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

Greetings 4-H Families!

I hope everyone is keeping warm with the sudden change in weather. With Thanksgiving fast approaching. I want to give you a few things to think about. I want everyone to think about the leaders, volunteers, other youth, and judges. How have they helped you to become the person you are today? Are you thankful to have met them?

I wish you all the best during this holiday season. I hope everyone has the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Spread the happiness and love to everyone.

Alexis Witak  
 Interim Associate 4-H Educator  
 Marinette County




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

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## ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS - SEEKING TO FILL OFFICER POSITIONS

Board elections will be held during Achievement Day/ Leader Recognition on January 14. 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 & 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 & 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.



The poster for Wisconsin 4-H Night features the Wisconsin 4-H logo, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension logo, and the Wisconsin Herd logo. The event is titled "Wisconsin 4-H Night" and is held at Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh, WI 54902. The event is on Saturday, February 3rd, at 7 PM, featuring the Westchester Royals vs. the Wisconsin Herd. The poster lists activities for kids, including a pre-game career in sports panel, a pre-game watch, and a jockey high five tunnel. It also includes a QR code for ticket information and contact details for Trevor Kroll.

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing through this link will get to participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- Jockey High Five Tunnel

**GAME: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> @7PM**  
WESTCHESTER ROYALS VS WISCONSIN HERD  
**LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP FOR TICKETS TODAY!**

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION: SCAN THE QR CODE! OR VISIT: [fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h](https://fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR [TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM](mailto:TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM)

## TIME TO CELEBRATE: ANNUAL 2023 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:** **January 14, 2024. Crivitz High School Auditoria. Noon potluck with awards to follow at 1 pm.**

The host clubs will be providing ham and buns with a baked potato bar. Each family is asked to bring a dish (salads, vegetables or fruit) to pass. Plates provided. Also, each club should bring a dessert. We wish to thank our hosts for this year's event: Beaver Four-Leaf Clover 4-H Club and Forever Green 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 winners, 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, 10th, 35th year leaders will be recognized.



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MARINETTE AND OCONTO COUNTY 4-H

# SEASONAL TAKE AND LEARN KITS



EXPLORE 5 PROJECT AREAS FOR \$5.00!  
SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED, RESERVE YOURS TODAY!  
CONTACT AMY BY NOVEMBER 7TH  
AMY.BREHMER@CO.OCONTO.WI.US  
OR 920-834-6845

KITS WILL BE READY FOR  
DISTRIBUTION MID-LATE  
NOVEMBER

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## SPACE CAMP

April 18-22, 2024. 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space.

Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. Register through 4HOnline for Space Camp. Registration will be open from November 15-December 15 prior to program year.

Delegates will be notified by the State 4-H Office by January 12 of the program year whether they are attending or wait-listed. After registration closes, delegates will be sent a link to register for Space Camp through the Space Camp website. All delegates must register online for Space Camp prior to March 1st.

For more info., visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/>



## IMPORTANT CHARTER PAPERWORK UPDATE

Each 4-H club or group is required to complete financial review and Charter renewal process annually. The deadline for submitting the annual club charter to the Extension office is November 1st. These dates are set by the UW-Madison, Division of Extension state office to comply with IRS deadlines. A club that does not complete paperwork in a timely fashion risks no longer being recognized as a 4-H club or group which could lead to dissolution of the club. If you need assistance in completing these documents contact Aimee at: [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu).

## **2023-24 PROJECT YEAR BEGAN OCT. 1**

Our new enrollment year for 2024 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 (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, 2023.

\*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 were included in the leaders packet at the Fair. Following that, applications are due Feb. 1 and applicants will be interviewed at the February 4-H Association Meeting.

## **THRIVE SURVEY COMING SOON**

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card!

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#)

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.



## **2023 ICE CREAM 4-H FLAVOR CREATION CONTEST**

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the WI 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present this contest for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. The contest is open to all WI 4-H members to create and submit a flavor recipe. Entries are due no later than November 15, 2023. Five top finalists will be selected with one finalist chosen as the grand prize winner. The grand prize winner will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream party and a \$500 prize. The winning flavor will also be produced in 2024 as a Feature Flavor for the month of July. The four additional top finalists will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party. For further information and registration, visit

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/>





### WI 4-H FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THE ARTS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides support for arts and communications programs that encourage youth to develop strong leadership, creative and communications skills. Each year the Foundation highlights 4-H artists through the Celebrate the Arts art contest. This year's contest runs November 1, 2023 through January 15, 2024. All submissions will be online. A link will be made available soon.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts is a contest, to be held annually for the purpose of: ▪ Promoting 4-H Arts Programming ▪ Raising Funds to Support 4-H Art Programs ▪ Telling the 4-H Story ▪ Raising Awareness of the WI 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Program. Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts events or sales will be split evenly with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and half used for arts programming in the next 4-H program year.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will sponsor the art contest, open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. The contest will be broken into nine categories (Drawing; Painting; Pottery/Ceramics/Clay; Photography; Paper; Fabric/Yarn/Fiber; Any Other Media; 4-H Art (non-photography); 4-H Art (photography)). Artists are STRONGLY encouraged to create art that has a 4-H theme or has root in their 4-H experience (example: a photo taken on a 4-H trip or of another 4-H member working on a 4-H project; a painting inspired by a 4-H event; pottery that incorporates the clover). Please read the complete [2023 Art Event Contest Information](#) before entering your work.

### AMERICAN SPIRIT EAST TRIP

June 14-23, June 21-30, July 5-14, 2024. All youth grades 8-10 are invited to experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada — 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.

Highlighted Location(s): ▪ Nappanee, Indiana ▪ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ▪ New York City, New York ▪ Boston, Massachusetts ▪ Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts ▪ Gloucester, Massachusetts ▪ Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (A passport will be needed!)

Pre-registration is available in 4-H online until November 15. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes questions for the youth participant to answer.

For more information visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-andopportunities/american-spirit-east/>



### WISCONSIN 4-H STATEWIDE PROGRAM BOOKLET IS LIVE!

Check out all the amazing things you can do with Wisconsin 4-H, from Arts Camp to Citizenship Washington Focus to Area Animal Science Days, there's something here for YOU! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide-events-and.../>

## MINUTES

### October Leaders Association Minutes October, 16, 2023

Attendance: Jennie Pillath, Deb Heitman, Anne Biernasz, Lisa Witak, Alexis Witak, Julia Lepinski, Barb Kolosowski, Steve Marvin, Dorothy Kaminski

President Jennie P. called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledges were said.

Secretary's Report: Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Updated balances for accounts were provided, including outstanding checks that have not been cashed. There was a discussion on whether or not clubs get paid if the club signs up for a full shift or if individual youth from a club work with other clubs. This has been voted on in the past and previous newsletter will be checked. Until the policy is located, only clubs who signed up for a shift (or 2) will be paid. Barb made a motion for Julia to pay the bills and clubs for food stand shifts. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

Update from Alexis: There are still 2 clubs who have not submitted their AFRs, which were due last month. Club charters are due Nov. 1. The next Teen Leaders Group will meet on October 22 at 2 pm in Grover. Being a different day, Alexis is hopeful that more teens will come. There are 3 adults and 1 youth signed up for Fall Forum. Planning is underway for a winter camp in February. American Spirit trip flyers are available along with the Take and Make projects. Let the office know if club members would like one of the project kits. Emails about the kits were sent to leaders.

#### Committee Reports:

Food Stand: Anne purchased a microwave and will donate to the food stand.

Fair Board: The premium book will be updated for 2024 fair. Saturday was the meeting to discuss changes.

Raffle: None

Awards/Trips: No one has applied, so there have been no interviews.

Royalty: Dorothy asked about purchasing items to hand out at events, especially parades. Asked about potentially looking at the royalty budget to purchase these items. Will also communicate with Nancy to see if the office is able to help out getting items. Dorothy also asked about the need for multiple sashes because they are getting dirty quickly at the fair.

Scholarship: None

Shooting Sports: Registration for shooting sports certification is open. Contact the office for details.

#### Old Business:

Record Book Judging went well. Seven leaders helped out.

Movie: Anne touched base with the Mariner for a possibility of a movie in January. The movie is not known at this time, but will be youth appropriate.

#### New Business:

Achievement Day: Will be held on January 14th at Crivitz High School. Steve is in process of securing the space. Noon will be lunch followed by awards at 1pm.

Elections: The positions of president and secretary are up this year. Deb will not be returning as secretary, so there is a need to think about someone for the position.

Reminder was also given about reenrollment for leaders and youth.

County Events: Discussion regarding county sponsored activities. Looking at hosting a showmanship clinic at the fairgrounds again and/or a Project 101 event. Also, camp will be June 13-16 with Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano counties. Another idea presented was a county wide camp out at Badger Park in Peshtigo. Anne will look into the logistics and a possible date.

Budget: Rest of the time was spent reviewing the budget for the year. Changes as follows: Expenses: Bank fees \$100.00, Spirit Trip, \$6,000.00, County 4-H Trip \$4,000.00, County Contest (combine Demonstration, Speaking, Music/Drama \$300.00, Royalty \$600.00, National Congress/Conference \$4,000.00, State Activities (state dog/horse show) \$750.00, State Fall Forum \$1200.00, CWF \$3,000.00, Youth Activities \$600.00, Raffle \$4,500.00, Food Stand \$10,000.00  
Income: Raffle \$7,000.00, Interest \$1,000.00

After the description to pay for an expense for Summer Academy, CWF, Teen Winter Camp, State offered and youth activities add Chaperone 100%

Change WI 4-H Youth Conference to WI 4-H Summer Academy

Motion by Lisa, second by Barb to approve the budget. Carried

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm by Lisa, second by Barb. Carried

Next meeting agenda items: county movie and donation to county for kits





## Preparing for the New 4-H Year



The 4-H year officially begins in October each year. Even though the program year begins in October, 4-H enrollment begins in September. Counties in Wisconsin usually have an enrollment “deadline.” This deadline can be the cutoff for determining who can represent 4-H at certain events.

No matter the date of your local deadline, re-enrolling in 4-H through the 4-H Online portal as soon as possible ensures that you receive all 4-H communications and other important program news.

### Adding, Dropping, or Keeping Projects

Enrollment is the perfect time to add or remove projects in your 4-H Online profiles. 4-H members usually continue with the same projects from the year before, and it’s pretty normal to add one or two new ones as well! First year members are recommended to only select one or two projects for their first year. The second year of membership is a great time to pick between three to five total projects.



**Reminder:** 4-H members in grades K-2 can only be signed up for the Cloverbud project!

Work with your youth to see what projects they liked, didn’t like, or want to learn more about. There is nothing wrong if your member decides to keep the same projects from the year before!

### Member Goals

On the opposite page, 4-H members are being challenged to write their personal 4-H goals for the new year. Setting goals can help with project selection, and it should help members plan out a path to success in the new 4-H year. See what goals your youth has chosen for the new 4-H year and identify ways to help them achieve those goals.

### Family Member Goals

Have those in your family set goals as well! Goals might include attending more club meetings, helping at 4-H activities, or participating in certain county events. Try to find ways to keep 4-H as a togetherness activity!

### Club Goals

Each year, 4-H clubs complete a Charter Renewal form. This form is usually completed by adult leaders and youth officers, but the charter might be talked about at a club meeting. Clubs are tasked with identifying club goals each year. Have your family brainstorm some S.M.A.R.T. goals for the club to strive for in the new year, such as planning an outreach event with a local community group or adding more welcoming activities for new families.



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





## Setting Goals

Every year, many people create New Year's Resolutions. These resolutions are **goals** for the new year. Fall is the beginning of the new 4-H year, which makes it the perfect time to set goals for about what you want to do!

### S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Goals are more likely to be successful when you give yourself something specific to aim for. Any of your resolutions for the new 4-H year should be S.M.A.R.T.

**Specific:** Goals should be well defined and clear.

**Measurable:** This will help you know when you've been successful.

**Achievable:** Be realistic! Think of things that will challenge you but are still doable.

**Relevant:** Your goals should be important to you. Set goals that you want to complete!

**Timely:** Give yourself a specific time frame to complete your goals.

### What are **your** goals?

Use this table to write goals that you want to accomplish in the new 4-H year. An example has been done for you. Notice that the example is S.M.A.R.T. See if you can find what parts of the goal are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and timely.

Project		Action (how)	Result (what)	Time (when)
Community Service	I want to	<i>organize and lead</i>	<i>one park clean-up service day for my club</i>	<i>in the spring.</i>
	I want to			
	I want to			
	I want to			
	I want to			
	I want to			

Source: "Goal Writing Worksheet," Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, August 2013. Adapted by Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

**Tip: Use verbs in the action column. Often, 4-H goals are focused on things you want to **learn**, results you want to **earn**, or things you want to **do**.**

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