

QUESTIONS ABOUT 4-H

What is a 4-H club?

A 4-H club is an organized group of boys and/or girls or a family. The members elect their own officers and operate as a democracy in action. Most 4-H clubs hold monthly meetings in homes or in a central meeting place, such as a school, town hall or church. Through 4-H clubs, boys and girls have fun together, do service projects for their community and participate in many 4-H events and activities. 4-H club members are involved in projects as well as monthly meetings.

How do you join 4-H?

The 4-H membership enrollment year begins on October 1st. Although we encourage you to join then, youth can join anytime throughout the year. New members who wish to exhibit projects in the fair must be enrolled in the projects by May 1st. Returning members must be re-enrolled by December 31 to exhibit at the fair. Any girl or boy, who is in grades 3 and above by January 1 of the 4-H year or up to one year past graduation from high school, may be a member of a club. Youth in grades K-2 may be involved in club work by becoming Cloverbud members.

How much does 4-H cost?

County dues for the 4-H year are as follows:

K - 2 nd Grade	Cloverbuds:	\$3.00
3 rd Grade and up	Members:	\$5.00

Dues should be turned in with enrollment forms to the club general leader or the Extension Office in October of each year. Some clubs may choose to also have club dues to cover the cost of club functions. The cost of project work is the responsibility of each individual member, not the club or project leader.

How can adults be involved in 4-H?

Adults may participate in 4-H by becoming project leaders, activity leaders or general club leaders. Adult volunteers are expected to do three things before volunteering with 4-H: complete a behavior expectations form, complete a consent form to have a background check, and participate in a Volunteer Certification Training at the Extension Office to learn about the 4-H organization and working with children.

What is a 4-H after school club?

A 4-H after school club is a club that meets once a month at local elementary schools. The club is run by the 4-H Youth Development Educator or local college and high school volunteers and is free of charge to kids in grades K-5. Currently 4-H after school clubs are held at Four Corners Elementary and Great Lakes Elementary. As a partnership with the School District of Superior, 4-H after school educational programs are held once a week at Bryant, Lake Superior and Northern Lights Elementary Schools. These students are also enrolled in 4-H free of charge.

Can I join any 4-H club?

You can join any club in Douglas County regardless of where you live. You may also join more than one club if you would like. See Appendix A for a list of clubs.

What are the life skills 4-H aims to teach?

The life skills that 4-H helps teach youth might include communicating with others, leading self and others, learning to learn, working and relating to others, planning and organizing, problem solving, decision making, relating to change, applying science and technology, developing self, and improving mental and physical health.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

The University of Wisconsin-Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals, in the admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment.

Further, UW-Extension will not participate with organizations or in activities which discriminate on the basis of any of the legally prohibited categories of discrimination. Categories of prohibited discrimination include race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military service.

Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in an alternative format or other accommodations must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of the Douglas County Extension Office, 715-395-1363 at least ten working days prior to the event.

Individuals who need TTY access may contact the Douglas County Extension Office by dialing 711 for the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System.