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4-H is a youth development program. 4-H helps parents, other adults, and volunteers organize and conduct learning experiences for youth in the community. Youth in 4-H grow in knowledge, skills, citizenship, and leadership. Some experiences your child will have are:

- Work with an adult volunteer to make new friends through 4-H meetings and activities.
- Feel a sense of accomplishment and develop self-confidence through "learning by doing" experiences.
- Develop leadership and ability to speak before a group.
- Explore projects that may lead to future careers and leisure time skills.
- Experience recognition for growth and achievement.
- Fun!

### **What will youth do?**

4-H members select a project or area of interest. Each 4-H member plans project activities with assistance from a volunteer and/or project materials.

Activities may include making an article for home use or for exhibit at the Winnebago County Fair. Members may give a talk or presentation at the 4-H club.

Opportunities in 4-H are offered all year.

- 4-H members attend monthly 4-H meetings at schools or a 4-H family's home.
- Youth are invited to project training sessions at a parent's home, or special county training sessions.
- Special tours and trips are planned by local clubs and county committees.
- Youth attend Summer 4-H Camp at Upham Woods (near Wisconsin Dells).
- 4-H can make daily family tasks and your home a place for learning and fun.

### **Who can join 4-H?**

4-H membership is open to boys and girls from kindergarten to 19 years. 4-H is open to all youth -- city, country, and in between.

### **What does 4-H cost?**

Each club is assessed \$1.50 per member annual fee by the county. Clubs set local dues. Project materials and supply costs are members' responsibility. Things made belong to the member. County 4-H Leaders Association provides scholarship support to keep costs for camp, county trips, workshops, and other learning experiences at affordable levels.

### **How can we join?**

Families organize neighborhood clubs with assistance from the Winnebago County University of Wisconsin Extension Office. Club meetings are held usually one time a month. Dates, times, locations, and dues are set by the local club. Contact the Winnebago County UWEX Office if you can't locate your neighborhood club.

Projects are a major part of 4-H. You choose projects that interest you. You decide what you want to do, plan how to do it, and complete your plan. Some 4-H projects include:

- Horse & Pony
- Photography
- Woodworking
- Exploring
- Clothing
- Rabbits
- Dairy
- Dogs
- Foods
- Drawing
- Knitting
- Gardening
- Field Crops
- Houseplants
- Arts
- Cats & Small Pets

Visit the Winnebago County Fair in August to see 4-H projects being entered, shown, and judged. This display is the culmination of a 4-H year.

### **What parents can do?**

Parents of 4-Hers can:

- Learn about projects as they encourage their child.
- Become a volunteer helper or leader in the local club (Make 4-H a Family Affair).
- Help their child get involved in special opportunities like summer camp, Fun Day, Project Enrichment Day, and county offered 4-H training.