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**Marinette County
 4-H Newsletter
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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 7-12: BEYOND READY


Welcome to a New 4-H Year!

As we kick off another exciting year in Marinette County 4-H, we're thrilled to invite you to re-enroll and continue your 4-H journey! Please reach out if you have any questions with this. Whether you're a returning member or new to the program, there are plenty of fun activities and learning opportunities ahead. Check out this newsletter for details on upcoming events, project workshops, and other exciting opportunities. We can't wait to see what this year has in store and are looking forward to growing, learning, and making memories together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Your Marinette County 4-H Team,
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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK — OCTOBER 7-12

National 4-H Week is here! It's time to show off your 4-H pride and celebrate with Wisconsin 4-H! This year, we're all about community, creativity, and connection. Join us in our statewide service project, spread the word about 4-H, and jump into the fun with themed social media challenges every day!

- Service Sunday – Give back by completing or sharing an act of service. Let's make a difference!
- Memory Monday – Share your favorite 4-H memory with us!
- Thank You Tuesday – Show your appreciation to a local educator, club leader, or 4-H volunteer.
- Wear It Wednesday – Rock your favorite 4-H gear loud and proud!
- Throwback Thursday – Post a nostalgic 4-H throwback photo.
- Fun Fact Friday – Tell us your coolest 4-H fun fact!
- Sing-Along Saturday – What's your favorite 4-H song? Share it with us!

Be sure to follow Wisconsin 4-H on Facebook and Instagram, and join in the celebration by tagging us in your posts all week long. Let's make this National 4-H Week the best one yet!



NEW COMMITTEES BEING FORMED—NEED YOUR HELP!!

The 4-H Leaders Association is forming two additional committees: One will be looking at revisiting scholarship requirements and the other, reviewing record book sheets. If interested in helping on either of these committees, please contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 or e-mail nancy.servais@wisc.edu

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REMEMBER: YOU HAVE TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE EVERY YEAR!

ATTENTION: ADULT VOLUNTEERS

There are volunteers that are in need of completing training and/or background screening. 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 training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO NEW 4-H ROYALTY

Please join us in congratulating our new 2024-2025 Marinette County 4-H Queen, Brooke Walters, from Badger Buds 4-H Club.

FOOD STAND COMMITTEE WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS

Thank you to the clubs for all of their donations and hard work this year.



CEDAR CREST ICE CREAM CONTEST

Cedar Crest Ice Cream is looking for a new flavor from Wisconsin 4-Hers again! This year's contest kicked off September 1 and entries will be accepted until November

15. More information can be found here: Wis4HFoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/

ADVANCED SPACE CAMP CANCELLED

When the registration was announced, a minimum of 36 people was needed and we did not meet that minimum (we were 10+ youth short of reaching the minimum). Advanced Space Academy is cancelled for 2025.



ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS - SEEKING TO FILL OFFICER POSITIONS

Board elections will be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition. 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!

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

Secretary: (2 year term) Keeps minutes of all meetings of the Leaders Association & turns them into the 4-H office for the newsletter. Brings copy of minutes to each meeting. Works with the Extension Office in getting out correspondence/communications when necessary.

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.

PLEASE UPDATE INFO ON 4-H ONLINE

If you move or change your e-mail address, please remember to update 4-H online when you are re-enrolling.

4-H HORSE CONFERENCE CANCELLED

Due to some staff transitions at UWRF, the WI 4-H Horse Conference needs to be cancelled for 2024. Please know that the decision was not made without serious consideration and process.

The 4-H Horse Conference will be back for 2025! UWRF is already working with UW-Madison Extension to make 2025 a great conference. Please mark your calendars for the 2025 conference, November 8-9, 2025. And rumor has it that Sara Novotny Schaefer is scheduled to join us as a presenter for 2025.

TRACTOR SUPPLY (TSC) PAPER CLOVER PROMOTION UPDATE

The Paper Clover Campaign has been moved to:
November 29 – December 15, 2024

The In-Store Promotion opportunity sign up is now open. The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has worked with 4-H for the past several years by coordinating a paper clover campaign held twice each year. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each Wisconsin TSC store go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming and financial aid assistance.

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 TSC store during the Fall/Winter 2024 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 this Paper Clover Campaign. Online registration is required.

Please read this document before signing up:
[Fall/Winter24 TSCPC Promo Offer-Info and Guidelines](#)

Guidelines include:

*Any Wisconsin 4-H club or individual member may reserve ONE promotion date.

*Promotion reservations are available for each Saturday or Sunday of the Paper Clover Campaign (Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 2024). The timing of the promotion is determined by the Store Manager.

*Only one club or individual may do an in-store promotion at any store at one time. Time slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

*To reserve a date, click on the link below. Fill out the reservation form (all fields are required).

*When you have confirmed your date, the club or individual MUST get Store Manager permission to do the promotion. The Store Manager will provide info about what is allowed, timing, location, etc.

CLAIMING YOUR REWARD: When the promotion is completed, in order to receive your reward, clubs/individuals must email a photo of the activity (but several photos are appreciated!) within 30 days, and the WI 4-H Foundation will send the gift card to the address provided on the reservation form. Photos may

be used for marketing purposes and on social media.

Sign up is open now, and registration is required. [Click here.](#)

**Please remember—one club per spot (if you sign up for multiple slots, only one will be accepted—save slots for other clubs to participate!)

2024-25 PROJECT YEAR BEGAN OCT. 1

Our new enrollment year for 2025 began on October 1.

Members and leaders must re-enroll each year by November 30. Regular members must be in 3rd grade or older.

Cloverbuds (children in 5K through 2nd grade) should be listed in your club enrollment. Cloverbuds can participate in club activities. They can exhibit at the County Fair, only in the Cloverbud category, and do not receive premiums.

Re-enrollment deadline is November 30, 2024.

*New members can join at any time, but must enroll by May 1 to enter in the Fair.

*May 1 is also the deadline to add or drop projects.

*You must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit at the Fair in that project.

We hope that your 4-H club will have a special promotion to tell the benefits of 4-H in your respective communities this fall. Invite your friends to join!!

4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. First round was due Oct. 1. All information regarding age requirements and trips was included in the leaders packet at the Fair. Following that, applications are due Feb. 1 and with interviews at the Feb. 4-H Association Meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAY “THANK YOU”

Remember to say thank you to your award sponsors and to acknowledge all awards received, whether received at the County Fair, Achievement Day, or throughout the year. Sponsors give because they believe in 4-H and in you the youth!!! Let’s show them we appreciate their efforts and give them a word of thanks.



WI 4-H CHARTERS DUE NOVEMBER 1

This past week, charter information was sent either by e-mail or snail mail to general club leaders.

The 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the WI 4-H program. The University of WI-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a WI 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, the 4-H Charter Application provides:

- *Documentation of educational activities of the 4-H Club or Group/Committee needed for liability coverage for 4-H volunteers and members
- *Program impact evaluation and educational planning
- *Documentation of compliance by 4-H Clubs and Groups with EEO, ADA guidelines, and Civil Rights laws.

4-H Charters are renewed annually and will be granted upon successful completion of the Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application.

The Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application deadline is November 1 for returning 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Charter Application by the due date could result in the 4-H Club or Group being dissolved.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Aimee wanted me to share the following information with everyone: We are looking to host a Winter Camp Jan. 3-5 (will get confirmation and save the date very soon and share as soon as I have it.) Summer Camp is confirmed for June 23-27 and we are getting some camp counselor dates on the calendar already as well. More information to follow.



NON 4-H SPONSORED 'FREE' MOVIE OPPORTUNITY

The Mariner, in Marinette, will once again be offering a free movie on Saturday, October 26. The movie will not be announced until the Thursday before. Check Facebook or call the theater to get more information.

MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting September 16, 2024—6 pm Pound Town Hall, Coleman

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm at Pound Town Hall by President Jennie Pillath. In attendance were: Jennie Pillath, Dorothy Kaminski, Kari LaCount, Anne Biernasz, Lisa Witak, Margaret Graese, Aimee Elkins, Brooke Walters, Sara Schuh, and Julia Lepinski.

Motion to approve the secretary's report as written in the newsletter by Anne Biernasz, second by Kari LaCount. Carried

Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills by Lisa Witak, second by Margaret Graese. Carried

Update from Aimee: charters are due 11/1/24, WI 4-H webpage has a new Leader's Association tab, there is a new code of conduct form, the state is working on updating/streamlining the project list, the state is also streamlining leader trainings, National 4-H Week is 10/7/24-10/12/24 and they are promoting service projects, there is a 4-H is for Everyone web page now, Information on Educational Experiences was handed out and registration is currently open for Arts Camp, Fall Forum, and Advanced Space Academy

Committee Reports:

Food Stand: Some items need to be purchased. A list of items and potential cost will be brought to the next meeting.

Raffle: Prizes and club payouts will be sent

Royalty: Brooke Walters provided some information on the fair and her experience

The brick for Camp Bird in memory of Mary Ann Kust has been ordered.

Fair overall went well. There were a few comments about the dairy judge sometimes making jokes and talking to the crowd longer than some felt comfortable with while kids were in the ring.

Will start looking at January dates for Achievement Day with snacks and a start time of 1:00 pm

Anne brought up the next free movie day will be Oct. 26th & anyone can attend. Will add to next agenda if the association would like to sponsor a free movie day and concessions for next year.

Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Witak and Aimee Elkins
Recorders