



**Marinette County  
4-H Newsletter  
December, 2021**

Season's Greetings!

We are already smack dab in the middle of the most wonderful, and busiest time of the year. I hope all of you are able to step back and enjoy some of the magic of the season when you can. As the year comes to a close we have so much to reflect on. We had wonderful representation at the Marinette County Fair - so many incredible things going on. We were able to hold the Royalty program as a 4-H event again. Many of our clubs participated in community events to share the good news about 4-H. 4-H staff were able to offer a variety of programs virtually, and were also able to share the 4-H mission at several County events, along with making community connections to help share the great work of our program and promote information to new audiences. I am so proud of each and every one of our inspiring members, dedicated volunteers, supportive families, and diligent staff that have kept our amazing program going strong in the midst of uncertainty.



After we take the time to reflect we then have new beginnings to look forward to. Although the COVID-19 pandemic remains a consistent concern, your County Leader's Association and local 4-H office are working hard to provide a variety of meaningful experiences and events that you won't want to miss. In addition to planning another year of many of the amazing events listed above there will also be offerings for: a Teen Winter Leadership Camp, Summer Camp, state-wide travel experiences and conferences, multiple project related county offerings, and much more. If you have any

ideas about opportunities you would like to see, or if you are interested in helping out with any of the planning for these activities please reach out! Be sure to check the local FB page, and your email often for important information and updates. I am looking forward to a year filled with growth, fun, and new adventures with all of you!

Wishing you a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and year to come!

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# Achievement & Recognition Day Rescheduled

**When:** Sun., February 6, 12:00 noon potluck & awards & recognition to follow at 1:00 pm.

**Where:** Grover Town Hall

The hosting clubs will be having a Taco Bar and ask families to bring enough dessert for your family to share. Plates provided. We wish to thank our hosts for this year's event: Country Reins and End of the Trail 4-H Clubs.

The following members will be recognized during our annual achievement event: All youth who submitted a record book or easy completion form, Cloverbuds who submitted books, James Crowley Dairy Leadership award winner, 4-H graduates, Golden Clover award winners, Outstanding Youth Leader award winner; and so many more.

Leaders and youth who served on county-wide committees, members of the 4-H Leaders Association Board, members or leaders that coordinated a special 4-H event or project, volunteer of the year award winner.

All 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 30th year leaders will be recognized.

All Marinette County 4-H members, leaders and families are invited to celebrate this special day.



**JANUARY 28 - 29**  
**LIONS CAMP • ROSHOLT, WI**  
**YOUTH IN GRADES 7 - 13**

## 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP WINTER CAMP

1.28.22 Registration 6:30 - 7 p.m.  
1.29.22 Program concludes 7 p.m.

**24 HOURS OF FUN?**  
**Don't flake out!**  
Games - Prizes - Challenges - Snacks - Outdoor Recreation -  
Campfire - Movies - Learning - Leading - Living LOUD  
MORE COUNTIES = MORE FUN

**Registration open:**  
[tinyurl.com/4-HWinterCamp22](https://tinyurl.com/4-HWinterCamp22)  
through Friday, January 7th or  
whenever spots are filled.  
Don't delay!

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Registration for this event is \$75.00 per individual and available on a first come, first serve basis. Don't delay, sign up today: [tinyurl.com/4-HWinterCamp22](https://tinyurl.com/4-HWinterCamp22)



## ANNUAL LEADER TRAINING

All adult volunteers and older youth are invited to join Wisconsin 4-H in a yearlong experience - Learn Together, Lead Together: Youth-Adult Partnerships! Plan for interaction and engagement, and all youth and adult leaders are invited to participate!

Leave with ideas to use right now in growing youth adult-partnerships in your club and community. We hope all youth and adult leaders join us!

Marinette County is offering this session in the virtual settings. Youth and adult participants can register using the link below. Once you register, you will receive the link for the zoom session, and be provided information on handouts, reference materials and supporting documents.

Remaining training:

**January 31, 2022: Learn Together, Lead Together: Equal Voices, Roles and Participation**  
**Time: 6:30-8:00pm**

Register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>

Attendance will be recorded. WI 4-H Club annual chartering requires one adult leader from each club or group MUST attend one of the Annual Leader Training sessions.

Have questions? Reach out to Aimee at [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu) or call Nancy at the Extension office at 715-732-7514.



## **ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS - SEEKING TO FILL ALL OFFICER POSITIONS**

Board elections will now be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition on Sun., February 6. Association meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month (rotating locations) with the exception of Aug. & Dec. (no meeting). In addition to descriptions below, board member responsibilities include planning the annual 4-H calendar & annual budget & working with Extension Program Educator to determine 4-H policies and goals, determine training needs, make decisions about the county 4-H program and carry out other business of the Association. This is a great way to get involved!

**President:** (two year term) Presides at all meetings of the Leaders Association and acts as Chair of Board meetings. President and Extension Program Educator work together to solve problems and plan educational opportunities.

**Secretary:** (two year term) Keeps minutes of all meetings of the Leaders Association and turns them into the 4-H Office for the 4-H newsletter. Brings copy of minutes to each meeting. Works with the Extension Office in getting out correspondence and communications when necessary.

**Youth Reps (2):** (1 or 2 year term) Works as active member together with other board members and 4-H Program Educator in a youth-adult partnership model including attending regular meetings, collaborating on 4-H Leader Association projects, providing input & making decisions, & setting goals for the county 4-H program. Representatives should be at least 12 years old.

Board elections for Vice President and Treasurer were to be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition on Sun., July 11. Due to low turnout, elections had been postponed.

**Vice President:** Presides in the absence of the President and takes care of all the President's duties during the absence.

**Treasurer:** Collects and cares for all money of the Leaders Association, including camp account. Shall pay bills of the Leaders Association as approved by the board of directors. Assists with budget planning.

## **UPDATE ON 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS IN 2022**

*We received the following message from Matt Calvert, Director, Institute for Positive Youth Development, Wisconsin 4-H Program Leader regarding international trips:*

I am very disappointed to inform you that continuing pandemic circumstances and uncertainty about future health conditions require that we cancel our Wisconsin 4-H International Exchange programs for 2022. I am very disappointed after the amount of youth, volunteer, and staff work that has gone into preparing for restarting international travel and hosting opportunities for 4-H youth. And, the greatest loss is the opportunity for youth and families to experience another culture.

Please know that Wisconsin 4-H and UW-Madison's Division of Extension continue to support future international youth opportunities and that we recognize that these programs are valuable to youth participants, families, and communities, and are well-organized with a strong safety track record. This confidence will serve us well in future years, but, unfortunately, there is still too much uncertainty about international health situations to make a commitment for 2022.

We will continue our 4-H programming focused on global citizenship and building international connections while we await the time when we can return to international travel.

## **4-H T-SHIRT & SWEATSHIRT ORDER UPDATE**

Orders are currently being worked on. As is true in many cases at this time, there are some issues with shipping on some sizes. Our local vendor is working as quickly as possible to get the orders out to us. We will share more information as we have it.

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



## SUMMER CAMP

Save the date for an area-wide summer camp experience that is being planned for *August 2-5* at Camp Bird in Marinette County. Counselor applications and more information will be available soon.



## DON'T FORGET THE VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

The site shows you all currently scheduled VLC events and opportunities offered through the Virtual Learning Community and our partners. If you would like to see a calendar of all 4-H/Extension opportunities, please view it at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>. If you see an event you are interested in, click on it for more information.

## 4-H INSURANCE

All enrolled 4-H members and Cloverbuds, grades 5K & up, are covered for certain 4-H events. If you have an injury during a 4-H event, call the 4-H office immediately for a report form. You must report your injury within 20 days.



## COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

## 4-H HORSE PROJECT NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING

Our meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

We did our 4-H pledge and the American pledge. The members participated in an activity where they had to decide if a horse was really underweight or overweight, they were sent home with a paper that showed horses and numbers rating their overall physical form. The members will come back next meeting and show us their papers, that will show their own horses physical form.



## 4-H HORSE PROJECT DECEMBER 6, 2021

At our December meeting the members decorated cards for the nursing home, frosted/decorated cookies, and had a pizza party. Members shared their horses' body score sheets which was completed as a group activity in November. The members also played a game of charades provided by End of the Trail for the educational presentation. All participants were involved and had a great time learning.

