



Waupaca County 4-H Activity Listing

4-H Ambassador - A program for youth in 8th grade or above interested in promoting 4-H in the county. Members apply for this program through a county application. Members chosen to be ambassadors may receive training at the State 4-H and Youth Conference held in Madison. Ambassadors will promote 4-H through radio, newspaper and other presentations. They will also participate in county 4-H programs by emceeding, presenting awards, teaching sessions, or other things they may choose. The County 4-H Ambassadors are also promoting older youth involvement in 4-H by offering older youth activities such as a bowling and a teen dance.

Winter Camp - A camping opportunity for older youth in grades 7 and above from Waupaca and Portage Counties. It is usually held in January. An educational program is planned along with a lot of time for winter sports.

Summer Camp - This camp experience is held in conjunction with Portage County. Intermediate Camp is open to members grades 5-8, and Junior Camp is open to grades 2-4. This educational program includes nature, craft, recreation, waterfront, campfire, and free time sessions. Besides the younger members, older youth can take leadership roles at camp. Older youth can apply to be camp counselors and after counseling for a few years they may apply to be Junior Directors.

Demonstration Contest – This countywide event is part of the County Fair and is usually held in May. Members choose a project area and present a demonstration based on their project work. The length of the demonstration depends on age.

Music, Drama, and Speaking Contest – This event is sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association and is usually held in March or April. Speech categories are divided into three age groups. Music and Drama entries are club entries. Clubs could perform a puppet show, skit, drama, musical number and more.

Super Saturday – This project exploration event is usually held in February or March. All 4-H members and leaders may attend. Participants choose 2 project sessions to attend. Sessions vary from year to year and are taught by project leaders or community members. There are usually approximately 15 sessions to choose from.

Clothing Revue – This countywide event is part of the County Fair and is usually held in June. Members may register under clothing construction or looking good. The top senior recognition selections may attend State Fair Clothing Revue.

Cloverbud and Exploring Day Camp – for all Cloverbud and Exploring members. There are four project sessions as well as campfire, games, songs and snack. Usually held at a camp in July. Older youth may register to be counselors.

County Fair Activities - Along with the County Fair in August, there are many activities that members can participate in. There is Fairgrounds Beautification usually held in May, Fair Clean-up held about 1 week prior to the fair, booth and banner set-up at Fair time. Fair

Orientation for new members as well as members with questions about showing at the Fair is held about two weeks before the fair. Dog, cat, small pet and food project judging are held prior to the fair. After the fair, there are Fair Evaluation meetings that people may attend to discuss any questions and concerns they have about the fair. Watch the 4-H Forecast for specifics each year as to when the County Fair activities are.

Watermelon, Pumpkin, and Sunflower Contest - In October, leaders, members and parents are given the opportunity to show off the largest watermelon, pumpkin, or sunflower that they have grown. There is also a decorated pumpkin contest. This contest is open to anybody, not just members in the crops projects.

Project Meetings and Workshops - When members sign up for projects at the beginning of the 4-H year, they have signed up not only to show projects at the fair, but also to spend a year exploring and learning about an area that may be new to them or that they may want to expand their knowledge about. With this comes many opportunities to attend project meetings and workshops both locally and around the district or state. The following is a short list of some of the multi-county activities. **Dairy Judging Workshop** is a chance for members to acquire a basic knowledge of dairy judging. Youth will be divided into groups according to grade level and will learn things from the parts of a cow and placing to giving clear and concise reasons for the placings. **Area Animal Science Days** is a district wide event where youth participate in judging and grading activities. They can also enter posters, showmanship, and events in a variety of Animal Science projects. Some members enter as a judging team while some enter as individuals. **Plant and Soil Science Days** is an opportunity for you to test your knowledge about fruits and nuts, vegetables, trees, shrubs, flowers and houseplants. You could enter a photo contest, speaking or demonstration contest, a written botany test and other events in the plant and soil projects. **Jr. Holstein Dairy Fitting and Showing Clinic** is an opportunity for members to attend workshops on proper clipping and fitting of dairy animals. Following this, youth are placed on teams in which they wash, clip, lead, and groom a dairy animal. The teams are judged on presentation of the animals and team cooperation. **Livestock Workshops** are planned for sheep, beef and swine projects. Counties take turns hosting and planning. The workshops with educational sessions and clinics are planned to keep members informed on the things that are happening in the project areas. **State Dairy and Livestock Clinics** - Livestock is held at the State Fair Park and Dairy in Madison. Participants learn about the specific species as well as fitting and showing techniques.

Locally there are mandatory countywide project meetings for horse and dog projects to attend.

Waupaca County Trip Information

Intrastate/County-to-County Exchange - Youth grades 6-8 may participate in this week-long event where members from Waupaca will spend three days with a family from another Wisconsin county and they will in turn spend three days with your family. This is a great chance for youth to learn about 4-H in another county as well as explore the sights of another area of Wisconsin. Most of the program is designed by the families including where to take the visiting member as well as some whole county activities. Members can apply by a simple application form.

Interstate Exchange/State-to-State - What a wonderful opportunity for older youth grades 9-12

to meet 4-H'ers from another part of the country as well as become friends with members from Waupaca County! This is a two part trip where one summer Waupaca County will travel somewhere for 1 week and then the following summer that county will come stay with your family. The youth stay with 4-H families and learn about their 4-H program as well as their state. Members are selected to go on this trip through the Member Evaluation (ME) Form process.

Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference (formerly State 4-H Congress) - This is open to youth grades 8-10 and is held on the UW - Madison campus usually in the third week of June. There are many different seminars to choose from such as canoeing, viewing the Parade of Homes, and Origami art. Besides the educational seminars there are also assemblies that everyone attends together and social activities like dances or movies. There are about 600 youth from around Wisconsin that attend this event. Members experience dorm life by sleeping in the dorms, eating in the campus cafeteria, and participating in the seminars in a variety of classrooms around campus. Members are selected to go on this trip through the Member Evaluation Form (ME) process.

Citizenship Washington Focus - Explore America's powerful capital and discover what makes it that way. You won't sit still for a minute! This is a dynamic one- week summer trip for youth in grades 10-12 to explore government through educational field trips, learning games and active discussions. You will visit many national landmarks as well as meet other 4-H'ers from around the country. Members apply for this trip through the Member Evaluation Form (ME).

American Spirit Leadership Program – On this 9-day trip, you will travel to Plymouth and Boston MA, New York, Philadelphia, and Niagara Falls. During your visits, you will learn about citizenship, leadership, and see the sites that mark the beginning of this great nation. Youth grades 7-9 can apply for this trip through the Member Evaluation Form (ME) process.

International Trip Opportunities - There are a wide variety of trip and hosting opportunities for 4-H members and families through international trips. Most of these state applications are due around January or February.

IFYE - IFYE stands for International 4-H Youth Exchange and is a cross-cultural exchange program. It stresses family living as the heart of the learning experience, offering young people the chance to experience other cultures through personal involvement in the homes, schools, and communities of their host countries.

Trip Interviews - Most of the state, national, and international trips require the youth to fill out an application such as the Member Evaluation (ME) form or State form as well as attend an interview. Once the applications are turned in, they will find out the specific date and time of the interview.

Watch the 4-H Forecast for further details on these exciting, educational opportunities.