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**Marinette County  
 4-H Newsletter  
 November-December, 2022**

Greetings 4-H Friends and Family,

Although it is officially fall, it certainly has not felt like it lately! I hope that all of you have been able to find ways to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having lately. I am sure it will not be sticking around for as long as any of us would hope.

November is always a great month to reflect on what we are thankful and grateful for. I have included a kindness and gratitude challenge for you to work on if you would like. Please feel free to share in photos you have capturing you completing the challenges. In 4-H we are known to “make the best better” and even the smallest acts of kindness can go such a long way! **Each completed challenge that we have turned into the office will also earn a prize.**

I am looking forward to connecting with members and families during some of our upcoming events including: achievement banquets, cookie exchanges, project kit distribution and others. There are so many great opportunities coming up, so please check them out in the newsletter and don’t forget to register for those that interest you!

Wishing you and your family health and happiness throughout the holiday season, as it is quickly approaching. I hope that you are able to enjoy and spread as much cheer as you can over these next couple of months. Take care of each other!

Best,



*Fall into 4-H!*

Aimee Elkins  
 4-H Program Educator  
 Marinette and Oconto Counties



**LOOK INSIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
 ON EVENTS AND OTHER NEWS.**

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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## ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS - SEEKING TO FILL OFFICER POSITIONS

Board elections will be held during Achievement Day/ Leader Recognition on Sun., December 11. 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.

**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.

## REQUESTING DONATIONS AT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Everyone attending Achievement Day this year is being asked to bring either non-perishable (canned food) item(s) or item(s) such as toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, etc. to help support Pastor Fred's Food Pantry, in Amberg.

## PATHWAYS CONFERENCE

The Pathways Conference is a new multi-day educational experience being planned for the *week of June 19th* on the UW-Madison campus, and intentionally incorporating elements of 4-H & Youth Conference. The Pathways Conference will be focused on participants exploring their sparks and connecting with people, places, and programs that can support them through higher education and career development. It is designed for youth completing 7th through 10th grade and participating in Extension youth programs and partnerships, including 4-H Clubs and Post-Secondary Pathways programs such as Juntos, Nia, and Growing Connections. Participants who know 4-H and Youth Conference will find familiar elements:

- Older youth and adults in planning and leadership roles through WLC and a Drama Company performance, and also intentionally incorporating a wide range of perspectives
- Opportunities to meet and learn together with dynamic young people from across Wisconsin
- Fun, memorable experiences in an incredible campus environment. More information to follow.



## TIME TO CELEBRATE: ANNUAL 2022 4-H MEMBER & LEADER ACHIEVEMENT DAY

You are invited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and leaders! There is lots to celebrate in Marinette County!

**Who:** All 4-H members, parents & families, volunteers and leaders

**When & Where:** **Sunday, December 11, 2022. Grover Town Hall. 12:00 noon** potluck & awards & recognition to follow at **1:00 pm.**

**The hosting club will be having a Taco Bar and each family is asked to bring a dish to pass.** Plates provided. Also, each club should bring a dessert. We wish to thank our host for this year's event: Nelligan Lake 4-H Club.

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, National 4-H week window display winner, 4-H graduates, Golden Clover award winners, Outstanding Youth Leader award winner; and 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, 15th, 25th, 40th and 50th year leaders will be recognized.

SAVE THE DATE!

# WINTER CAMP

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023

*Spark Your Leadership*

GRADES 7-12  
BRING A FRIEND  
4-H MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED

SPENCER LAKE CAMP  
WAUPACA

REGISTRATION OPEN SOON!



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## CELEBRATE THE ARTS ART CONTEST

The WI 4H Foundation is sponsoring the Celebrate the Arts Art Contest, open November 1, 2022 through January 20, 2023.



Official rules and how to enter: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>

## LOOKING FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS AGES 14-25 WITH A PASSION TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The Oconto and Marinette County 4-H Programs are partnering with NEWCAP to address youth homeless in our area by participating on a youth action board. Please see the graphic below along with the attached flyer for more information. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in our community!

### TOP FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE YOUTH ACTION BOARD.....

1) What is a Youth Action Board, and who should join?

**The short version: YAB members are anyone 24 and under (at least 2/3 of have experienced homelessness and/or housing instability) who want to come together to give a voice to and advocate for youth who are experiencing, who have experienced, or who might someday experience homelessness in their community.**

2) What should I expect?

Thoughtful conversation, friendly debate, and the chance to impact how funding is spent and policies are written in your area regarding youth homelessness.

The YAB is very much a place for youth—the facilitator is there simply to help with the conversation. If youth are struggling with ideas or topics, they might pose a question or ask youth’s opinions. They bring what the grant/agencies want to hear from the youth, let the youth talk, and take

3) What would be expected of me?

- Come when you can. I get it—you all have busy lives. You’re not expected to attend every meeting, every time.
- Follow the group agreements such as being respectful, having patience with yourself and others, and keeping an open mind.
- Share what you are comfortable sharing about your experiences, and keep other’s stories confidential.

4) When and where?

We were meeting virtually due to the large area this group covers, but we are looking to start hybrid meetings—the facilitator will travel to where the youth are at, and other youth can call in via Google Meet. Please contact Meaghan for the most current dates, times, & locations!

Interested?

Contact Meaghan by text, call, or email!  
920-604-9181 or  
[meagangleason@newcap.org](mailto:meagangleason@newcap.org)

5) What’s in it for me?

Besides a chance to make real changes in your community... money! YAB members aged 14 and older are paid \$15 an hour for their time (via Venmo); unfortunately, we are not allowed to compensate younger youth, but they are still welcome to join!



## **2022-23 PROJECT YEAR BEGAN OCT. 1**

Our new enrollment year for 2023 began on October 1.

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

Cloverbuds (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, 2022.**

\*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.

### **4-H TRIPS**

Teens interested in attending trips should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. Second round applications are due Feb. 1 and applicants will be interviewed at the February 4-H Association Meeting.

### **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!**

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, Nat'l Extension prog. leaders & others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the participants. Held at a Washington DC area hotel (Hyatt Regency in Arlington, VA), it's usually scheduled the beginning of April. In 2019, there were approximately 350 delegates, including seven from Wisconsin.

The application for National 4-H Conference is now available for youth in grades 10-12. You can find the application available here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/11/2023-Application-Natl-Conf-1.pdf>. Applications are due January 3, 2023. If you would like more information about National 4-H Conference, you can find information at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/>.

## **FALL/WINTER TAKE AND LEARN PROJECT KIT UPDATE**

We had an incredible response to our take and learn project kits this year with over 80 ordered. As we finish getting all of our supplies, we will be putting them together and updating with pick-up information when they are complete. Just reminder that they are \$5 each and we can accept exact change or checks made out to Oconto County 4-H.



### **SPACE CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

We are excited that 4-H will be bringing back Space Camp in 2023! Space Camp registration will be open from November 15-December 15 in 4HOnline. Space Camp is a great opportunity for youth to explore aeronautics and space science, careers in space, the history of space exploration, and all that Space Camp in Huntsville, AL has to offer! Registration for Space Camp is open to youth in grades 6-9 this year. There are a limited number of slots available for 9th graders this year. We are accommodating the additional grade this year due to cancelling the program in the past. For more information on Space Camp, please visit the website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/spacecamp/>.





## **4-H PROGRAMMING BOOKLET**

Are you ready to take the next step in 4-H? From attending national trips, joining statewide teams, to exploring the world, the possibilities are (almost) endless. You may not be old enough for all of these experiences yet, but I encourage you to plant the seed of “what

could I do in 4-H?” now and watch it grow in the years to come. Many 4-H alumni share inspirational stories about how much they gained (such as new friends, independence, and travel in new communities) from their statewide experiences. Enjoy learning about all of the amazing opportunities available to you in Wisconsin 4-H! [Click this link to check out all the amazing opportunities available to you as a 4-H member.](#)

## **CELEBRATE YOUR SMART GOAL SUCCESSES**

Celebration is an important part of the goal process. Recognizing accomplishments unifies 4-H members around an outcome, reminds them to focus on the positive, and motivates them to create new goals. Wisconsin 4-H promotes celebrating your successes through the offering of grants to clubs and groups that met their 2021 Charter SMART goals.

Did your Wisconsin 4-H club or group meet their 2021 charter SMART goals? Apply for a Wisconsin Chartered 4-H Club and Group SMART Goal Grant and celebrate with your members and those who helped you meet the goal. Funds are available to celebrate as a club or group your success! Approximately 30 grants will be awarded for the following amounts \$100, \$200, or \$300. Apply by November 30, 2022, using the form found at this link <https://forms.gle/6nRdmP59YYwrziop7> Grantees will be contacted after December 12, 2022 if they will be awarded the funds to celebrate their SMART goal success! Clubs and groups will be selected based on the level of youth involvement in the goal planning, actionable steps/objectives to reach the goal and the celebration plans. Your club or group can decide how to spend the SMART goal celebration funds. We ask in return for the grant funds that you send us a photo and caption telling us how the funds were used to celebrate the club’s SMART goal success. We may share your story on social media and in the WI 4-H newsletter. These grants are made possible by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.



## Save the Date!

### 4-H Cookie Exchange and Card Making Event

**12/11/2022: During Our Annual Achievement Event**

Come and spread some cheer with your fellow 4-H members. Bring a dozen cookies to give, and go home with a dozen new ones! (For those who participate in the take and learn projects you could use a cookie plate you make for this) Cards will be decorated and signed to distribute to local nursing homes as a county community service project.

RSVP's appreciated to Nancy:  
[nancy.servais@wisc.edu](mailto:nancy.servais@wisc.edu) or 715-732-7514

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# END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

**YOU CAN DECIDE HOW DOLLARS ARE SPENT IN YOUR COUNTIES**



**920.604.9181**

(call or text!)



**meaghangleason  
@newcap.org**

If you are 24 or under, you can decide on what needs to be done in your counties to end youth homelessness. Be a part of our Youth Action Board and get paid for your time to consult on what you and your peers need to end youth homelessness in our counties!

## **YAB MEMBERS**

**Earn \$15 per hour\***

We serve Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, & Vilas Counties

Whether you have lived experience or not, we need you and your input.

\*Youth Action Board members must be at least 14 years old to be financially compensated; however, younger members are still welcome!





## 4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

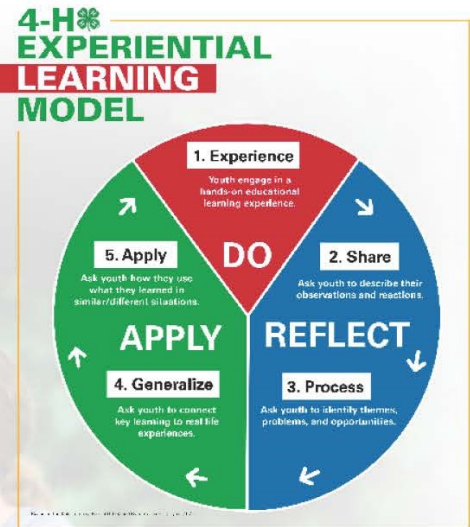
### What is a **project**?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

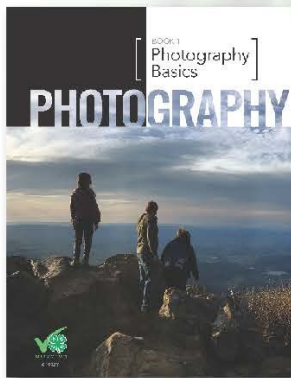
- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Cultural Projects
- Family, Home, & Health
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM
- Start Your Own

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>



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### What **resources** are available?

Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

### What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org) or your local Extension office.



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop Benson

### What is a **project leader**?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



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








## Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H: I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H: I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G: I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H: I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H: I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

**Totals: A:\_\_\_ B:\_\_\_ C:\_\_\_ D:\_\_\_ E:\_\_\_ F:\_\_\_ G:\_\_\_ H:\_\_\_**

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

*Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension*

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