to the 4-H program and your role and responsibilities when working with youth in our 4-H program. Marinette County will be holding a training next week. The next training in Oconto County will be in January during the January Thaw project event.

Monday, November 20th, 5:30-7:30pm, UW-Extension Office, 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette
(To register for this training, call the Marinette UW-Extension Office at (715) 732-7510)

Saturday, January 6th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Washington Middles School, 102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls
(Registration for this training is not open yet. Watch Friday Notes for further details.)

If you have any questions regarding VIP training or on how to become an Oconto County 4-H volunteer, contact Arvilla Rusnak at (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.



This section of Friday Notes that is dedicated specifically to Travel Experience opportunities in 4-H. The promotion of these TrEx opportunities are the result of the hard work of the TrEx Committee and funded from the profits of the food stand sales at the Oconto County Youth Fair.

4-H Winter Leadership Camp, February 9th-11th

Attention youth leaders in grades 7-8! Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2018 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp. Only 3 delegates will be chosen from those interested in going. All expenses are paid. You must provide your own transportation. Carpooling is a possibility.



It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time...this year's 4-H East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp will be held February 9-11, 2018, at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot, WI.



Older youth from throughout the East Metro Region will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership camp to work on improving their leadership skills through 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 youth 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 and establish new life-long friendships.

Adult leader volunteers are also needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.



A few points to consider when considering this learning experience:

- Youth can only attend this camp once. So if you attended previous years, consider letting other members know what a great time you had and encourage them to go this year.
- 7th and 8th grade students are often best equipped for and prepared to capitalize on this intense learning experience. However, 6th graders are also welcome, if the child, parents and local county feel they are ready for this experience.
- Each county is allotted 3 confirmed delegate spots, with a maximum of 2 female delegates. Additional recommended delegates can be listed on the waiting list, in ranked order. So contact the UW-Extension Office at 4h@co.oconto.wi.us or (920) 834-6846 **by November 17th**. Chosen delegates will be announced in Friday notes on December 3rd.

See page 7 for a flyer.





Space Camp, April 26-30

Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp participants experience the [Pathfinder Program](#). The Pathfinder Program is a 3 day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities, such as:

- Simulated Space Mission (including roles at mission control, on the ISS, in a space shuttle, and on the surface.
- A variety of Space Simulators such as the multi-axis trainer, five degrees of freedom chair, and the space shot.
- Building and launching their own model rocket.
- On-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience.
- Learning all about space exploration and astronaut life in museum tours guided by a Space Camp expert.
- A team quiz bowl where participants test their knowledge against others at the end of camp



Wisconsin 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. They are led by a team of trained Adult Advisors and Space Camp counselors. Counselors are former Space Camp participants who are outstanding leaders. Counselors lead a variety of activities on the buses and stops along the way that help keep youth engaged and help them meet new people. As a 4-H program, our goals for youth who go through Space Camp are:



- To have the opportunity to learn in an exciting environment away from school.
- To develop social skills by meeting new people and working as a team.
- To have the opportunity to learn life skills in a situation that is unfamiliar to them.
- To have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by participating in the Space Camp Counselor program.

Tentative registration fees including coach travel are approximately \$625 depending on transportation costs. Final fees will be confirmed and announced in February. Only written cancellations will be accepted. No cancellations can be accepted and no refunds will be issued after January 20. Medical emergencies will be considered for partial refund on a case-by-case basis. Same-gender substitutions may be made until March 1.

The TrEx Committee has \$625 allocated for Space Camp this year. These funds would be distributed evenly among the interested participants. The balance of the camp fees would be the responsibility of the 4-H member.

Registration is open right now, at www.4honline.com. Just login to your family profile, click Continue to Family, scroll down to Register a Member in an Event, choose your name, click on the Event and Click on register. You will be notified by the TrEx Committee of any further requirements. If you have questions feel free to visit [Space Camp](#) on line or call the UW-Extension Office at 920-834-6846.

Board of Director Meeting, November 19th

The Board of Directors will meet on November 19th, 2:00pm at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls. We will be reviewing the achievement banquet, discussing the Leader's Association meeting on Dec. 14th and recruitment of new board members. This meeting is open to everyone.

TrEx Committee Meeting, November 29th

The next meeting of the TrEx Committee will be held on November 29th, 7:00pm at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls. This meeting is open to everyone.

Announcing YQCA (formerly known as MAQA)

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA program with the new and improved YQCA (Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals). This new program has several great advantages:

- ✓ It is available online
- ✓ The content is age related
- ✓ The content is progressive for each age group
- ✓ Younger participants (8-11) will still have in person training

We are excited about this new program and hope our 4-H members will embrace it also. If you have any questions check out www.yqca.org or contact the UW-Extension Office at (920) 834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

Leader's Association Meeting, December 14th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association will held on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm at the Gillett Community Center Building. Agenda items include:

- Board of Directors Elections
- Voting on by-law changes

This meeting is open to everyone.

**Seeking Club to Host January Thaw Lunch, January 6th**

The Project Development Committee is looking for a club to host the lunch to be provided at January Thaw, January 6th from 11:30am-12:00pm at Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls. The club would be responsible for providing lunch for participants at January Thaw. The host club receives all the profits. This can be a great opportunity to do some fundraising for your club. Remember, fundraising must have a purpose and should not just be a random way to put money in the club's checkbook.

If your club is interested in raising some funds for an activity or project, send an email to 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

**Equity Scholarship Opportunity, Nov 27th**

Equity Cooperative Livestock announces the 2018 scholarship m. Equity will award ten \$1,000 scholarships to college :h of the Cooperative's 10 districts, as well as s or short courses.

specifically for students earning

See page 6 for eligibility requirements. Candidates must meet these requirements and send in an official transcript and three letters of reference **by November 27, 2017**, to be considered. Award winners will be named in January 2018. Call 800-362-3989, ext. 152 with any questions.

Click on "More" under scholarship form below to access and submit the scholarship application. Print a copy for yourself, as there is no way of saving the completed document to your computer. Once submitted and authorized, you will receive a confirmation email from jschyvinck@equitycoop.com

This opportunity shared with you by:



EQUITY COOPERATIVE LIVESTOCK SALES ASSOCIATION

College & Technical College Scholarship Program

ELIGIBILITY: Any student who has not previously received an Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association scholarship. Any student who has completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, or any student who has completed at least one semester at a technical college. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale. Either the student or their parent(s) must be an active shipping member of Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association.

PLEASE INCLUDE:

1. An official transcript of your college, university, or technical school and a copy of your spring course schedule, if available.
2. Three letters of reference sent prior to November 27, 2017.
At least one reference should be completed by someone outside of the educational field. Letters can be sent separate or together from the applicant, or come directly from the reference contact.

AWARDS:

Ten winners will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

(One in each of Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association's districts.)

Two winners will be awarded a \$750 scholarship for a technical college.

Please return completed applications prior to November 27, 2017, to:

Janice Schyvinck, Director of Public Relations
Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association
P.O. Box 1003
Baraboo, WI 53913
phone: 800-362-3989 • fax: 608-356-0117 • email: jschyvinck@equitycoop.com



on the farm ~ in the market ~ working together

You are invited to

4-H WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP

- * Do you like having fun?
- * Do you want to develop your leadership skills?
- * Do you want to make new friends from other counties?

Then apply to be one of your county's 4-H Winter Leadership Camp delegates!

Come join the learning and fun!

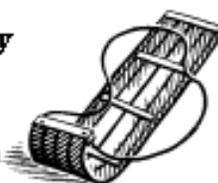


*Friday, February 9, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. thru
Sunday, February 11, 2018, ending at 11:00 a.m.*

Camp TaPa Wingo, near Mishicot in Manitowoc County

Cost: \$75.00

(Please check with your county 4-H program for possible funding assistance.)



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