

2010 WISCONSIN 4-H CHAPERONE OPPORTUNITIES

Love working with youth? Interested in dairy? Aerospace? Citizenship? Leadership? International travel?

Wisconsin 4-H Wants You!

What opportunities exist?

Citizenship Washington Focus bus trips to Washington, D.C. (June-July);
National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November);
National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin (end of September);
Space Camp bus trip to Huntsville, Alabama (late April);
International trips to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico or Norway (summer).

Who can apply?

Applicants must be at least 21 years old at time of trip and certified Wisconsin 4-H Leaders.
Applicants must be in good health. (Sleep deficit, some lifting and much walking are common!)

What are the requirements?

A complete application must be submitted before March 1 (January 1 for international trips).
A county 4-H Youth Development Agent's reference is required. Other references may be required.
Selected international chaperones will need passports and physicians' reports.

How much time does it require?

Most trips are for three to seven days but international trips last one month. In addition, chaperones are required to attend both chaperone and delegate orientations. Preparatory time and time to complete a follow-up report and evaluation must also be scheduled.

What does it cost?

Registration and travel expenses are covered; some meals may be at the chaperone's expense.

What are the criteria for chaperone selection?

- Experience: An applicant must have previous experience chaperoning local, county, district or state overnight or extended trips, whether for 4-H, school, Scouts, or other youth groups.
- Gender: Youth must be represented by adults of their same gender.
- Geographic location: Bus trips for CWF and Space Camp originate in Eau Claire where a chaperone is needed at the initial loading site for each trip. If a leader is not from that area, it should be noted on the application if he/she is willing to board/disembark at Eau Claire. National Congress requires chaperones at four or five widely dispersed airports.
- Interpersonal communication: Leaders must be team players who work together.
- Leadership ability. Effective teams unify a variety of talents: organization, "people skills", guiding....
- Motivation: An applicant's first and foremost reason for applying must be motivated by a genuine desire to lead a youth group, attending to the group's welfare and education, ***not for a vacation or to experience a son or daughter's trip.***
- Previous travel experience: National Congress leaders must have flight experience; international chaperones must have traveled internationally at least once.
- Sense of humor! A vital part of state and national 4-H trips is having fun, both for youth and adults.

How do I apply?

Contact a county 4-H office or call 4-H Outreach at 608/262-1557 or 608/262-0575 for an application.

Each trip has a different focus with different desired attributes for leaders. If someone doesn't fit into one position, they might be great elsewhere. Chaperone applicants will experience some wonderful hot competition for a few positions! If you are not selected this year, please don't be discouraged! Apply again next year!

National 4-H Opportunities

Learn more about them!

Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, D.C.

www.4hcwf.org

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/cwf

Four trip weeks are offered in June-July each year to Wisconsin 4-H.

National 4-H Congress

www.national4-hcongress.com

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/congress

Experience exuberance with 1300 4-H'ers from all over the US including Hawaii and Puerto Rico in Atlanta in November.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/dairyconf

Join youth from over 30 states and several Canadian provinces to share learning experiences, educational tours, workshops, World Dairy Expo and fun in Madison.

Space Camp, Huntsville AL

www.spacecamp.com

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp

Wisconsin 4-H travels to Huntsville each April to join the fun!

Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/youthconf

Over 650 participants visit the UW Madison campus in June for this conference.

For more information,
Contact your local 4-H office or
the State 4-H Outreach office at (608) 262-1557 or
kay.hobler@ces.uwes.edu

2010 National 4-H Trips Wisconsin Adult Leader Application

Adult Leader Positions Available:

The Lead Adult for the Adult Advisor Team is the primary contact with the program staff and the State 4-H office staff, registers the group on-site, and helps with some logistics.

All Adult Advisors work closely with the other chaperone team members to carry out the duties necessary for a successful group experience. This includes monitoring the conduct and health of delegates, enforcing rules/expectations, working closely with adult chaperone team members and/or youth advisors, working in cooperation with the program staff, and serving in a leadership role as a Day Coordinator.

Expectations: All leaders must be in good physical condition to withstand rigors associated with the trip. Expect much walking on hard surfaces, handling luggage, and sharing a sleeping room. Public speaking is required. Space Camp and Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) leaders can expect long periods of riding on a bus. CWF participants usually experience high temperatures with humidity in Washington D.C.

Obligations: All chaperones must be 21 or older at time of trip and be certified Wisconsin 4-H leaders. Chaperone expenses for transportation to the conference site, lodging and registration are covered by delegate fees. Any expense to the chaperone will be minimal. Adult leaders must work cooperatively with fellow chaperone team members and remain with the delegation at all times during the trip. Adult leaders are required to submit a report and evaluation upon completion of the program. Orientation will be held via teleconference and/or in person.

Participation at all scheduled orientations is mandatory. Sorry, no exceptions!

Mark your calendar now for these orientation dates:

Space Camp Chaperone Training	Sat., March 13, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Madison;
CWF Chaperone Workshop	Sat., April 24, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Stevens' Point;
National Congress Chaperone Training	Mon., Oct. 18; 7:30-8:30 p.m. teleconference

I am interested in (check all for which you would like to be considered):

- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington D.C. (June/July; see reverse.)
- National 4-H Congress, Atlanta GA (November 26-30, 2010)
- National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison WI (September 26 – 29, 2010)
- Space Camp, Huntsville (April 15-19, 2010)

I wish to apply for a Lead chaperone position. Yes No Maybe...

*(International leaders also needed for Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Norway.
For more information, visit <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm>)*

Name _____ County _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 E-mail address _____ Best time to call: _____
 Telephone (days) _(____)_____ Telephone (nights) _(____)_____
 Cell phone that you would use on the trip _(____)_____

Occupation: _____ Years 4-H leadership experience _____
 Experience in health care or First Aid _____
 Experience in working with disabilities _____
 Gender _____ Health: excellent good fair

Please read the expectations listed above. Do you have a physical condition that may affect your ability to complete this trip? If yes, explain: _____

2010 Wisconsin 4-H State and National Trip Mandatory Chaperone Teleconference Trainings

Reminder!

Please hold these dates & mark them on your calendar!

For this event:	Mandatory chaperone orientation & training dates	Trip dates
Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama	Adult Leader Training March 13, 9:00-3:30 p.m., Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St. & UW Space Place, Madison Delegation teleconference: March 9, 7:00-8:15 p.m.	April 15-19, 2010
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.	Adult Leader Training April 24, 10:30-4:30 p.m., at a central location for all- TBA, probably in the Stevens Point area Delegation teleconferences: Wk. 4- May 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wk. 6- May 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wk. 7- May 6, 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Wk. 4: June 19-27 Wk. 6: July 3-11 Wk. 7: July 10-18
National 4-H Dairy Conference, UW Madison	Adult Leader Training Sept. 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m., or Sept. 14, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Delegation orientation: TBA	Sept. 26-29, 2010
National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia	Adult Leader Training: Oct. 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (teleconference) Delegation teleconference: Oct. 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Nov. 26-30, 2010