

Oneida Extension Educators and Staff made 772 Programming Contacts in the months of June & July; with 118 Adult Contacts and 654 Youth Contacts.

2023 Cumulative Total: 2,144 Contacts

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June & July 2023

Positive Youth Development

Sharon Krause, Community Youth Development Educator



Oneida County Teen Court panelists listen to Sergeant Elisha Williams describe her career path and work as a school resource officer at Rhinelander High School.

- Oneida County Teen Court panelists attended a Lunch & Learn with Sergeant Elisha Williams and Judge Mary Burns during a Teen Court training session on June 6th. Sgt. Williams talked to the youth about her career path and current work, including her role as a school resource officer at Rhinelander High School. She and Judge Burns also answered questions about criteria school resource officers use for issuing citations in order to help panelists better understand the context for some of their cases.
- A training for new and current Oneida County Teen Court panelists was held, where they increased their knowledge about the local justice system in order to render more appropriate sanctions for respondents. The panelists learned about the process justice-involved youth follow to get to Teen Court; how to render decisions utilizing restorative justice principles; and how school resource officers determine citations. The latter was part of a discussion with Sergeant Elisha Williams from the sheriff's department. She, along with Judge Mary Burns, offered advice on pursuing secondary career pathways in the judiciary, law, military, and law enforcement.
- A series of meetings was held, with a current Oneida County Teen Court panelist from Rural Virtual Academy and the RVA's Activities Director, in order to explore the possibility of recruiting more RVA students to serve as teen court panelists throughout the state. The student, Amelia Krajewski, will lead the effort.

Positive Youth Development**Oneida County 4-H**

Anne Williams, 4-H Educator



55 local school-aged youth participated in the 2023 Youth Summer Theater Program, presented by Oneida County 4-H in partnership with the Missoula Children's Theatre.

- A weeklong summer theater program for youth in grades 1-12 took place. Participants auditioned, rehearsed, and performed a musical in front of a public audience in just one week. The goal of this effort was for students to foster a deeper appreciation for, and understanding of, the performing arts, make new friends, develop communication skills, and build confidence.

- Met with school staff members at JWMS to plan the 4-H youth summer theater and art programs. The goal of this effort was to ensure the safety of the venue and environment, ensuring that it would be welcoming and inclusive for youth participants of both programs.
- A weeklong summer art program for youth in grades 1-4 took place. Participants created artwork, which helped set the scene for the youth summer theater program's public performance, and participated in hands-on environmental education lessons. The goal of this effort was for students to foster a deeper appreciation for, and understanding of, art and environmental education, make new friends and grow connections to local art and youth development professionals.



Sharon Krause, Community Youth Development Educator for Oneida County, works with a group of youth during the Youth Summer Art Program, sponsored by UW-Extension Oneida County and Old School Arts & Learning Center.



TOP: Oneida County 4-H youth members of the Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club work with Master Gardeners of the North with weeding and planting shrubs and flowers in downtown Rhinelander.



LEFT: Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club members Claire and Quinn work with Master Gardeners of the North with weeding and planting shrubs and flowers in downtown Rhinelander.

- Provided support and leadership for the Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club to work with the Master Gardeners of the North in weeding and planting shrubs and flowers in downtown Rhinelander. The goal of this effort was for youth to be actively engaged in making a positive contribution to their community.
- Provided ongoing guidance and support for an Oneida County 4-H teen, helping this individual plan to lead a 4-H program series for elementary-aged youth that incorporates activities geared toward developing public speaking, leadership, and building confidence life skills. Through this work, the individual will gain life skills related to project management, planning, and working with the community.
- On-site mentorship for 4-H teen counselors at the regional 4-H Camp, where teens participated in hands-on learning and engaged in discussions around youth safety at a residential camp. The goal is to help youth experience positive growth and provide youth programming in accordance with state regulations.
- Hands-on training for 4-H youth, where they learned about bikejoring and the necessary equipment and preparation needed in order to safely participate in this sport. Through this lesson, youth gained exposure to new skills, made connections with a caring adult who is experienced in the sport locally, and were actively involved in selecting what sparks they would like to explore.
- Provided support and leadership for Oneida County 4-H youth and adults as they helped adult community volunteers with weeding at the Rhinelander Community Garden, as well as harvest and clean garlic, which will be donated to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. The goal of this effort was for youth to be actively engaged in making a positive contribution to their community.



4-H youth members of the Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club help with raking and cleaning the grounds at the Pioneer Park Historical Center in Rhinelander.



Oneida County 4-H youth and adult volunteers help with weeding at the Rhinelander Community Garden. Produce from this garden is donated to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry.

- Provided support and leadership for the Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club to rake and clean up the grounds of the Pioneer Park Historical Center in Rhinelander. The goal of this effort was for youth to be actively engaged in making a positive contribution to their community.

FoodWise

Allison Wilson & Mary Stys, FoodWise Educators

- Planned and coordinated an adult cooking class program at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. Three lessons were conducted with ten female adults in attendance.





- Assisted at the Hodag Food Wagon distributions with the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, YMCA, and Rhinelander Public Library. There have been four distributions so far this summer, with each distribution FoodWise has reached between 75 and 130 youth. At each distribution, educators provided nutrition information and recipes. Educator Wilson has incorporated a healthy food activity at each distribution that encourages healthy choices and helps build connections between families and the community resources available to them (Food Pantry, assistance programs, etc.).

