



# The Harbinger

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## Cover Story: What is Your SPARK?



When asked the question “what is your spark?” I hope you can immediately respond. According to the [Search Institute](#) a spark is a “special quality, skill, or interest that lights us up and that we are passionate about. It is something that comes from inside of us, and when we express it, it gives us joy and energy. It’s our very essence, the thing about us that is good and beautiful, and useful to the world.”

4-H may be your spark or where you found your spark. As a 4-H volunteer leader, you are a “spark champion”. You can affirm a youth’s spark. Provide opportunities to express it, eliminate obstacles, teach, and mentor.

Generally, according to the [Search Institute](#) “there are three types of sparks, something you are good at – a talent or skill, something you care deeply about – such as the environment or serving your community , or a quality you know is special – caring for others or being a friend.”

When youth know their spark and have several adults who support their spark, they are more likely to have a sense of purpose, be socially competent, physically healthy, help others and have greater school success.

Sparks can change over time and young people need multiple champions to teach and cheer them on.

I invite all current and future youth and adult leaders (spark champions) to attend the Annual Leader Training on March 26 OR April 23, from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Auditorium



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of the Administrative Building in Port Washington. Follow this link <https://forms.gle/PVy5j7BQp7As4vot8> to register to attend one of the trainings.

I hope you are able to name your spark with confidence and pursue it with joy. Take some time in the next several weeks and reflect on your spark and how you can be a young person's spark champion.

\*The Annual 4-H Volunteer Leader Training is required for a representative from each 4-H club as part of the charter and renewal process.\*

*Jayna*

Ozaukee County 4-H Program Coordinator



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## COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM NEWS

### Inclement Weather Policy

With winter months here, we'd like to pass along information regarding Weather Cancellations. General Leaders and Project Leaders: please email your participants if a club or project meeting will be cancelled. When poor weather conditions make it unsafe for a countywide activity, we will post cancellations on the Ozaukee County Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OzaukeeCounty4H>

### Add/Drop Dates: REMINDER for 2019-2020 4-H Year

Important dates regarding ALL 4-H Projects:

- **DROP Project deadline: February 1, 2020**

Any changes to your project information, needs to be made through your [4HOnline](#) account by the date listed above. You will not be able to drop projects without calling the Extension office. Please call Barb at the office (262-284-8288) to assist you in dropping any projects by the February 1 deadline.



### Become a Volunteer! 4-H Needs You!!

A wide-range of volunteer opportunities exist, from helping with a fundraiser event or community service project to leading a specific project or coordinating an event or program.



Share the need for 4-H volunteers with your friends, family, neighbors and acquaintances! Contact Ozaukee County's 4-H Program Coordinator, Jayna Hintz (262-284-8288; [jayna.hintz@wisc.edu](mailto:jayna.hintz@wisc.edu)) if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer!

### New Volunteer Orientation Dates

We welcome new adult volunteers and thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. 4-H takes steps to ensure a safe and healthy environment for youth and encourages safeguards for adult leaders. Each new volunteer is required to attend one session of new volunteer orientation. Volunteers who have not enrolled in the last five years must also be retrained. New volunteer process includes the following:

- Complete the online enrollment form which includes a Volunteer Behavior Agreement (4H Online)
- Participate in a New Volunteer Orientation (in person session)

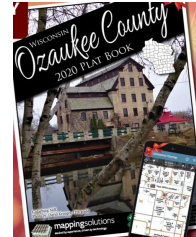
- Authorize a background check (4H Online)
- Complete Mandated Reporter Training (online session)

Upcoming New Volunteer Orientations are scheduled for a variety of dates and times as we wish to be as accommodating as possible. However, we ask that you **MUST** register **ONE DAY** in advance of the meeting to ensure materials are ready. Sessions with no registrants, will be cancelled. Email Barb at the Extension office ([barbara.steinmetz@wisc.edu](mailto:barbara.steinmetz@wisc.edu)) or call the office (262-284-8288) a minimum **ONE DAY** prior to the meeting.

- **Wednesday, January 22: 9:30-11:30 am OR 2:30-4:30 pm OR 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **All orientations are held at the Ozaukee County Administration Building in Port Washington.**

## Ozaukee County Plat Book is In!

The 2020 Ozaukee County Plat Book is available for purchase at the Extension Ozaukee County office or Register of Deeds office. The cost of the book is \$35 and proceeds benefit the Ozaukee County 4-H Program. This is a great resource for anyone owning or interested in land in Ozaukee County. This spiral-bound book includes land ownership maps, aerial view maps, an Interurban trail map, a county road map and much more.



## Ozaukee County 4-H Older Youth Crew (OYC) News

The OYC is off to a great start for 2020! At the time of this report, we will have enjoyed a lock-in at the Fairgrounds Pavilion. A planning meeting was held in December and group goals and events were planned. Youth in grades 8-13 are still welcome to join this countywide group! Contact Lisa Spangler, OYC adult volunteer coordinator, for details.

Upcoming OYC Events:

- **January 14, 2020:** Sunburst Winter Sports Park in Kewaskum, 5:00 pm, \$10 per person.
  - Deadline to register is January 6th to Lisa Spangler ([spanglaa@gmail.com](mailto:spanglaa@gmail.com) or 414-550-0968)
- **February & March 2020:** Events To Be Determined

OYC t-shirts are available for purchase for group members for \$15/each. Contact Lisa for more info or to place an order!

## Communication Festival

This great countywide opportunity is on **January 30, 2020** at the Ozaukee County Administrative Building in Port Washington from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Deadline to register i **January 15, 2020.**

This wonderful event helps 4-H members in grades 5K-13 grow on their public speaking and communication skills. Members will be judged on the category they choose and will compete against other 4-H members in their age group. The judges give them tips and tricks to help them grow in their communication skills. Categories include speech, demonstration, teaching, and PowerPoint/Google slide presentation. Members have the opportunity to sign up for more than one category if they wish.

More information on the festival including categories, critique forms, and more are found on the [Forms](#) page of the website. Sign up link is here (<https://forms.gle/aboHmX9G57qiKSsb8>) Hope to see you there! Any questions or concerns, please contact Amy J. ([amj050304@gmail.com](mailto:amj050304@gmail.com)) or Maria L. ([Mlee527ilcas@gmail.com](mailto:Mlee527ilcas@gmail.com)).

- Submitted by Amy J. and Maria L., Communication Festival Youth Co-coordinators



## Race to Pinewood Derby!

It's time to start designing your race car for the annual Pinewood Derby competition! This countywide event is open to anyone ages 3-adult. You do not have to be a 4-H'er to participate in the Pinewood Derby. Please consider inviting your non 4-H friends!

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- **February 1, 2020: Derby Build Day** - Need help building your car? Saws and sandpaper will be available to get you started.
- **February 15, 2020: Derby Physics Day** - Want to learn how to make your car faster? Bring your completed car on Saturday, February 15th to learn about the physics and engineering behind building and racing.
- **February 16, 2020: Pinewood Derby Race Day** - race your derby car!



Car kits will be available at the Extension office between 8am-4:30pm. during the week, Foundation Bowl-a-Thon, and Derby Build Day. \$5 per kit, limit one per entrant. No registrations will be accepted on race day.

Information including registration, rules and more will be loaded to the [FORMS](#) page of the website in the next few days.

## 4-H Summer Camp Staff Needed, Youth & Adults!

Do you love the outdoors, camp fires, hiking, swimming, and canoeing? Or do you find joy in leading and teaching games, songs, crafts, archery, or knowledge about nature?

Older 4-H youth in grades 9-13 and adults! Now is the time to decide if you would like to be a camp counselor/ camp staff member. 4-H Summer Camp will be held June 24 - June 27, 2020 at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma.

Applications for youth and adult camp staff **opened December 20 and closes February 1.**

Follow this link to apply: <https://forms.gle/4BGB8JoB5chTbJg78>

Camp interviews will be held on **February 11**, from 6-9 pm at the Administrative Building in Port Washington. Arrive at the interviews prepared to present your choice of craft, game, song, or knowledge about nature to the other potential camp staff applicants. Bring all materials required for your 4-8 minute presentation or teaching component to the interview.

\*Youth in grades 3-9, watch for the information in the March Harbinger about camp registration.\*



## 4-H Dance: Open to families, friends, and public

The annual 4-H Dance is planned for **Saturday, February 22, 2020** from 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds Pavilion in Cedarburg. Mark your calendar now for this “groovy” family-friendly evening. DJ Dan Bichler will be back to entertain all ages! The event is open to the public - so invite those friends and family members who like to dance too. \$3.50 admission at door with children 6 and under free! For more information, please see the poster on the [FORMS](#) page of the website. Hope to see you there!



## Variety Show Information

A REMINDER to all 4-H Club performers that registration deadline is fast approaching! Be sure to get your talents together and enter by February 14.





Clubs, groups and/or individuals are welcome to submit an act. Dancers, magicians, actors, musicians, poets, comedians and more are wanted; it wouldn't be a Variety Show without variety!

- **Location: Northern Ozaukee School - Assembly Hall**
- **Audition Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020 - starting at 9:00 am.**
- **Show Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 - starting at 2:30 pm.**

Deadline to register is **February 14, 2020**. More information including show guidelines and application, are uploaded on the [FORMS](#) page of the website. Registrations must be mailed to the address on the application. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Nevins, event coordinator, at [jamie.nevins@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.nevins@gmail.com)

## 4-H Educational Travel Experiences

The 2020 State and National 4-H Educational Travel Experiences information has been published. These travel opportunities are open to youth in grades 6th and above. To read more about the opportunities, please visit the website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/> If you are interested in applying for educational travel funding support provided by the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association and Ozaukee County Foundation, youth must apply through the county application process. The process involves completing a cover letter, resume, essay, and letter of recommendation as well as participate in an interview.

**Spring 2020 opportunities are Key Award, National Youth Congress, and Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference.**

- Application materials are due to the Extension office by **February 1, 2020**
- Interviews are scheduled for **February 18, 2020**

## Resume Writing & Interview Workshops Scheduled

If you are interested in learning more about the great life skills of resume writing and interviewing or you are interested in applying for educational travel funding support provided by the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association and Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation, workshops will be offered this winter to support 4-H youth! The workshops are hands-on, interactive sessions intended to help members prepare materials and practice interviewing skills.

For more information on travel opportunities and awards, please see the packet on the website: <https://ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/09/Older-Youth-Awards-Opportunities-App-Packet-19-20-rev.pdf>

SPRING WORKSHOPS			
Resume Workshop	January 7, 2020 @ 6:00-7:30 pm.	Ozaukee County Admin Building, Auditorium	RSVP by January 6:  <a href="https://forms.gle/LFyvHsjqywSSSRQKA">https://forms.gle/LFyvHsjqywSSSRQKA</a>
Interview Workshop	February 4, 2020 @ 6:00-7:30 pm.	Ozaukee County Admin Building, Auditorium	RSVP by February 3:  <a href="https://forms.gle/GiG5xgDPwzXQqLYW9">https://forms.gle/GiG5xgDPwzXQqLYW9</a>

## State ArtBEAT!: Registration Open

4-H ArtBEAT! Registration in 4H Online is now open! ArtBEAT! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. ArtBEAT! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. ArtBEAT! track leaders are older 4-H youth, 4-H leaders and staff. Mark your calendars for **March 13-15, 2020** for this fun and creative art weekend! Details, cost and registration information can be found on the Art Beat website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/>. Register early as this camp does fill! Registration deadline is January 20th, 2020.

## Community Youth Voice Conference 2020

High School aged youth are invited to attend the inaugural Community Youth Voice Conference held **March 14-17, 2020** at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. The Community Youth Voice Conference (CYVC) is an opportunity for youth from Washington, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac and Ozaukee Counties to come together around important community issues and share their ideas and opinions with community agencies that are eager to hear from youth.



The four round table topics will focus on community issues regarding post-secondary pathways, healthy relationships, elections and civic engagement and meeting the needs of our aging communities. The CYVC will give 40 young people from our fine area a voice for local change. If you have a desire to travel with 4-H to Washington D.C. to participate in the 4-H National Conference, this opportunity can strengthen your application and your preparedness for traveling with these delegates in the future.

This opportunity is open to ALL High School youth regardless of their enrollment status in 4-H! Check out more at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2352712808327533/>. For more information and registration forms, please see the [FORMS](#) page of the website. Questions, please contact Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Educator for Extension Sheboygan County, at [sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu). Registration deadline is **January 17, 2020**.

## 4-H Statewide Town Hall Meeting

The next Statewide 4-H Town Hall meeting is coming up on **January 16, 2020**. This online webinar is available for all 4-H volunteers and families to tune in. It's a great way to stay connected to the State 4-H Office and see what's up with 4-H this year! Meeting runs from 7:00-8:00pm. Connection information and dates are also posted on the State 4-H website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wisconsin-4-h-town-halls/>. The recording from the last Town Hall on October 29th is also posted here.

## Bunny Breakfast: Save the Date, Planning Meeting

Save the date for the "Bunny Breakfast" to be held on **Saturday March 28, 2020** at Circle B Recreation, Hwy 60 Cedarburg. This outreach community event requires a lot of help to make this as fun and fantastic as possible!

Our first planning meeting will be held on **Friday, January 10th**, 6:30pm at the Cedarburg Fairgrounds - Pavilion North. All are welcome to attend!

Any questions, please contact Sue Karolczek, Bunny Breakfast Chairperson at [Susan.karolczek@catholicfinanciallife.org](mailto:Susan.karolczek@catholicfinanciallife.org)

## Invite to Creative Arts Festival

Fond du Lac 4-H extends an invitation to Ozaukee 4-H members to attend OR showcase your talents at the Creative Arts Festival, **March 28, 2020**. Flyer can be located here:



<https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/12/4H-Creative-Arts-Fest-Flyer-2.pdf>

Registration information can be found at this link:

<https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/12/Creative-Arts-Registration-Entry-Form-2020.pdf>. Deadline to register is **March 2, 2020**.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Did you know that there are many scholarship opportunities for Ozaukee County 4-H Youth? The best places to get info about scholarship opportunities are the [Forms](#) page, [Foundation](#) page, and [FaceBook](#) page. Many opportunities have a winter or early spring application deadline.

Attending the upcoming Resume Writing and Interview Workshops would be very beneficial to applying for scholarships!

Here's a list of some of the Opportunities:

- Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarship:  
<https://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>
- The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering [Youth Pig Project scholarships](#).
- WI Foundation Scholarship: College Scholarships are available for High School Seniors and College Freshmen through the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Apply now through March 16, 2020.  
[http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/?fbclid=IwAR1QVxGu2Voqvdl1tMi2tQbvcvnb\\_5G-Xa4Yrx4yM\\_LLA6uSWgsMjFiNuU](http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/?fbclid=IwAR1QVxGu2Voqvdl1tMi2tQbvcvnb_5G-Xa4Yrx4yM_LLA6uSWgsMjFiNuU)

## The Haunt 2020: We need You!

Come be a part of the fun committee coordinating the planning and build of The Haunt 2020! The coordinating committee meets the first Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, starting at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is January 7 so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**2020 Haunt DIY Pre-build Dates:** (all held at the Fairgrounds Pavilion) Please use the Sign-Up Genius links to let us know you're coming.

- Sunday, January 12, 2020: Noon-4pm Hanging Cage Build  
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094daba92ea2f94-january>)
- Sunday, February 2, 2020: Noon-5pm Airbrush Makeup Training  
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094daba92ea2f94-airbrush>)
- Sunday, March 8, 2020: Noon-4pm See-through bridge build & Airbrush Makeup practice (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094daba92ea2f94-march>)
- Sunday, April 5, 2020: Noon-5pm Hanging Candles & Floating Bridge (save your toilet paper and paper towel tubes for this one!)  
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094daba92ea2f94-april>)

Bookmark the webpage "[4-H at The Haunt](#)" on the Extension website to stay up to date with Haunt information and Haunt Calendar for upcoming events and any changes due to weather, etc.



The Haunt is Ozaukee County 4-H largest fundraiser and is way more fun than selling candy bars or wrapping paper! Hope to see many of you there!

## Lemonade Stand Committee Chair Needed!

The Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association is in need of a chair for the 2020 lemonade stands. The stands are held at the Cedarburg Strawberry Festival June 27 - 28, 2020 and Harvest Festival, September 19 - 20, 2020. The proceeds from the lemonade stand are applied to the cost of the 4-H Summer camp, which keeps the camp affordable. Last year each camp participant paid \$110, the actual cost was \$275 per participant. If your family attends summer camp, this is the perfect committee for you to chair and event to schedule time to volunteer. Contact Jayna at the Extension office for additional information 262-284-8293.



## OZAUKEE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION NEWS

### Foundation Bowl-A-Thon: Sign-Up Soon!

There's plenty of spots available yet for the 2020 annual Foundation Bowl-A-Thon. All 4-H members welcome so get a group together and sign-up for fun!



- **When: Sunday, January 26th, 2020**
- **Where: Circle B Recreation Center**
- **Sign-up for your time and lane:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094da9ab2aa4fc1-adult>
- **Pledge sheet link:**  
<https://ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/files/2013/09/Bowl-A-Thon-Pledge-Sheet.pdf>

Adult Alumni Bowling also returns again this year! Do you know a 4-H alum or have adults in your club that want to bowl? Baby sitting available upon request. For sign-up or more info, please see info page on website. Sign up for a lane here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094da9ab2aa4fc1-adult> (use the 2:30 time slot)

For more Bowl-a-Thon information, please see the *Countywide Activities* section of the [FORMS](#) page of the website. Plan to come and support the mission of the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation at this annual fundraiser!

The Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation was established in 1982 to help fund education and leadership opportunities for 4-H youth and adult programs. Since its inception the 4-H Foundation has provided financial support for:

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Annual scholarships for high school seniors
- **LEARNING EXPERIENCES:** Sponsorship of state, national, and international educational experiences
- **LIFE SKILLS OPPORTUNITIES:** Camp counseling opportunities as well as regional workshops and conferences
- **RECOGNITION:** of outstanding youth through the 4-H programs highest award, the "Key Award"

## Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

The Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation will make several scholarships available for active Ozaukee County 4-H members who are in their 2019 high school graduating senior class, or one year past high school, with at least five years of 4-H club membership. Applicants must have fulfilled all 4-H achievement requirements in that year. Once an applicant is awarded a scholarship, they are not eligible to re-apply. Accredited technical and college degree programs are acceptable for application.

No application materials will be accepted at the 4-H office. Mailing options, along with the updated 2020 application are available on the [FORMS](#) page of the website. Postmark deadline is March 6th.

## Giving to 4-H Foundation

Thank you for your continued support of Ozaukee County 4-H activities and the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation! To contribute, checks may be made payable to the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation and sent to:

Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation  
PO Box 176  
Cedarburg, WI 53012-0176



A Friend Donation has been received for:

- Julie Irato through UBS

## OFFICE NEWS, CALENDAR & MISCELLANEOUS

### Countywide 4-H Calendar

Reminder that the online 4-H calendar is the best way to stay on top of the many countywide activities going on throughout the 4-H year. [Bookmark it here!](#)

To submit county or state 4-H events, please email event information to [Claudia](#) or [Jayna](#) at the Extension Ozaukee County office. Fairgrounds reservations must be made through the Marketing Coordinator, Mary Sheffield, 262-366-4736 or [msheffield@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:msheffield@co.ozaukee.wi.us). Dates, times, and locations will be added to the online calendar as they are received.



The next Harbinger newsletter will be published March 1, 2020. Information must be submitted by February 15, 2020 to be included.