



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
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Hello 4-H Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather lately. I know I have been getting outside and enjoying the sun. It's time to make sure enrollments are updated and complete. Now is also a great time to start thinking about your projects and what you would like to do. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the Extension office. We would be happy to help.

Think spring everyone!

Alexis Witak
Interim Associate 4-H Program Educator
Marinette County



ATTENTION NEW 4-H FAMILIES

If you wish to have a hard copy of this newsletter snail mailed, please let the office know either by calling Nancy at 715-732-7514 or e-mailing nancy.servais@wisc.edu (If you

have already been receiving the newsletter in the mail, you do not have to re-call us.)



**WE'RE
PRESSED
FOR TIME...**

The 4-H Food Stand is in immediate need of a manager. If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact either Jennie Pillath at 715-938-2271 or the 4-H office 715-732-7514 no later than July 1st.

If we do not have someone by then, we will not be able to operate the food stand.

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

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MAROCOSHA SUMMER CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 1ST!

We are excited to be offering a three-day, two-night 4-H

Camp for Marinette, Oconto and Shawano Counties to be held at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI from June 14th-16th this year!

We have a great staff of teens and adults that have already spent many hours in training and preparation for your child to arrive. This is a great chance to spend time outdoors, make new friends, and even learn a bit! Activities already in the schedule are swimming, Raccoon Circles (team building), campfires, hikes, lots of games, and canoeing or kayaking! Our camp food is awesome, just ask former campers. This will be a week of actively enjoying nature, the outdoors, and the fellowship of new friends while learning. We also have a health supervisor and lifeguard on staff.

Campers can choose to be transported by bus from one of several stops. The location of these stops will be determined where campers are registering from. We will contact you closer to camp to confirm which location your youth would like to board. If a bus option is not chosen, a scheduled drop off time at Camp Bird can be arranged.

Registration opens for 4-H Members on March 1, 2024. If there are spots available, youth not enrolled in 4-H may register beginning March 4, 2024. **4-H members cost: \$125 camp payment** . Due to the generosity of the Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association, and funds primarily obtained through the annual 4-H fair food stand and raffle, **Marinette County 4-H members are only responsible for \$50.00 (per camper registered to attend)**. Money must be sent to the Marinette County Extension Office prior to May 10th or your spot may be given to a wait list camper.

Non 4-H members will be responsible to submit **\$150 camp payment** (per camper registered to attend). Money must be sent to the Marinette County Extension Office prior to May 10th or you spot may be given to a wait list camper.

CANCELLATION POLICY (New in 2024) - If you need to cancel your registration, you may do so, without penalty prior to June 1, 2024. If cancelling your regis-

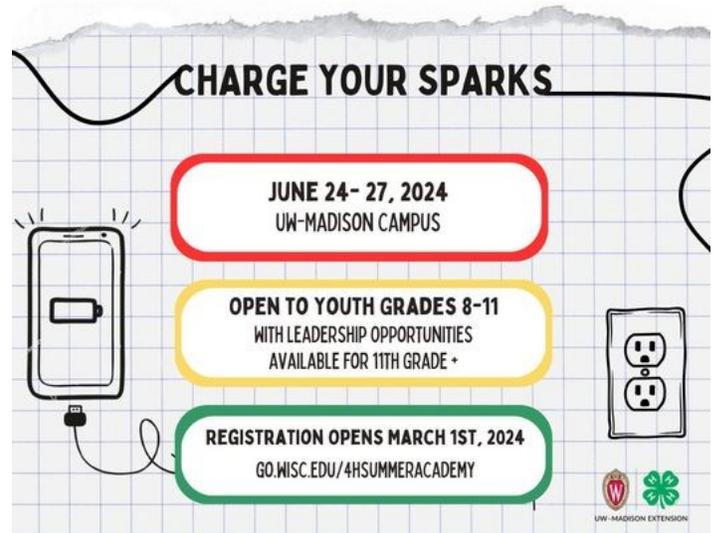
tration on, or after June 1, 2024 a \$50 per camper late cancellation fee will be assessed. Please contact the Shawano County Extension Office (715-526-6136) if you need to cancel for any reason.

REGISTER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/MarOcoSha24> ****More than one youth to register? Please submit a new form for EACH youth.**

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 awitak@wisc.edu

SAVE THE DATE SUMMER ACADEMY



CHARGE YOUR SPARKS

JUNE 24- 27, 2024
UW-MADISON CAMPUS

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
WITH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE FOR 11TH GRADE +

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST, 2024
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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.**

WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 1, 2024, 5:00 pm.

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

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 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 2024-2025 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

For more information and application requirements, visit <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

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 2024 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2024. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 24, 2024**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

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.



TREES AND SHRUBS AVAILABLE

The Menominee Co. Conservation District is again offering for sale trees & shrubs, along with other supplies. Ordering is open until March 15th. Pick up will be Friday, April 26th 1-5 pm & Saturday, April 27th 9-11 am at the Stephenson Road Commission, and Saturday, April 27th 10-noon at Tractor Supply, Marinette. To see what is for sale and to order on-line visit <http://www.menomineeecd.com/> & click on 'tree sale.'



Join Us in Celebrating Earth Week: Register for a Free Tree for Your Child! This spring, we are thrilled to once again announce our participation in Neighborhood Forest's 15th Annual Free Tree Program as part of our Earth Week celebrations from April 22nd to 26th!

We are excited to be participating in this program that teaches youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

Please fill out the following online registration form by March 15th and receive a free tree (6-12" in size) during Earth Week. The tree species will be announced in early April. Register to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:

<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=26435>

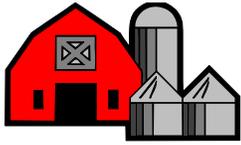
For the purpose of the program please indicate your child's teacher to be the 4-H Program Educator, and Neighborhood Forest Coordinator Aimee Elkins

Trees will be delivered to us and we will arrange to get the trees in the hands of your children on or around Earth Day (April 22nd) via pick up. Instructions on planting and caring for the trees, along with species details, will be emailed a few days before the tree delivery and will also be accessible in the "Resources" section on the Neighborhood Forest website. For further questions, please check out the 'Parent FAQs.' Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org or www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR—BREAKFAST ON THE FARM DATES

Oconto County's event is at Shallow Acres, Molitor Rd, Lena, on Sunday, June 9th.



Marinette County's event is at Anderson Farms, northwest of Porterfield, on Sunday, June 23rd.

ADULT CERTIFICATION FOR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Adults interested in becoming an instructor in the county shooting sports program can plan to attend an upcoming certification workshop.

East Central Certification Workshop will be Saturday, April 6, in New Franken, for archery, air rifle/rifle and shotgun. For more information about requirements, disciplines, location and registration details, visit

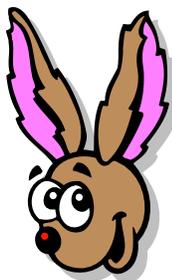
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>



ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY RABBIT PROJECT MEETING

There will be a county rabbit project meeting on Saturday, March 16, at the Wagner Town Hall, on County Hwy JJ, from 1:00 pm until about 2:30 pm. Members will get a chance to practice and judge showmanship, as well as expand on their rabbit knowledge. Participants should bring a stuffed toy rabbit and the ARBA standard book, if possible. These meetings are fun for all ages, with lots of door prizes and treats. For questions, or to pre-register, contact 4-H Leader Ember Rickaby, 715-732-6986 or emberrickaby@gmail.com



YOU'RE INVITED



DR. ARQUIMIDES REYES

Professor at UW River Falls

Learn how to choose the best animals for your farm, discover what makes them valuable in the market, and see how technology helps us understand them better. This interactive event is perfect for students and families interested in agriculture!

Oconto Falls High School PAC

March 3

1:00pm

FREE and open to public



SPONSORED BY: OCONTO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

4TH ANNUAL TYLER THIEL MEMORIAL MEAT GOAT ESSAY

The Tyler Thiel Memorial will be gifting a commercial Boer goat doeling to a 4-H member in Shawano, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie or Waupaca County. To qualify for this goat, you must show it in your local 2024 county fair. When old enough, doe must be bred to a meat breed buck. One of its kids must be shown at the first fair it is eligible for. Applicant must complete an essay postmarked by April 5, 2024. For an application and information needed to complete the essay, contact the 4-H office



MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association February 19, 2024 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jennie Pillath at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Jennie Pillath, Steve Marvin, Lisa Witak, Alexis Witak, Julia Lepinski, Anne Biernasz, Trevor Nelson, and Dorothy Kaminski.

Motion by Lisa Witak, second by Anne Biernasz to approve the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Carried

Motion by Anne Biernasz, second by Jennie Pillath to approve the Treasurer's report. Carried

Update from Alexis Witak:

Officer Training 3/9/24 1-3pm Wausaukee Village hall

In person YQCA 3/9/24 in Pulaski

Dr Arquimides Reyes 3/3/24 1pm Oconto Falls PAC

VIP training is now called Go Green

UW Madison is looking for young adults (19-25) for Summer Academy

Volunteer Impact Survey was sent to random volunteers in each county.

Committee Reports:

Food Stand: Talking with a few interested parties about

managing the stand

Fair Board: None

Raffle: Printing in March

Awards and Trips: None

Royalty: An article will be in the next newsletter. Matilda Witak is doing a good job as queen.

Scholarship: Due 3/1/24

Shooting Sports: None

Movie was held in January and 15 4-Hers attended. 4-H information pamphlets were handed out to others.

What do we need to do to get people to attend Achievement Day?

Next movie will be April 20 and will be Kung Fu Panda 4 or Ghostbusters Frozen Empire

Summer trip discussion-ask clubs what they would like to do. Anne working on family campout

Next meeting 3/18/24 6pm Grover Town Hall

Motion to adjourn at 7:14pm by Trevor Nelson, second by Dorothy Kaminski. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Witak



"As you grow older,
you discover you have
two hands:

One for helping
yourself, one for
helping others."

Audrey Hepburn



Clothing Revue

1:00 P.M.

April 13, 2024

The Shop on Main – 821 Main St, Oconto WI 54153

Name: _____

Address: _____

Male Female Age: _____ Phone: _____

Garment: _____

Garment Category: _____

Each participant must include a 3x5-index card with information about himself or herself. Please include this card with your registration form. Please include your name, age, fiber content, and things you like to do. Below is an example.

Watch out! Here comes 9-year-old John Doe looking cool and ready for the beach in his 100 % cotton button down shirt with a snazzy Hawaiian print and pocket. In this shirt, John is ready for all his favorite things, whether it be the church picnic, playing ball with his friends or riding his bike, he is sure to stay comfy!

Please return registration form by April 4th to:

Extension Oconto County ATTN: Amy

301 Washington Street

Oconto WI 54153

Or e-mail amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us

Please call the office with questions: 920-834-6845.

2024
4-H County Activities & Special Projects
Volunteer Sign-Up - Deadline Extended to March 15th

YOUTH and ADULTS—As you plan your new 4-H year, please consider sharing your time and talent in one or more of our county activities and special projects. Please sign up to serve in your area of interest for the coming year. Whether you are new or are already helping in an area, please complete this sign-up sheet. If there is more than one person to a sheet, please put name next to choices. Committee sign-ups are on an annual basis. You need to sign up each year to be on the Committee.

Name(s) _____ Club _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please put your name next to the group you'd like to help with & return to the Extension Office. Limit of three (3) committees per person.

___ **Awards and Trips** - provides leadership in promotion of 4-H trips, works with Leaders Association and the County 4-H Office to determine candidate selection process. Meets February and October or as needed.

___ **Raffle/County Fundraising** - develops annual fundraising plan, makes recommendations on and helps coordinate and promote planned fundraisers.

___ **Food Stand** - provides leadership in developing 4-H food stand policies and procedures, recommends menu items, orders food and supplies, helps to evaluate, etc. Meets April-September, 1-2x/month as needed.

___ **Scholarship** - reviews scholarship procedures, assists in selection of scholarship winners.

___ **Royalty** - Prepares candidates, helps with all aspects of contest, secures judges, facilitates Royalty coronation at the Fair, awards & follow up. Meets April-August.

Yes No I am interested in serving as a Committee Chair or Co-Chair. List Committee: _____

4-H ACTIVITY COORDINATOR or COMMITTEE — Plan and implement special county activities. Can be youth or adult or youth/adult team. Duties include assisting with promotion and coordination of event, selecting judges, event follow up.

___ Speaking Contest & Music Fest (normally held in February/March)

___ Drama & Variety and Demonstration Contest (normally held in April)

___ Super Saturday/Project 101 Day

___ Fair help (office or at fair) (August)

___ Other. Please list: _____

Thank you! Please return to the Extension Office by March 15th.