



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
April, 2023**



Greetings 4-H Families!

The first day of spring was March 20th but winter does not want to let go this year, and has some more plans for snow, to go out with a bang! Despite the white we know that sunny days are on the way. Throughout the winter months planning has been underway for spring and summer fun. There are some great opportunities coming your way including a dual county Creative Arts Festival, the state Summer Academy career exploration camp, overnight summer camp at Camp Bird, day camps and more! If there are other events or opportunities that you would like to see offered please reach out to us and let us know, we love to hear from you!

Every year in April we like to take the time to recognize our amazing 4-H volunteers. This year National Volunteer Appreciation Week is being held April 16-22nd. What are some things you can do to show your appreciation to our leaders and volunteers that share their time, talents, and hearts with us? Our 4-H volunteers assist in leading meetings, project learning, event planning and so much more. 4-H would not be possible without them, and we thank them so very much for all that they do!

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and happy Spring!

Aimee Elkins
4-H Youth Development Educator
Marinette and Oconto Counties



SAVE THE DATE—FREE MOVIE FOR 4-H MEMBERS

Tentatively set for May 13, “Mario Brothers,” at the Mariner Theater, in Marinette. More information forthcoming.



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ON EVENTS AND OTHER NEWS.**



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NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT ROYALTY

Any youth, male or female, at least 14 years old and in high school, interested in becoming part of Marinette Co. Royalty can apply. If interested, contact Dorothy Kaminski at 920-897-2316. Applications will be mailed out soon with interviews to be scheduled for May.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

We are still in need of volunteers to serve on various committees. A sign-up sheet had been included in the last two 4-H newsletters. Both youth and adults can serve on these committees. Please consider helping and sign up as soon as possible.



UW-MADISON SCIENCE EXPEDITIONS / EXPLORE SCIENCE - CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE

UW-Madison Science Expeditions *April 14-16*. Connect with researchers, visit labs and field sites and grow your interests in STEM. For further information, visit science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/

ATTENTION: ADULT VOLUNTEERS

We still have lots of volunteers that are in need of completing training. If you re-enrolled 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 site to complete the necessary training(s).

Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 or email nancy.servais@wisc.edu

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

By now, **only those (new and returning) members who have completed their on-line enrollment forms and leaders who have completed the volunteer protection requirements are receiving this newsletter through 4-H online or snail mail, if requested.** General leaders, please check with your group to make sure everyone is registered. New members must join by May 1 in order to exhibit at the Fair.

PROJECT AND ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST

Summer is quickly approaching and that means it's almost time for the Marinette County Fair! You must be enrolled as a 4-H member in 4-H Online by May 1st to be eligible to exhibit at this year's county fair.

PLEASE UPDATE INFO ON 4-H ONLINE

We have been coming across several records with outdated information. If you move or change your e-mail address, please remember to update 4-H online.

WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The WI Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc., will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2023 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2023. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "If Wisconsin could design it's local government funding system from scratch, what would be the best and most equitable way to fund town government services?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 26, 2023**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the WI 4-H Foundation provides a sum of money to the State 4-H Office for needs-based scholarships for youth to participate in statewide educational experiences. WI 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. Youth can apply for a scholarship by submitting their information at the Qualtrics form linked below. The responses to this form will remain confidential and will only be shared with a small committee managing the scholarship funds.

[Statewide Educational Experiences Scholarship Form](#)

Each youth should submit one form per program they are participating in. Staff will do their best to assess each request and make a determination on the amount awarded.

Programs

This scholarship fund is available to any youth who is attending one of our Statewide Educational Experiences. Examples of these experiences are:

- Advanced Space Academy
- Animal Science Programming (AASD, Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Judging Contests)
- Arts Camp or ArtBEAT!
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- Fall Forum
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Space Camp
- State Arts Team (Drama Company or Arts)
- Summer Academy
- Other Programs

Please reach out to Laura Pine at lpine@wisc.edu or Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu with questions regarding these scholarship applications.

Congratulations

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to our 2023 recipients of the Marinette County 4-H Association scholarships: Ella Kahles, Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club; Seth Sellen, Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club; Abrielle Bauer, Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club; and, Mitchell VanDeWalle, Beaver Four-Leaf Clover 4-H Club. We wish them much success in their future endeavors.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 16-22 is National Volunteer Week! It's time to celebrate our volunteers and all that they do. Volunteering is a big part of 4-H. We rely on a network of volunteers to provide caring and supportive mentoring to our 4-H'ers helping them learn life skills and grow into true leaders. THANK YOU for your service! We could not have 4-H without our volunteers!

Volunteers: The Heart of 4-H



TSC PAPER CLOVER SPRING CAMPAIGN

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has worked with 4-H for the past several years. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each WI TSC store go to the WI 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming. This year the WI 4-H Foundation is actively encouraging clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the spring campaign scheduled for *April 26 through May 7, 2023*.

****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Click this link to sign up: [Spr23 TSC Paper Clover In-store Promo Sign Up](#)

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 WI TSC store during the Spring 2023 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 the Spring 2023 Paper Clover Campaign.

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For more info, visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2023/03/10/tsc-paper-clover-campaign-2/>

"4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS AMERICA WHO ARE LEARNING LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS"





We are trying something new this year to showcase our talented youth, and offering a combined event to Marinette and Oconto Counties highlighting the arts. Categories will be offered in MUSIC/ MOVEMENT, SPEECH, DRAMA, and CLOTHING. More details regarding registration and scoring were recently sent to 4-H families. We are looking forward to a fun and talent filled event! Please contact Aimee, aimee.elkins@wisc.edu with any questions.

SUMMER ACADEMY

This program is open to 4-Hers in grades 7-10 and will be held June 19-22, 2023 on the UW-Madison campus. Students will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other students from across Wisconsin.

The theme of the inaugural Summer Academy is “Exploring Your WHY,” with the goal of providing students the resources to discover pathways to their futures. There will be chances to learn about higher education from UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.

Students will be able to choose from 7 SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are: Arts & Communication; Leadership & Civic Engagement; Agriculture & Animal Science; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health); Construction & Trades; Hospitality Management & Culinary Science.



There will also be fun activities and entertainment from the WI 4-H Leadership Council, the WI 4-H Drama Company, and more! Registration opens in April, keep an eye on [this page](#) for more information to come!

MINUTES

**Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association
March 20, 2023 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm at the Grover Town Hall by President Jennie Pillath. In attendance were: Jennie Pillath, Suz Deschane, Steve Marvin, Dorothy Kaminski, Anne Biernasz, Aimee Elkins, Barb Kolosowski, Lisa Witak, Julia Lepinski, and Kari LaCount.

Pledges were said.

Motion by Barb K, second by Kari L to approve the secretary report as written in the newsletter. Carried

Motion by Lisa W, second by Barb K to approve the treasurer’s report and pay bills. Carried

Update from Aimee Elkins: Creative Arts Festival April 29, 2023 at 1pm at Grover Town Hall, there will be a regional speech and demonstration contest, ArtBeat was recently held

Committee Reports:

Food Stand: Will close at 9pm and breakfast will be done at 9:30am

Fair Board: There are a lot of beef/steers signed up for 2023

Raffle: Tickets are ready to print. Motion by Dorothy K, second by Suz D to allow Barb to purchase tickets. Carried

Awards and Trips: 4 are attending space camp

Royalty: Info will be in the next newsletter

Scholarship: 4 scholarships are being awarded

Shooting Sports: Aimee is doing training as staff

Movie at Mariner May 13, 2023 hosted by Kountry Kids 4-H is Mario Brothers. The leader association will be paying \$5.00 each toward concessions of any enrolled member/leader attending. The association will sponsor one in winter time (January – March)

A thank you was received from Owen and Wyatt Dunks for the scholarship to help with costs of Space Camp.

Club leaders should ask their members for ideas for a summer county trip...possibilities are Maritime Museum/ Fam Discovery Center, Discovery World, Noah’s Ark, State Fair, Lambeau Field and NEW Zoo or Bay Beach/ Wildlife Sanctuary, Another county fair, or other idea



Next meeting April 17, 2023 at 6:30pm at Pound Town Hall

Motion to adjourn at 7:27pm by Lisa W, second by Dorothy K. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Witak

ANIMAL SCIENCE

RABBIT MEETING

There will be another county rabbit project meeting at the Wagner Town Hall on Saturday, April 15, from 1:00 until 2:30. We will make arm guards to wear when you handle your rabbit. You can also enter them at the fair as a non-animal exhibit. Members will learn how calendars are useful to manage our rabbitry. We will evaluate a class of rabbits according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection. As our last meeting, we will have treats and door prizes for all participants. Bring a Standard of Perfection if you have one, even if it is not current. Hope to see you there! We had a lot of fun last time. If you have any questions, contact Ember Rickaby at 715-732-6986

DAIRY MANAGEMENT INC. SCHOLARSHIP

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board (NDPRB), through Dairy Management Inc. (DMI), annually awards up to eleven \$2,500 scholarships to eligible undergraduate students (rising sophomore through senior) enrolled in college/university programs that emphasize dairy. Majors include: communications/public relations, journalism, marketing, business, economics, nutrition, food science, and Ag education. In addition, the NDPRB awards a \$3,500 James H. Loper Jr. Memorial Scholarship to the outstanding scholarship recipient.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, an interest in a career in a dairy-related discipline, and demonstrated leadership, initiative and integrity. Candidates are expected to fill out an online application, submit an official transcript of all college courses, and write a short statement describing their career aspirations, dairy-related activities and work experiences. The application information is evaluated by a NDPRB Scholarship Committee composed of an external review panel and at least two Board members. The recommendations of the Scholarship Committee are summarized by NDPRB staff and the scholarships are then awarded.

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

Academic performance.

Courses related to dairy.

Apparent commitment to a career in dairy.

Involvement in extra-curricular activities, especially those relating to dairy.

Evidence of leadership ability, initiative, character and integrity.

Students may be awarded scholarships in multiple years. Scholarship winners must be enrolled during the entire academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.

Completed applications should be submitted on-line no later than May 12, 2023. Questions regarding this application or regarding the NDPRB scholarship program can be directed to Nate Janssen at 847-627-3335 or by emailing us at ndbscholarships@dairy.org.

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATE

May 13, 9-11 am, at the Fairgrounds for sheep/goat.

Swine pictures can be e-mailed to

marinettefair@yahoo.com or given to Lisa Witak prior to May 13 at 11 am.

Anyone needing RFID tags should contact Lisa before the weigh in date. Tags are \$2 each for beef/swine and \$1.50 for sheep/goat.





Volunteering: How Can You Help?



Credit: Ben Hoppe

Volunteers are a huge part of the success of 4-H and help make 4-H possible. 4-H volunteers can serve as club leaders, project leaders, chaperones, and other roles. While the experience level of volunteers varies, our volunteers have one thing in common: wanting to make a positive difference in the lives of young people. In addition to making a positive impact with youth, 4-H volunteers gain important life skills of their own and also impact the communities in which they volunteer.

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

To ensure volunteers in the 4-H program are prepared and to protect the safety and best interests of 4-H members, all 4-H volunteers who are 18 years of age and older who are no longer members go through a process which includes:

1. Participate in training to help you serve in your role. This training is called Volunteers in Preparation,
2. Have a background check.
3. Agree to conduct yourself in a way that positively represents 4-H.
4. Learn how to keep our youth safe by taking a Mandated Reporter Training.



Credit: Eva Perry

To get started on your volunteer journey, contact your local 4-H educator.

Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Roles

There are many ways to volunteer in 4-H. All volunteers work with youth and adult volunteers to offer a positive youth development experience for youth. Wisconsin's 4-H program has six main roles for volunteers.

- Activity/Event Volunteers lead or organize a 4-H activity or event.
- Adult Advisor/Chaperones work with 4-H educators to chaperone a 4-H educational experience.
- Club Enrollment Coordinator leads and supports enrollment in a club or group.
- Club Leader provides leadership for a club or group organization.
- Committee Volunteers help lead or participate as a member of a committee.
- Project Leaders provide leadership and organization to a group learning about a specific topic.

There may be additional trainings to volunteer in some of these roles, for example a WI 4-H Shooting Sports Leader

Can I help without volunteering?

Not everyone feels ready to become a 4-H volunteer. Check in with your club leader or local 4-H educator to find out other ways you can still make an impact on the program without serving 4-H in an official capacity. This might mean providing no-contact support in a warm welcoming way such as bringing a healthy snack, set up and clean up, etc. Any help you give makes the experience more positive for everyone.



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)





Helping Hands

The 4-H pledge talks about using your hands for larger service. Not only can you use your hands to help your club through leadership and teaching, but you can use your hands to help your community too! 4-H members are known for helping their community through service. Plan your own community service project by answering the questions below!

Who needs (or would benefit from) help?

Choose an organization (example: animal shelter or food pantry), group of people (people who are elderly), or a person who you'd like to help (a neighbor).

How can I help?

List skills (example: art or building), interests (being outside), or abilities (talking to other people) that you want to use to make a difference.

What tasks need to get done?

Match the "how" with the "who"! Write what you need to do to complete your project and the supplies you'll need to accomplish it. (Example: If you are creating cards for people in a senior living facility, you will need to contact the facility, gather writing supplies, create the cards, and deliver the cards.)

How did it go?

After you've done your community service project, reflect on how things went and how you might do things differently if you did it again. What went well? What could be better?

Almost every club does a community service project. At your next club meeting, ask a club officer or your club leader what project your club is doing this year!

Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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