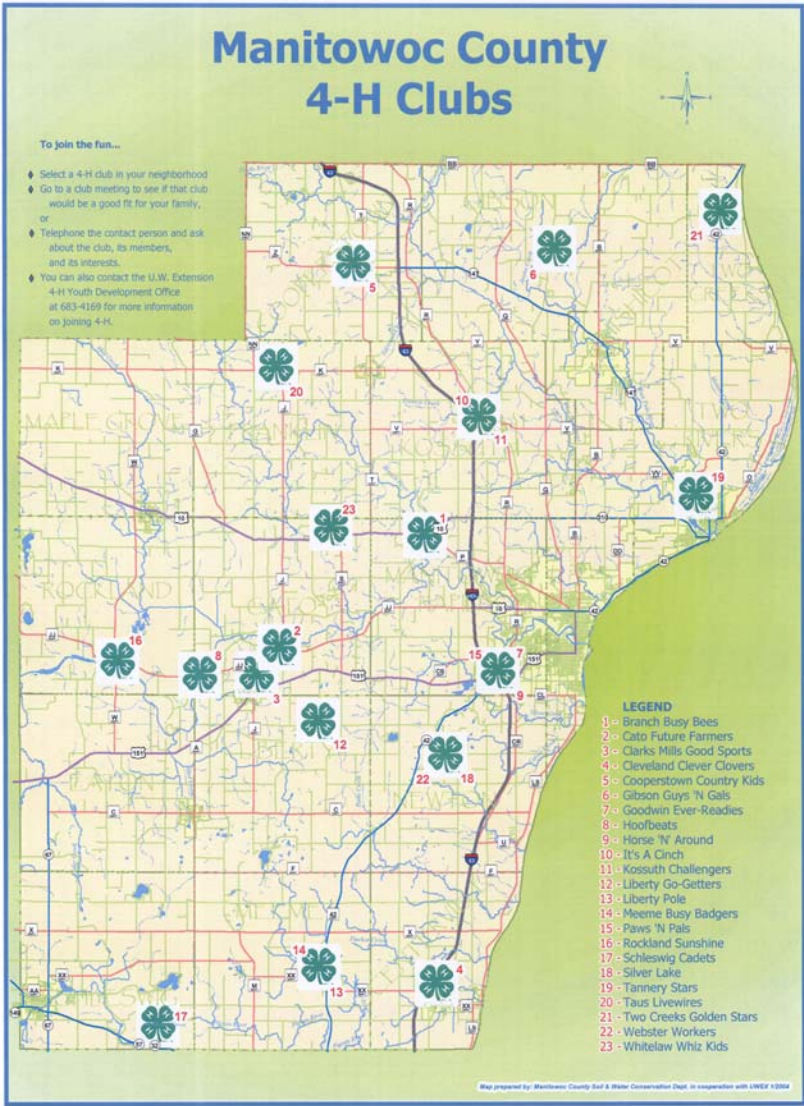


# Manitowoc County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs



### Manitowoc County 4-H Community Club Program

*4-H is a community of young people across Manitowoc County learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.*

**By the Numbers:**

- 24 Community Clubs
- 633 Youth Members
- 132 Club Officers
- 196 Adult Volunteers

### Essential Elements of a 4-H Community Club Experience

**Belonging:** Youth meet their need to belong by joining a 4-H club and meeting monthly with other youth with similar interests.

**Mastery:** The youth need for mastery is met by enrolling in 4-H projects, working on them throughout the year, and exhibiting their work at the county fair.

**Independence:** Youth meet their need for independence by choosing their own projects, doing their own work, and by leadership opportunities such as club officer, committee member, camp counselor, and Ambassador.

**Generosity:** All 4-H clubs are actively involved in community service, giving back to their community, and meeting their need for generosity.

**Fact: Manitowoc County 4-H has been building leadership skills and educating youth since 1922.**

### How does 4-H Youth Development benefit youth?

The 4-H Community Club program has been a proven vehicle to deliver youth development programs for over 100 years. Based upon a study of New York 4-H Clubs, Cathann Kress, Director, Youth Development, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) states: "Young people who participate in 4-H Clubs do better in school, are motivated to help others, and are developing skills in leadership, public speaking, self-esteem, communication and planning, and are making lasting friendships." Joining 4-H is easy - just call the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 683-4169 or e-mail [kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us](mailto:kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us).

**Fact: For every \$1.00 that Manitowoc County invests in 4-H Youth Development, county residents receive the equivalent of an additional \$5.76 in youth development programming from other related sources (2006 data).**

### What is 4-H volunteer service worth?

The average Manitowoc County 4-H volunteer spends 95 hours per year in service<sup>1</sup>.....

**at** 196 volunteers that's 18,620 donated hours **OR**

18,620 x \$15.63<sup>2</sup> = \$291,030

The value of 4-H volunteer service is not just economic, however. 4-H volunteers help teach our youth lessons, habits, attitudes and skills that last a lifetime and continue to benefit our local communities well into the future.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Minnesota 4-H Volunteer Study  
<sup>2</sup> Source: www.independentsector.org

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