

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

JULY 2024

Oneida County 4-H

4-Hers to Help Master Gardeners Downtown Rhinelander

5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2

Help the Master Gardeners of the North beautify downtown Rhinelander by weeding and planting the green spaces downtown! Bring gloves, a trowel, shovel, water, and be sure to wear sunscreen and a hat! We will meet near Mel's Trading Post at 5 p.m. 4-Hers are welcome to get together at Briq's to enjoy a treat together after all their hard work! (4-Hers will need to bring their own money if they would like to purchase a treat).

Oneida County 4-H Pen Pal Program

Sign up to participate today!

Have you seen a loved one in your life smile when they received a handwritten letter in the mail? You, too, can bring a smile to an older adult's face through this new program, formed through a partnership between Oneida County 4-H and the Oneida County Aging & Disability Center.

Call our office at 715-365-2750 or email apwilliams@wisc.edu if you would like to participate in this program!

YOUTH SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of our wonderful 4-H members that participated in the 2024 Youth Summer Theater Program this summer. *Treasure Island* was a crowd favorite and enjoyed by all who attended! Thank you to the Oneida County 4-H Leaders' Association for funding this opportunity and for providing volunteer support! We hope to see everyone back again next year!



Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club

Humane Society

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Wednesday | July 24
Club members will be helping out at the Humane Society!
RSVP by July 17th!

Imaginarium in Wausau (Tentative)

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. | Friday | July 26
Club members will have a chance to explore the Imaginarium with Marathon County 4-Hers.
RSVP by July 12th!

Volunteers Needed

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Monday | August 12
Club members needed to speak about 4-H at a Committee meeting.
RSVP by August 2nd!

Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club Gathering

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Monday | August 12
Club members will be practicing for the 4-H County Fair, bring what you plan to bring to the nursing home on August 15th to practice what you will be doing!

Food Pantry Community Garden

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Wednesday | August 14
Club members will garden for a good cause by weeding, harvesting and washing produce! Tim Jerow will be onsite to provide hands-on education.
RSVP by August 16th!

"County Fair" at Friendly Village Nursing Home

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Thursday | August 15

Northwoods Explorers 4-H Club Picnic & Games

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Sunday | August 18

Important Dates

- July 2 | Help Master Gardeners in Downtown Rhinelander
- July 24 | Humane Society
- July 26 | Imaginarium
- August 12 | Northwoods Explorers Club Gathering
- August 14 | Food Pantry Community Garden

Forest County 4-H

Horse & Pony Club Summer Schedule:

11 a.m. Saturday, July 6:

Laona 4th of July Parade. Decorate your horse in Red, White, and Blue. Meet behind the Jars Bar/Restaurant in Laona.

5 p.m. Wednesday, July 24:

Drill Team/Gymkhana. Meet at the Forest County Fairgrounds.

5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7:

Drill Team/Gymkhana. Meet at the Forest County Fairgrounds.

5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21:

Drill Team/Trail Obstacles. Meet at the Forest County Fairgrounds.



Wisconsin State Horse Expo

Friday through Sunday, September 13-15, 2024
Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, Wisconsin
Cost varies by event

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws hundreds of youth and horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of educational project and riding competitions focused on horse experience.

Educational projects include arts, creative writing, model horse, horse judging, and drawing – plus more!

Horse and Pony Show classes include: Draft, Driving, Walk Trot, Saddle Seat, Hunt, Western, Showmanship, and Trail Riding.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-horse-expo/>

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Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni who are pursuing higher education! Keep an eye out for when the scholarship opens up in December 2024.

www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships

Volunteer to Lead a Program

Are you a parent/guardian with a special interest or hobby that you would love to share with youth in your local community? If so, we are searching for your expertise here at Oneida County 4-H! We continuously seek supportive adults to help lead programs through 4-H! The best part is that you as the volunteer will have an entire support system backing you every step of the way! If you are interested in joining the nearly 15,000 adult and youth volunteers in Wisconsin for this unique opportunity, contact our 4-H Educator, Anne Williams -email apwilliams@wisc.edu. We are currently seeking a **Youth Fiber Arts Adult Mentor**, **Young Leaders Group Adult Mentor**, and **Beginner Level Youth Chess Adult Mentor**. For more information on these opportunities, visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17-qnzPigjRYiw6p5PIVs4PLoidOjM4yU51sh5_3zG2E/edit

Parenting and Family Relationship Classes

Division of Extension offers classes about parenting and family relationships that are open to all Wisconsinites. Topics include: Raising a Thinking Child, Triple P: Positive Parenting Program, Focus on Fathers, Co-Parenting, Strong Couples, and many more!

<https://parenting.extension.wisc.edu/classes/>

Focus on Fathers Program

The Focus on Fathers class is offered at 6PM, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Participants can receive a certificate of completion if they attend sessions. Topics include things like, Fathers Communicate with Children, Relax and Enjoy Fathering, Fathers Help Children Handle Emotions, Fathers Help Children Make Good Choices, and more. Fathers can participate in one, two or multiple sessions.

<https://forms.gle/VY2SL8pN45XssHxV6>

Important Dates

- July 6 | Laona 4th of July Parade
- July 24 | Drill Team/Gymkhana - FC Fairgrounds
- August 7 | Drill Team/Gymkhana - FC Fairgrounds
- August 21 | Drill Team/Trail Obstacles - FC Fairgrounds
- September 13-15 | Wisconsin State Horse Expo

Upcoming Statewide 4-H Events

UPHAM WOODS OUTPOST CAMP

Saturday through Tuesday, August 3-6, 2024

Youth entering grades 8-10 for the 2024-2025 school year

Outpost Camp is an exciting camp experience where youth will spend time canoeing and camping. The camp will start at Upham Woods as everyone learns the basics of camping and canoeing before heading out to paddle the Wisconsin River and spend the next few nights camping on Blackhawk Island!

Email uphamwoods@extension.wisc.edu for more information, or visit their website

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/2024/01/11/summer-camp-2/>

4-H FALL FORUM

Saturday through Sunday, November 2-3 in Stevens Point | “Sparking New Connections“

This is a time for 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and adult leaders to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning! This is a great opportunity for youth to meet 4-Hers from around the state! We WILL have a group going from Oneida and Forest Counties this year; mark your calendars now!

For more information visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

UW-Extension staff are here to help and serve youth in our counties.

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