

How to Join Waupaca County 4-H

Thank you for choosing to re-enroll or enroll for the first time in Waupaca County 4-H. We are looking forward to another great year!

- Contact the Waupaca County University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Office at (715) 258-6230 or email penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu
- The 4-H Program Assistant or 4-H and Youth Development Educator can tell you what 4-H clubs are available in your area and who to contact for each club.
- Contact the local club leader and fill out a 4-H Member Enrollment Form. When you are an official 4-H member your name will be added to the County 4-H mailing list.

Waupaca County 4-H Enrollment Policy

Deadlines: The deadline for 4-H Club General Leaders to turn in re-enrollment forms to the UWEX office is November 15. *(Earlier due dates are set by each club.)* **Re-enrollment forms received after November 15 will not be eligible to show in the current Junior Waupaca County Fair.** New members may join 4-H at any time; however, February 1 is the last date new members may enroll and still be eligible to exhibit at the Junior Fair. County dues of \$5.00 and the Behavior Agreement Form are also due at the time of enrollment. A **re-enrollment** is a youth enrolling who was a member any previous year. A **new enrollment** is a youth who is enrolling not having been a member any previous year.

Cloverbuds: Youth in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade enroll in 4-H as Cloverbuds. Cloverbud activities (including fair exhibits) are non-competitive. For safety reasons, cloverbuds may not work with an animal as part of their project work.

3rd graders: All 3rd graders must take only the Exploring Project. The Exploring Project lets you sample many of the non-animal projects members select from in 4-H.

4th graders: If it is your 1st year in 4-H, you must take the Exploring Project and may take one additional project. 4th grade is the 1st year members may take an animal project.

Number of projects: It is suggested that 2nd year project members take no more than 3 projects, 3rd year project members take no more than 4 projects, 4th year project members take no more than 5 projects, 5th year project members take no more than 6 projects.

Project levels: Some projects have more than one skill level. Each level has a book that coordinates with it. Unless an age recommendation is given, you would take the level 1 project book if it is your first year in the project. How fast you advance to other levels depends on how much work you do each year, and the recommendation of the parent, project leader and/or general leader.

Graduation: The policy for 4-H graduation is that members may choose to graduate from 4-H the same year you graduate from high school or you may stay in 4-H one full year following high school graduation (no matter what your age).