

Membership and Leadership Opportunities

Enrichment Day: Open to all members and adults. An in-depth exploration of a variety of 4-H projects.

Fun Day: Gives 4-H members an opportunity to explore and try "hands on" learning in a wide range of subjects, crafts, and hobbies. Held in April or May.

Dog Fun Day: For all members, parents, and leaders in the Dog Project. Members bring dogs to register for obedience training, observe demonstrations, review training rules, and become acquainted with training procedures.

Horse Fun Day and Training: For all members, parents, and leaders in the Horse Project. Members learn new information about horses and the 4-H horse project. Horse related activities like hippology, judging, horse bowl, photography, arts, clothes horse, and demonstrations are explained. Includes members in Saddle Side Kicks, and Horseless Horse.

Rabbit Fun Day: For all members, parents, and leaders in the Rabbit Project. Members bring rabbits to a fun show. Learn about breeds, showmanship & handling, and management.

Dairy Judging: Held in Spring. There are two age divisions: Junior (8-13 years old); Senior (14-19 years old). Members learn dairy cattle evaluation skills at judging workshops held on farms. Final teams are selected on the basis of total scores accumulated at the scheduled workshops. Teams represent Winnebago County at the NE Area Animal Science Days.

Foods Revue: Open to all food's project, cloverbuds, and exploring members. Members develop a menu, prepare a menu item and display an appropriate table setting for their menu. Also a one-on-one evaluation with a knowledgeable adult on nutrition and their display.

Clothing Revue & Style Show: Open to all cloverbud, exploring, clothing, knitting and crocheting members. Members construct, accessorize, and model a garment. They are judged on how they look and their sewing skills. They also create a Style Show to model the garments held at the Winnebago County Fair.

Rocketry Blast-Off Contest: For youth to get together and fire off the rockets they made at their project meetings. Youth can qualify for State Fair Blast-Off.

Cloverbud Day Camp: Held in July. A two-day camp with an optional overnight. Provides an opportunity for Cloverbuds to learn many new things and interact with older 4-H member counselors.

Summer Camp: Open to County 4-H members, third grade up to 14 years of age as of January 1. Held at Upham Woods on the Wisconsin River, located near Wisconsin Dells. It is a 4-day resident summer camp. Outpost camp is also available. Volunteer adult chaperon positions are available.

Camp Counselor: 4-H older youth (age 14 or older) under the direction of the 4-H agent attend spring workshops to design and carry out a summer camp program for younger 4-H members. Interested teens submit an application and interview (in January) for the summer camp counselor positions.

Interstate Exchange: 4-H older youth select an exchange state (travel one year and host the other). Members and parents establish contacts, plan the trip and fundraisers. Interested teens submit application.

Winter Leadership Camp: Open to County 4-H youth ages 14 or older as of January 1. It is held with Northeast Wisconsin Counties. Location varies each year.

Teen Overnight: For county 4-H youth ages 12 or older. Planned by 4-H older youth. Usually held in January/February at Neenah YMCA.

Demonstration Contest: Held in Spring. For all 4-H youth to demonstrate beyond the club, as a pre-fair activity. Youth are judged and can qualify to do their demonstration at State Fair.

Speaking Contest: Held in Spring. For all 4-H youth to prepare and give a speech. Youth are judged on their speaking and communication skills.

Officer Training: For 4-H youth interested in becoming club officers and youth already elected officers of their club. Workshop covers such topics as: planning a business meeting, parliamentary procedure, individual officer responsibilities, teamwork, club program planning, and valuable leadership and communication skills.

4-H Recognition Program Banquet: This family program is held in the fall to recognize all the adult volunteers for their years of service and award the Friend of 4-H, Friend in 4-H, and 4-H Alumni. It includes a dinner, special program and dance. **Pre-registration required.**

County Fair: Held in August. The culmination of the 4-H project year. Youth publicly display the variety of projects completed throughout the year. Projects are evaluated by an accredited judge and awarded Blue, Red, White, or Pink ribbons. Focus is on youth accomplishments...things learned, made, grown, or raised. Exhibit entry forms are due early in July.

State Fair: A public showcase of 4-H's best from throughout the state. Displays include: Project exhibits, activity centers, youth demonstrations, contests, music performances, and clothing revue. Exhibits are selected at County Fair for the following year's State Fair. For more specific information on other activities, contact the UWEX office.

Fundraisers:

4-H Dipper: Operated by the leaders, members and their parents. Clubs work at least one shift during the County Fair. Small clubs team up to provide workers. Youth learn about public service, relating to the public, business, and develop a sense of value from their contribution. Profits support county 4-H educational programs.

Pizza Sale: The county's primary fundraising project; members take orders from friends and neighbors and actually make the pizzas they sell. Pizza sales are held in November and April. Profits support county 4-H educational programs and are also split with the clubs.

Project/Program Partners (Committees) and Workshops: Youth and adults come together to plan, develop, and conduct county level educational opportunities, evaluate educational impact, and recommend fair entry book changes.

Community Development Grants: Monies are available from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation or National 4-H Council to create educational programs and service activities at club and county levels.

Winnebago County 4-H Scholarships: Up to four (4) scholarships (\$250 each) are awarded to Winnebago County Youth who will pursue any education beyond high school. Those selected receive the scholarship upon successful completion of one semester or section. Applications available at the Extension Office. Recipients are announced at County Fair in August.

District Opportunities

Adult and Youth

N.E. District 4-H Councils - Winnebago County is part of an 11-county Northeast District 4-H Council. Two adults are appointed to serve three year terms by the Board of Directors. Two youths are selected to represent Winnebago County.

N.E. District Horse Council – Open to all youth and adult volunteer leaders in the horse project.

Counties in Northeast District include: Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Washington, Ozaukee, and Winnebago.

State Trip Opportunities

State 4-H Conference: Held on the Madison Campus, delegates experience campus living, attend tours, workshops and assemblies with other 4-H youth from throughout the State. You will explore personal interest with professionals and experts, plus have fun!! It is also a showcase for cultural talent like music, drama and art. Selected from County forms, and interviewed in January. (Should be 14-16 years of age as of January 1.)

Showcase Singers: A statewide performance group (kind of like a swing choir). They meet at State 4-H Conference to work routines. The Showcase Singers tour throughout the state of Wisconsin during the summer. Application deadline in January. (Should be 14-18 years of age as of January 1.)

State Drama Company: A company of youth and adults who perform an original play for State Conference delegates. You will have an opportunity to work with the Extension Youth Theater Spec. for the State of Wisconsin. Application deadline in January. (Should be 14-18 years of age as of January 1.)

4-H Art Team: This is an experience for youth leaders and adults who develop a theme exhibit and install the State 4-H Conference Art Exhibit. Application deadline is March 1. (Should be 14-18 years of age as of January 1.)

State Fair: Members display best-of-show projects and work in various project activity centers.

State Fair Clothing Revue: Chosen from the county clothing revue, members will have the opportunity to model their garment at State Fair and learn some modeling and make-up techniques.

State 4-H Dog Show: Exhibitors compete with other dog project members from across the state, and have educational contests.

State 4-H Horse Expo: Blue ribbon winners are encouraged to attend the State 4-H Horse Show to compete with other blue ribbon winners from throughout the state. They have educational contests that do not require you to own a horse to show.

Wisconsin 4-H Agri-Science World: Madison—A three-day opportunity, in late June, for high school sophomores/juniors to see the latest in agriculture research and careers in the Agricultural Sciences.

Participants spend time with UW faculty or agriculture business leaders to talk about current issues, and tour ongoing research areas.

International Trip Opportunities

Many opportunities exist for adults and youth (all ages, starting at about 14) to participate in international experiences. You might travel to another country, or host a visitor (for a couple weeks or months). Many programs involve small groups traveling together; others are for individuals. Most travel opportunities have December, January, or February deadlines. Plan ahead and select your program. Hosting programs occur throughout the year, especially summer.

LABO: Japanese/American exchange program (families host Japanese youth and the American 4-Her can travel to Japan).

Norske Exchange: Norway—a four-week exchange (late June through late July) for 4-Hers (16-19 years old). Participants travel in odd numbered year's, and host in the even numbered year's. Opportunities include leadership training while learning the culture and language of another country belonging to the 4-H organization.

IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) – Programs to many countries are tailored to youth (teens through 26 years old). Contact the Extension Office for details.

Host families – Many opportunities are available to host youth and young adults for 2 weeks to 4 weeks. Many countries participate. Watch the monthly 4-H newsletter or contact the Extension Office for details.

National Trip Opportunities

Citizenship-Washington Focus: Older youth are chosen to attend this citizenship and personal development conference at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, for a week-long stay, visiting historical sites, government buildings, legislators, and Gettysburg. Member will travel with approximately 40 other youth from Northeast Wisconsin. Members must fill out a County form and be interviewed in January.

National 4-H Congress: 4-Hers from the state are selected to represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Congress in various 4-H project areas. This is a recognition and educational event for county selected 4-H teens. Member must be over 15 to attend, and have significant youth leadership contributions at county level. Application forms available at the Extension Office.

National 4-H Conference: National Conference gives you the opportunity to meet with 4-H members, leaders and staff from throughout the country as well as federal staff to make suggestions for future 4-H programming. You must be over 16 to apply. ***Selected through State application.

National Institute on Cooperative Education: This conference is aimed at developing community leaders by focusing on agricultural marketing cooperatives. Members must be 16 to apply in December.

National 4-H Dairy Conference: For 4-H dairy members, at least 15 years old, with strong participation and interest in the dairy project. Nominated by county and interviewed at State Fair. National Conference is in October at the World Dairy Expo in Madison.

American Spirit: For 7-10 graders to learn about our American Heritage by traveling out East organized by Washington County.

Space Camp: For 6-8th graders to complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission in Huntsville, Alabama, held in spring.

4-H Leadership Opportunities

1. Project (traditional) Leader - work with 4-H'ers in a club on certain project.
2. Club Enrollment Coordinator - help youth and families choose projects, coordinate distribution of literature.
3. New Family Coordinator - work with new families to help them understand the club and 4-H.
4. Club Organizational (general leader) or Co-Organization Leader - Work with club officers to plan meetings and serve as communication contact with UWEX.
5. Chaperons
 - Camp
 - State 4-H Conference & InterState Exchanges
 - State Fair & Youth Leader trips
 - Club tours or trips
 - Teen Overnite
6. Attend Leader Conferences/Workshops
 - North Central Leaders Forum (fall, in Upper Midwest)
 - State, District, County workshops
 - National Leader Forum
7. Event Coordinator - Style show, speaking contest, recognition nights, Fun Day, etc.
8. County Fair Superintendents/Clerks/Helpers - Set up fair displays.
9. Committee/Partners
 - Project Committees/Partners (photography, dairy, etc.)
 - Program Committees/Partners (camp, Fun Day, etc.)
 - Activity Committees/Partners (fund raising, pizza sales, club trips, etc.)
10. Serve As Officers
 - County 4-H Board of Directors
 - County 4-H Committee Chair
11. Key Leader/Resource Leader - Train members and other leaders in a certain project/subject area.
12. Teach Workshops - One time session on a particular skill or subject: Enrichment Day & Fun Day.
13. Any knowledge, skills, and willingness can be fit into 4-H!

"Give what you have. To some one, it may be better than you dare to think."

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