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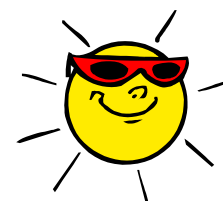
**Marinette County  
 4-H Newsletter  
 June, 2023**

Greetings 4-H Friends!

It may have taken a little while, but this summer is sure starting to heat up! There are so many great things going on in 4-H at the local level and beyond. Interest for overnight summer camp Mar-Oco-Sha was very high again this year with registration filling quickly. If you missed out but remain interested, please let us know so we can get you on the wait-list. Our amazing counselor and staff team is gearing up for another fun-filled week at Camp Bird! Some other great summer opportunities you will want to get on your calendar include day-camp opportunities, county 4-H fun days, a Northern Wisconsin 4-H night at the Timber Rattlers, and more. I know everyone is working hard on their project in anticipation of the upcoming fair. Speaking of the fair, don't forget to get all of your entries in on time! Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer, and looking forward to seeing you at some of these great events!

Stay Cool!

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



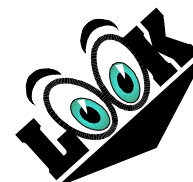
**SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC—JULY 22, 9 AM**

4-H leaders are working hard to organize a Showmanship Clinic for 4-H members this summer tentatively to be held at the Fairgrounds. Clinic will be beneficial for members showing at the Fair. Sessions to be offered will include cats, rabbits, dogs and horses. Horse sessions will cover tack, what to wear, grooming and more. There may be other project areas offered such as sheep, poultry, dairy and photography.

More information will be forthcoming. Watch your e-mail and the county 4-H Facebook page for more details.



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 ON EVENTS AND OTHER NEWS.**



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# 4-H DAY CAMP

Join us for a day of outdoor learning and fun!

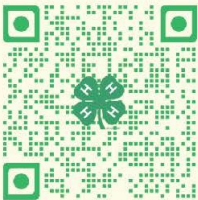
**JULY 24TH 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**115 HOLTWOOD WAY, OCONTO, WI**

Registration is **\$5 for members** and **\$15 for non-members**

The deadline to register is **July 17th**

Please bring your own lunch. We will provide a snack

SIGN UP HERE



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Contact **Aimee Elkins** at [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu) or 920-834-6845 for **additional information**

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## BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

**Sunday, June 25, 2023.**

Van De Walle farms,  
W8303 W 22nd Rd.,  
Crivitz. 7:30 am-noon.

Handicap accessible. Adults (age 11+) \$10. Children (age 6-10) \$5. Age 5 and under—free.



## WISCONSIN CELEBRATES POLLINATORS

Get your calendar and mark down UW-Madison Extension Horticulture Program's Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinator Week from June 19-25, 2023 and visit the Wisconsin Celebrate Pollinator Week website: <https://bit.ly/41nwp6M>

This week is dedicated to raising awareness, increasing knowledge and promoting adoption of pollinator friendly practices to improve pollinator health and habitats throughout Wisconsin. National Pollinator Week is an annual event managed by the Pollinator Partnership to help spread the word about what we can do to protect pollinators.



Join us, UW-Madison Extension Horticulture Program, in celebrating Pollinators! Visit the official website: <https://bit.ly/41nwp6M>

Are you ready to experience the fun of summer camp while learning about Deaf culture and the ASL language? Join us for this ASL day camp co-hosted by Richland and Vernon County 4-H programs, and Upham Woods. No prior experience with ASL necessary! <https://go.wisc.edu/2xam52>



# ASL DAY CAMP

Learn ASL from Deaf/Hard of Hearing youth leaders while playing games and making new friends!

August 13, 9:30 am - 4 pm





## COUNTY TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK

**Wed., July 19th.** \$20 for each 4-H member and their parent and/or sibling. \$25 for non-4-H. The bus and part of the ticket is being paid by the 4-H Leaders Association. Food is on your own. Register with the 4-H office no later than June 28 with payment due by that date. Checks should be payable to Marinette County 4-H. Information on pick-up and drop-off will be forthcoming.

## **SAVE THE DATE** NORTHERN WISCONSIN 4-H TIMBER RATTLER GAME

The evening of August 11th.  
More information to come.



## FAIR NEWS

### FOOD STAND DONATION LIST

The following items are needed:

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beef Base       | Green Scrubbies |
| Butter          | Ketchup         |
| Chicken Base    | Mayo Packets    |
| Chili Seasoning | Mustard         |
| Coffee          | Noodles         |
| Cooking Spray   | Small Plates    |
| Dawn Soap       | Sugar—Small     |
| Flour—15#       |                 |

The Food Stand Committee asks each club to make a donation to the Food Stand. Please give your donation to either Anne Biernasz or the 4-H Office by August 1. Contact Anne with questions at 715-923-4738.

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE MEETING

This is an informational meeting. It will be held June 19th, 5 pm, at the Grover Town Hall. (It will be held prior to the 4-H Leaders Meeting.) Leaders who have signed up to be on the Committee are: Dorothy Kaminski, Chair; Laurie Cacek; Kathy Gabriel; and Jennie Pillath.



Any youth, male or female, at least 14 years old and in high school, interested in becoming part of Marinette Co. Royalty can attend. If interested, contact Dorothy Kaminski at 920-897-2316.

**Marinette County 4-H**  
**Noah's Ark Trip**  
**July 19, 2023**

Enjoy some fun in the sun with your 4-H friends and family!  
**6:00 AM - 10:00 PM**

Coach Bus Transportation and portion of ticket price provided by Marinette County Leaders Association

- Bus Pick ups in: Wausaukee, Crivitz, and Coleman
- Plan for your own food and spending \$
- Payment due by June 28th to Extension Office
- Checks Made Payable to Marinette County 4-H

Register with the Marinette County Extension Office by June 28th!  
nancy.servais@marinettecountywi.gov 715-752-7514

Noah's Ark Waterpark  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

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### 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.

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

## FAIR PASSES

Family Fair Passes for families of youth exhibitors are still \$25 per family. Each club needs to collect a list (club name and members of each family living in the house) and money to turn into the 4-H Office no later than August 4. NOTE: The Family Pass only includes immediate family members living in the same household. **Please make checks payable to: Marinette County Fair.**

## FOOD STAND DRESS ETIQUETTE - FROM THE FOOD STAND COMMITTEE

Hats must be worn and hair pulled back. Do not wear flip flops, sandals, short shorts nor mini skirts. Comfortable closed toe shoes should be worn. T-shirts or sleeved shirts must be worn; NO spaghetti straps permitted.

## MEMBERS WORKING AT FOOD STAND

Members must work a full shift or more or contact the Extension office to do alternative positions to receive some of the awards or travel. The basic guidelines are as follows (Parents should not work a member's shift for the member to receive the credit):

1. 4-H members (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up) are encouraged to work a shift in the food stand.
2. Members purchasing meal passes must work a full shift in the food stand.
3. Members participating in the county-sponsored event form activities must work a full shift in the food stand and are strongly encouraged to work an extra shift at the fair or help with set up on Wednesday before the Fair or clean up on Sunday evening of the Fair or, if needed, during the Fair.
4. Clubs should wait at the back door of the food stand when their shift will be starting to get instructions from the food stand manager before the shift starts.
5. All members/people working in the stand need to be working during their shift. You need to eat before or after your shift, no leaving during your shift to eat.
6. Drinks are not free while you are working in the stand or at any other time.

REMEMBER: NO DRINKING/EATING DURING YOUR SHIFT.

Take care to fill out food stand sign-up sheets as they will be checked after the Fair to verify volunteer obligations. If you are not available to help during your club's shift at the food stand, contact the 4-H office for an alternative volunteer opportunity.

**Shifts available to clubs to work at the Food Stand can be found at the end of this newsletter. Help is also needed on Wednesday, August 23; will have limited menu.**

## COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES TO BE BROUGHT A DAY EARLIER AGAIN

Entry times will be from 12-8 pm on **Wednesday, August 23**, for non-animal items and animals will be 9 am-12 pm on **Thursday, August 24**. Face to face judging will take place from noon until 8 pm on Wed.

## YOUTH CLUB FLOWER DISPLAYS

An entry consists of two pots with flowers planted in them. Each club may have one entry. They will be judged on Wed., Aug. 23.

## IMPORTANT - PREMISE ID INFORMATION

On entry forms there is a space for the Premise ID. Please include your no. w/your animal entries. For info, visit: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses\\_Permits/Animals.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/Animals.aspx) or <https://wiid.org/>

## VET SCIENCE, EXOTIC ANIMALS, DOG, CAT, POCKET PETS (NOT RABBITS)

Dogs, caged birds, guinea pigs, hamsters, and cat projects will be judged face-to-face the Saturday before the Fair, on **August 19**, at the Fairgrounds.

## DAIRY AND BEEF EXHIBITORS

Please call the Superintendents, either Troy VanDeWalle at 715-938-4014 or Dave VanDeWalle at 715-927-3838, no later than the first Saturday in August with the exact number of animals you will be showing.

## MEAL TICKET INFO FOR FOOD STAND

Meal tickets are still \$50 this year. Only youth exhibitors (including FFA) and leaders will be able to purchase meal tickets. Parents of the youth exhibitors will not be able to purchase them unless they are leaders. **Please make checks payable to: Marinette County 4-H.**

- Breakfast will be served from 7:30-10:00 am at the south window by the soda. Cold cereal, boiled eggs, milk & fruit will be served for breakfast only. "Breakfast" is for breakfast only.
- Lunch and dinner also will need to be used on the same day assigned. They will need to be used up by 9:00 pm of that day and 4:00 pm on Sunday. NOTE: There will be NO sharing of meal passes.

## FACE TO FACE JUDGING

Face-to-face judging provides an opportunity for the youth to communicate with the judge (one-on-one) on details of his or her exhibit. This judging style gives the judge the opportunity to directly ask questions. It provides an opportunity to understand why the exhibit was selected for construction, if there were any problems with it & tools used to create the exhibit. The judge can then use this discussion to decide the placing.

## ATTENTION ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

- When entering your animal for the Fair, also list a non-animal exhibit or poster in that particular project, in case your animal gets sick so that you can still have something entered.
- If you are showing two or more different animals, talk to the Superintendents involved so that classes can be adjusted for everyone to exhibit.
- If you are a dairy, livestock &/or horse exhibitor, please remember to keep trash out of the manure at the Fair. This inc. cans, paper cups, twine, wire, medication containers & needles. Please use the trash barrels in the barns.

## CLOVERBUDS

These young members do not need to submit entry forms to show at the Fair. They do need to fill out a 3"x5" card w/name, age, club, & item being entered, and take it to the Clothing Bldg. Cloverbuds will have face-to-face judging from noon to 8 pm on Wed. or you can drop off the items without seeing the judge. Cloverbuds may enter up to eight items.

## CAMPING NEAR THE FAIRGROUNDS

4-H families wanting to camp during the Fair may call the Village Clerk at 715-856-5341 to camp at Evergreen Park, in Wausaukee. The park is across the creek on the north side of the Fairgrounds.

## PREPARING YOUR ITEMS TO EXHIBIT

Be sure to read the rules in the Fair premium listing. Entry tags need to be securely attached before judging. Remove and keep the bottom part of the entry tag. It is used as a claim check to pick up your items on Sunday at 5 p.m.

## COUNTY FAIR IS SELLING T-SHIRTS-\$15.00

The 2023 tshirt design is in! We have Youth sizes S-XL and Adult sizes S-4x. You can send your order through messenger or email to [marinettefair@yahoo.com](mailto:marinettefair@yahoo.com). Orders due by June 30 and payment will be due at pickup.



## FAIR DORM

Members who have graduated 4<sup>th</sup> grade with animals which need daily care may stay at the dorms during the Fair. Fee: \$5. The dorm is not a 4-H sponsored activity. Dorms belong to the Fair. However, the 4-H office will take names of those interested and fees on behalf of the Fair. Packets will be sent to you before the Fair. Remember, it is a privilege to stay at the dorm. Youth can sign up starting in June by contacting Nancy at the 4-H office. The Fair Board is in need of dorm chaperones.

## ENTRY FORM REQUEST

If you plan on entering both in the youth and open fair, please put each division on a separate entry form. Each division (youth, open and senior) are treated separately in the Fair computer program and exhibitors are issued separate exhibitor numbers.



## **MECHANICAL SCIENCES**

## 2023 YOUTH TRACTOR & MACHINERY SAFETY TRAINING

Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI on Thurs/Fri, July 13/14 and 20/21. Cost: \$45/person. 9 a.m. to 3:15 pm each live session day.

NOTE: If these dates are not available for your family, another set of training is being offered in Birnamwood area, planned for July 17, 18, 24, and 25 – contact Scott for more information.

**Who Needs To Attend the Training?** Any 12 to 15-year old who may need to drive any type of farm machinery on a public road in Wisconsin. Others are

welcome to attend the course, but only those older than 12 will receive certification. Those 16 years old and older without a valid driver's license can also utilize this training to be legal to drive farm machinery on public roads.

**Legal Review:** In Wisconsin, 14 and 15 year-olds who have successfully passed the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Farm Machinery Course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads for their parents or grandparents' farms AND can work for other farms and do the same. 12 and 13-year olds who have completed the course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads only when working for their parents or grandparents' farms. If you employ persons under 15 years or who do not have a driver's license, it is highly recommended that you have them attend the training, whether they drive on public roads or not. You may want to talk to your insurance agent to double-check about requirements based on your insurance policy.

#### Some Logistics:

–All participants MUST be in attendance on July 21 for testing. You can miss one of the other days and complete self-study to 'make up' that time, but must be at testing day.

– Participants need to bring their own lunches, a refrigerator will be available for storage. Families are welcome to provide snacks, Scott will have water and/or lemonade and/or milk available.

– The course will emphasize hands-on and skill-building exercises, including first aid and fire safety from local emergency response personnel. We will be analyzing machinery for safety aspects, conducting on-farm safety assessments, and dozens of other activities, along with videos and course material review.

Call Scott Reuss, Regional Crops/Soils Educator, at either 715-732-7510 or call/text to 715-701-0966 if you have any questions, or e-mail [scott.reuss@wisc.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@wisc.edu)

Mail name, age, address and emergency contact number, along with a check for \$45/each payable to UW Extension to: Extension Marinette County, 1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI 54143.



## ANIMAL SCIENCE

### BADGER BUDS 4-H MEMBERS AND LEADERS FEATURED IN NEWSPAPER

The Patterson family and club members were recently featured in the Iron Mountain Daily News June 1st edition. Title of the article: "Pattersons have 'lamb draft' for 4-H members.

The article starts: *The Patterson family, who live on Chapman Road in Niagara, have always had sheep in their pastures.*

*A group of very excited 4-H youngsters met earlier this spring in the Pattersons' grand old barn to wait to see who would get first pick of this year's lambs.*

*The farm had 13 lambs available for almost that many boys and girls. The lambs had been brought in from the field on a cool spring day and sequestered in a makeshift fence so the children could look them over.*

To read more of this great article, visit <https://www.ironmountaindailynews.com/lifestyles/life/2023/06/pattersons-have-lamb-draft-for-4-h-members/> Way to go Badger Buds!!!!



## COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

Dear 4-H Families,

The 4-H Horse Project continues to hold monthly meetings the first Monday of the month at 6pm. The meetings are at the Grover Town Hall located at W 5161 Town Hall Rd, Peshtigo, WI 54157. Our group has many registered members but attendance has been down. If you are registered as a 4-H Horse Project member we invite you to attend our next meeting. The group focuses on learning about horses. We continue to offer a variety of learning opportunities through presentation, hands on practice and have invited speakers to provide education on various topics. You do not need to own a horse to participate! We continue to keep the meetings fun and have monthly drawings for prizes. If you have not attended this year please do so. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at 906-235-0242.

—Lisa Spencer

## MINUTES

### Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association May 15, 2023 at Crivitz Fire Station

Attendance: Jennie Pillath, Lisa Witak, Deb Heitman, Sue Deschane, Steve Marvin, Aaron Marvin, Julia Lepinski, Anne Biernasz, Luke Nelson, Aimee Elkins

President Jennie Pillath called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledges were said.

Secretary's Report: Lisa made a motion to approve the April's secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa made a motion to pay the bills received and ask for \$1500 from the 4-H Foundation to purchase a new laptop/printer and supplies. As part of the motion, once the funds are received from the Foundation, Julia can purchase the necessary supplies. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Updates from Aimee: Bus quote for the county trip to Noah's Ark have been received. However, all contracts must go thru Madison. Barb will be checking into group tickets. There are already 6 people signed up.

Camp is filling up fast. There are only 10 spots remaining before being put on the waitlist. The fee has been increased to \$125 due to operating costs. The Association will still pay \$75 for each of our county's campers.

Ember Rickaby is looking at having a Dog & Rabbit Showmanship at the Fairgrounds. She is also entertaining the possibility of opening it up to Oconto County.

#### Committee Updates:

Food Stand: Anne is waiting on an update to prices of food items. Once she has them, a meeting will be held. She is hoping the prices for the customers does not have to raise. The committee will also explore breakfast options.

Fair Board: None

Raffle: Tickets have been handed out.

Awards & Trips: None

Royalty: There is one candidate. Application forms are due at the end of the month. A meeting will be held in June.

Scholarship: None

Shooting Sports: None

#### Old Business:

Hall of Fame: Lisa finished the application and will be sending it out.

Arts Festival: Aimee and Jennie reported that it went well. There were two clubs from the county that participated. The judge was an art teacher from Peshtigo. Deb made the suggestion to potentially schedule it in the fall and get the date out so clubs have more time to decide if they want to participate and practice. Hopefully, this could boost participation.

Movie: Anne said it went well and the last 3 showings were sold out. There were 11 members/leaders who attended. Anne also mentioned the possibility of doing a winter movie in the future.

The 4-H Foundation asked for \$327 for support which is based on the number of our enrollment.

Summer Academy: The organizers of the Summer Academy sent a letter asking for donations to their Makerspace activities. Deb mentioned since the event also has non-members attending that maybe we do not send a donation but rather look into the possibility of doing something else related to funding to increase the likelihood of more of our members attending. Some discussion was held, but was decided not to make a donation at this time.

Healing Wall: Jennie was contacted by an individual asking if any one would be interested in handing out flags on May 30th along the parade route for the wall. If any one is interested, contact Jennie.

#### New Business:

Space Camp Presentation: Aaron and Steven Marvin did a presentation about their experience at Space Camp this spring. Aaron thanked the Association and his club for support.

Julia made a motion to adjourn. Anne seconded. The next meeting is June 19th at Grover Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Deb Heitman, Secretary

■ Please return to the Extension Marinette County Office, 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette WI 54143. by August 4.

**4-H FOOD STAND SIGN-UP SHEET**

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Workers: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

List adults who will be working the shift: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIFTS**

*\*There will still be the shift on Saturday before the Fair.* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WORK ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, AS THE FOOD STAND WILL BE OPEN DURING 3-7 PM WITH A LIMITED MENU.**

**PERSON(S) ABLE TO WORK ON WEDNESDAY: (PLEASE INCLUDE CLUB AND CONTACT #):**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*ALSO HELP IS NEEDED TO DO THOROUGH CLEANING OF STAND BEFORE AND AFTER FAIR:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Thursday, August 24</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, August 25</u></b>	<b><u>Sat., August 26</u></b>	<b><u>Sun., August 27</u></b>
10:45 am to 2:45 pm _____	10:45 am to 2:45 pm _____	10:45 am to 2:45 pm <u>FG</u>	10:45 am to 2:00 pm _____
2:30 pm to 6:30 pm _____	2:30 pm to 6:30 pm <u>MGG</u>	2:30 pm to 6:30 pm _____	1:45 pm to close (5) <u>KK</u>
6:15 pm to 9:00 pm <u>MGG</u>	6:15 pm to 9:00 pm _____	6:15 pm to 9:00 pm _____	

REMEMBER the 4-H Fair Food Stand is one of the main sources of income for 4-H. Each club must sign up for at least one shift. **Clubs with 10 or more members over the age of 10 need to sign up for two (2) time shifts (younger kids can work during both shifts).** All regular members are expected to work. One teen or adult is needed to help in the kitchen. Each club should have two adults to work with their members. Clubs with only young members and/or few members should sign up for the early morning shifts or work with another club. **LARGER CLUBS ARE ASKED TO TAKE BUSIER SHIFTS, FRIDAY & SATURDAY.** Clubs NOT signing up for a shift will be assigned a shift that has been left vacant. Below, please list your first, second and third choice. Be sure to list both the day and time shift. The times scheduled will be on a first come, first served basis.

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need to share a shift with another club, state that: \_\_\_\_\_







## Learn By Doing

### 4-H<sup>®</sup> EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



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Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, the idea of “learning by doing” has defined the program. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they’re doing it. This model is known as the Experiential Learning

### Failure is OK!

One of the biggest challenges (and benefits) of experiential learning is not always being successful immediately. It might be hard to sit back and watch your youth struggle, but it’s a valuable lesson. 4-H is supposed to be a place where you can fail in a safe environment. Learning is a process—change from failure is ok!

Support your youth and encourage them! The first arrow in an archery lesson might miss the target, but you’ll be amazed how your youth progresses after ten, fifty, one hundred more attempts.

## Car Ride Questions

It’s pretty common for 4-H members to share what they learned with their peers and the adults leading a project. The learning doesn’t end when youth leave the activity and head home! Take time with your 4-H member to reflect on their experience. Ask some questions to see what they learned and to help them think critically about the activity they just did. Reflection is an important part of learning by doing, and you as a caregiver can help support the process. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What was the easiest part of the activity? What surprised you?
- What were some problems that came up over and over? How did you handle them?
- What was the most challenging part of the activity? Why? How did you solve it?
- What advice would you give to someone who wants to do this activity?
- How can you use what you learned?

Source: Reflection Questions for Experiential Learning Activities, UW-Madison Division of Extension (2015) by Brianna Stapleton Welch

**Encourage your youth 4-H member to try the origami activity on the opposite page. Then reflect with some of these questions!**

Do you have special skills or knowledge that you would like to share with 4-H youth? Check with your local 4-H educator and ask about signing up as a Project Leader!



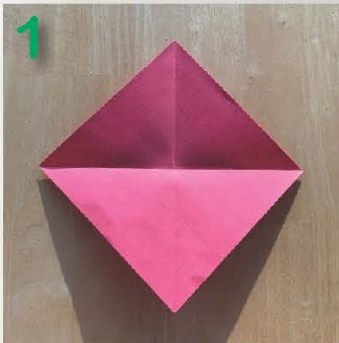
Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)





## Origami Hearts

Have you ever tried origami before? Origami is the art of paper folding. Try to make a heart out of a square piece of paper by following these steps! If you have questions or don't understand a step, ask an adult for help!

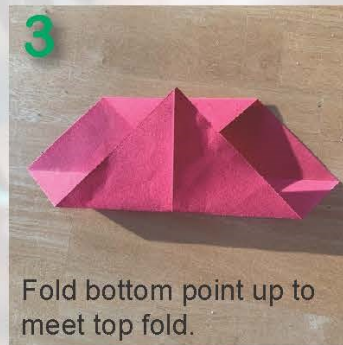


1 Start with a 6" x 6" square piece of paper. If you're using origami paper, put the side with the color pattern face down on the table.

Fold paper in half on the diagonal, bringing top corner to bottom one. Unfold. Fold in half again, bringing right corner to left one. Unfold.



2 Fold top point of paper to meet center crease.



3 Fold bottom point up to meet top fold.



4 Fold right side up diagonally to align with center.



5 Repeat on left side to meet center crease.



6 Flip over folded paper; fold side and top points in 1/2".



7 Flip over and insert a slip of paper with a message into pocket of heart.

Instructions used with permission from Amanda Kingloff, ProjectKid.com, "[Origami Heart Valentines](#)." Photos by Heidi Vanderloop Benson.

### How did it go?

Did you get it right the first time? If you did, great job! If you didn't, try it again! It's normal to not get an origami fold perfect on the first try. Try to see if you can perfect the skill. After you have this one down, try to create some other new folds!

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