

NATIONAL EVENTS

At the national level opportunities include the following awarded trips:

Citizenship Washington Focus

Over 200 Wisconsin 4-H youth in grades 10-12 are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities related to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips, and social events.

National 4-H Congress

This national trip uses seminars and hands-on experiences to provide an intense national leadership forum with a cross-cultural experience for 4-H youth. It is a chance for universities to expose youth to current leadership philosophy and research in critical areas such as agriculture, environment, community, families, and communications. This trip is the flagship event of the 4-H program, awarded to 4-H youth in grades 10-12 for their outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.

National 4-H Conference

Six youth in grades 10-12 from across the state attend a working conference held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Each participant selects an issue and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans to help direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups and one day at Capitol Hill meeting with legislators. One delegate may be chosen at the county level and his or her name is submitted to the state office.

The following event is not an awarded trip. Youth in grades 6-8 may apply to attend and will have to find a way to pay their own expenses:

U.S. Space Camp



The 4-H Missions in Space program gives 4-H'ers in grades 6 - 8 the opportunity to learn about aerospace, astronomy and technology at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants complete a simulated space shuttle mission, experience training simulators and learn about becoming an astronaut. Cost is approximately \$500 and applications are due January 1.