



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
January, 2022**

Happy New Year to All!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday time with family and friends, and that you are all staying warm and healthy so far this winter. 2022 is here and despite the lingering of COVID-19 the 4-H calendar is filling up with some great opportunities for our members, volunteers, and families. Be sure to check out the calendar, articles, and flyers throughout this newsletter for more information. Speaking of the newsletter, are you and your family re-enrolled for the current 4-H year? If not, be sure you do so by January 31st. On that date we will no longer be pulling contact information based off of last year's enrollment. The newsletter and Facebook page are some of the best ways to find all the latest 4-H information so re-enroll so that you do not miss out. If you have any questions or issues with re-enrollment, contact the 4-H office or myself and we would be happy to help you.

As we are all working towards planning out the year ahead I wanted to share a few helpful reminders:

- If your club is planning any outings or activities outside of your regular club meetings, be sure to let me know with a quick email or phone call. Some activities and events may qualify for supplemental insurance based on who attends and what the event is and I can provide guidance and assistance with that.
- Any contracts need to go through UW-Madison, so contact me for support with this. This includes building use contracts and bussing services.
- If you are in need of any project support or curriculum for the year let us know, we may have it already, and if we do not we can assist in getting it.

I am looking forward to a fun-filled 4-H year and connecting more with all of you. What are some of your goals for the 4-H year? Let's keep learning by doing, and making the best better together!

Aimee Elkins
4-H Program Educator
Marinette and Oconto Counties



SUMMER CAMP – SAVE THE DATE

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

An area-wide overnight Summer Camp experience will be offered this year at Camp Bird August 2-5th. Planning is underway and we are looking for some older youth in grades 8-13th (a year past high school) to join in on the fun as camp counselors! Please complete the application found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UqsPZSKewD_Si_IHIIIMGILX8tW_6eIQJVAU-ulQ2qsw/edit



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Achievement & Recognition Day Reminder

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.



The poster features a purple background with white snowflake patterns. At the top, it reads "Marinette County Winter Wilderness Adventure Snowshoe Hikes 2022". Below this, it says "Join local 4-H Educator- Aimee Elkins and Marinette County Education Specialist- Anne Bartels on this fun and educational outdoor experience. Great for the whole family!". It lists two dates: "January 24th- Harmony Gardens, Peshtigo" and "February 21st- Dave's Falls, Amberg", with a note "Hikes will begin at 3:45". Registration information follows: "Register by calling the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 indicate date, number attending, and if snowshoes are required." It also states "Current 4-H members, family, and friends all welcome! (Events are weather permitting and will require a minimum of 6 participants to be held)". At the bottom, there are logos for UW-Madison Extension and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, along with a small photo of people snowshoeing in a forest.

WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm.

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

To be eligible for scholarships students must have been a WI 4-H member for at least three years; should 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 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible.

For more info, visit <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips should fill out the Marinette Co. Sponsored Event Application. Second-round applications are due Feb. 1 & applicants will be interviewed at the February 4-H Association Meeting. Applications available from your club leader or by calling the 4-H office at 715-732-7514.

CO. 4-H LEADERS ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible, you must have been in Marinette County 4-H at least four years and be a 4-H graduate of Marinette County or eligible to graduate. Open to high school seniors, freshmen and sophomores in post-secondary education, inc. college, university or technical school and a full-time student. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension office. Deadline: **March 1.**

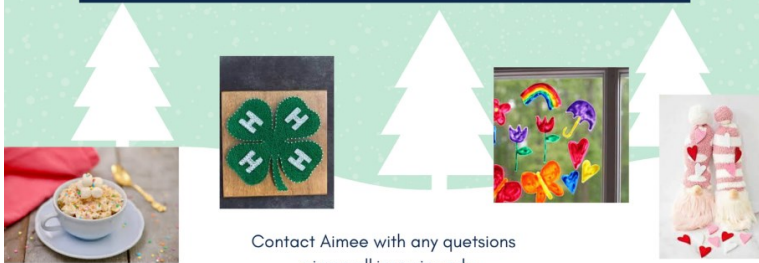


Beat the Winter Blues Project Take and Make Kits

Each Kit will contain learning materials and supplies to complete 4 at home projects including **String Art**, **Gnome Your Home**, **Homemade Window Clings** and **Kitchen Creations**.

\$5 for each kit, \$3 for each additional family member
Pick-up information will follow registration.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 28TH TO RECEIVE YOUR KITS IN FEBRUARY
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2P8TZDYX](https://tinyurl.com/2p8tzdyx)



Contact Aimee with any questions
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SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 12-14TH


2022 TEEN SUMMIT

REVOLUTIONARY ACTS


FEATURED KEYNOTES



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2022 TEEN SUMMIT

KALAHARI RESORTS & CONVENTIONS, WI DELLS
CALL FOR WORKSHOP, ROUNDTABLE + PERFORMANCE PROPOSALS!

Workshops: bit.ly/22TSWORKSHOPCALL
Youth Roundtables: bit.ly/22ROUNDTABLECALL
Talent Show Performances: bit.ly/22PERFORMANCECALL


NEW IN 2022, MONTHLY 4-H FAMILY CHALLENGE

Participate in each challenge for a chance to win prizes by submitting photos to the office by the end of the month. For our first challenge build your own 4-H New Year's Resolution! There are some ideas to the right, but feel free to get creative. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Build Your New Year's Resolution with the 4-H Pledge



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

- Learn a new skill
- Organize your schedule
- Take a challenging class
- Read one book a week

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

- Plan a weekly family game night
- Make family dinner a priority
- Set time aside to visit friends and family each month

my **HANDS** to larger service,

- Hold a food drive
- Volunteer at a pet shelter
- Plan a social event at a nursing/assisted living home

and my **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

- Exercise 5 days a week
- Drink 64 oz. of water a day
- Buy a new fresh fruit or vegetable to try each week

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline to apply has been extended to January 17th, 2022. So...if you are a leader in your school or community and are interested in issues that are facing young people in your community and across the country, want to engage and learn more about how the federal government works, and would like to travel to DC to meet other leaders from Wisconsin and around the country...APPLY today!!

National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth leaders from around the country—at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture—assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs and other federal department activities nationally and in their communities. This experience brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. The Conference includes roundtable discussions and federal partner agency presentations and an opportunity for delegates to engage with their U.S. Senators and Representatives. For years, this conference has been a rich and meaningful experience for all the youth and adults who have participated.

National 4-H Conference delegates will:

- Participate in a round table topic of their choosing that will focus on key topics facing youth today, such as: leadership, agriculture, crime, natural resources, social media, and more.
- Participate in professional workshops.
- Meet with legislators from their state to discuss important issues.
- Have a chance to network with youth and adults from across the country.
- Learn more about youth programming and think about ways to improve programming across the nation.
- Develop an action plan that will be put to use in their own communities.
- Have fun!

You can find the link to the application at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/12/2022-Application-Natl-Conf.pdf>. For more information on National 4-H Conference, please visit our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/>.

If you have any questions and/or need any additional information about the National 4-H Conference and/or the application process, please reach out to Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu.

4-H AMERICAN SPIRIT'S 2022 TRIP

Dates: June 3-12, 10-19 or 17-26, 2022

Highlighted Location(s):

- * Maumee, Ohio
- * Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- * New York City, New York
- * Boston, Massachusetts
- * Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
- * Gloucester, Massachusetts
- * Niagara Falls, New York

What is this Experience:

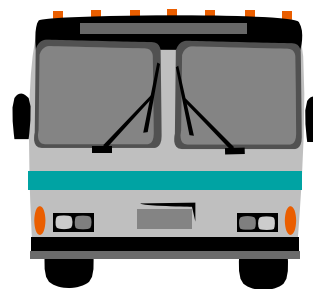
Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast — Youth-led content throughout the experience — Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred — Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation.

Participant Eligibility:

- All youth grades 8-10 (Youth in 11th -12th grade eligible for 2022 dates ONLY)
- Pre-Registration in 4-H Online 2.0 open January 3-14, 2022. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes several questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Each experience is limited to 44 youth, decisions about who is selected to travel are based on the following factors: first-come-first-serve registrants, # of youth per experience, full rooms by identified gender, ages of youth traveling together, eligibility to participate in future years
- Estimated Cost of Experience = \$1,650

All participants will be required to agree to and abide by COVID Safety Protocols.

January 14, 2022—Registration for American Experience Closes in 4-H Online



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.

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 or call Nancy at the Extension office at 715-732-7514.

QUIZ BOWL/4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS

This quiz bowl is for teams of 4-H Shooting Sports members. National 4-H Shooting Sports is offering a virtual quiz bowl competition to members enrolled in shooting sports across the country. Registration opens January 1, 2022, competition is open January 17 - 21, 2022. There is a \$10 registration fee.

The study guide and narrative for preparing for the quiz bowl is located at this link along with registration details: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/events/> There is nothing you need to do; members and leaders enrolled in 4-H Online will be provided the same links for details. Information is also located on our shooting sports web page at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>

4-H LIVESTOCK AND SKILL-A-THON CONTEST AND THE STATE 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

Livestock Quiz Bowl:
This is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions (similar to the game show Jeopardy).



Livestock Skill-a-thon: Everything you know about raising your animal adds up to so much knowledge of the species and the industry. The Skill-a-thon contest will help you challenge you to share that information through a written quiz and learning.

Meats Judging Contest: This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification, and a quiz.

Open to any current 4-H members ages 8-18. Looking for more information, check out the links below:

4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon – Saturday, April 9th, at UW Madison Campus. Deadline: March 25, 2022 through 4-H online. More info and registration available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

4-H Meats Judging – Sat., April 30th, at *New* Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus. Deadlines: (more info located in the registration materials link below). -Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): Feb 4, 2022 - through Google form . -Final registration: April 18, 2022 - through 4-H online. More info and registration available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu/phone at 920-39104659 or Bernie at borourke2@wisc.edu/phone at 608-263-4304.



WI STATE 4-H HORSE VIRTUAL TRAINING: HORSE PROJECT POLICIES, CONCUSSION PROTOCOL, AND PLANNING A HORSE SHOW

Feb. 9, 2022, 6:30 pm. Virtual Zoom Session. Register by: February 7. Registration link: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/join/4tGtVOvi3q4zCyLPARX3kBW-C7?fbclid=IwAR11JpLyuZr1oq19VjP8XNtTSeskObSiB6FwFmhTUfQ_6JogdHT8Kv2hoOE

Have questions you would like us to answer about policies or the concussion protocol?

There is a question area in the registration form. If there is a topic or question you would like us to answer, please add it to the form. We will do our best to answer them and if we don't get to it, we will make sure that we get an answer to you after.

What is this training about?

Are you a 4-H Horse Project volunteer, guardian, or older member that would like to find out more about the statewide 4-H horse project policies and concussion protocol? Have you always wanted to know more about planning a horse show?

Join us on February 9th and we will take a closer look at each of these topics. The first hour will cover the policies and protocols and the second half will be on planning a horse show. The registration link is listed above.

The session will be recorded and posted at a later date (please note this may take some time to process and be posted.) If you have any questions, please e-mail jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu

COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

4-H HORSE PROJECT JANUARY 3, 2022

Today members talked about fundraising ideas such as bagging groceries, brat sale, birthday parties, and Papa Murphy's. They decided that they would like to hold a tack/craft sale on May 1st, 2022. A bingo game was provided by Audrey. And lastly, the educational presentation was provided by Merry Go Getters about bits.

