

# *Exploring 4-H* FOR NEW FAMILIES



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4-H



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# WHAT IS A 4-H CLUB?

A 4-H Club, often called a community club, is a group of adult leaders and youth members in grades 5K - one year past high school. Clubs typically meet once per month. 4-H Club members build leadership skills, develop life skills, meet new friends, perform community service and most importantly, have fun!

## 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Even within the same club, no two club meetings are the same. Ideally, every meeting should have three parts—**recreation (fun), business, and learning**. Youth leadership plays a huge role in the success of a club. Most clubs have youth officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other selected roles) who are responsible for running each meeting. Youth leaders not only gain excellent life skills, they help to keep the meeting relevant and fun for members of all ages. All youth have a responsibility to contribute to their clubs through their voice and their actions!



## WHAT IS OUR ROLE AS A FAMILY?

Parents and caregivers help create a safe, positive atmosphere for all 4-H members when they empower and encourage youth. While at a meeting, it's important to be a positive role model for everyone in attendance. It's strongly recommended that parents/guardians attend the 4-H meeting with your child. Club meetings provide great opportunities to learn with other club members, but the learning doesn't stop there. By attending the meeting, you can reflect on the meeting together and continue the education outside the club.

### 5 WAYS TO SUPPORT A POSITIVE CLUB EXPERIENCE

1. Actively listen to all 4-H members.
2. Let youth run the meeting. It's their club.
3. Attend as many meetings as possible.
4. Ask your club leader how you can help.
5. If you have a hobby or skill, consider offering to be a guest speaker.

## WHAT IF OUR CLUB IS NOT A GOOD FIT FOR OUR FAMILY?

You are welcome to switch clubs at any time! You may be required to pay additional club dues to the new club you join, depending on the time of year and their policies.



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## 4-H PROJECTS

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their interests and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

## WHAT IS A PROJECT?

A project is simply a topic area that sparks a youth's interest! Projects can be offered countywide, in a group setting, or done on your own. Kenosha County 4-H has 20 countywide projects. New members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for almost any 4-H project. Some have age restrictions for safety purposes. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these eight broad project areas:



- EXPRESSIVE ARTS
- LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY
- FAMILY, HOME AND HEALTH
- AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL SCIENCE
- PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE
- ENVIRONMENTAL/OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH
- CLOVERBUDS (K-2ND GRADE)



## WHAT IF MY COUNTY DOESN'T OFFER A PROJECT I WANT TO EXPLORE?

Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects. Connect with the 4-H Educator for resources and support!

# WHO CAN ENROLL?

4-H is open to youth in 5K through one year past high school. The enrollee must be 5 years old by September 1st, and their age cannot extend beyond age 19 as of December 31st of the enrollment year. Grade level is determined by grade in school at time of 4-H enrollment. Youth who are home-schooled should use a declared grade.

4-H is available to those who live in cities, suburbs, towns and villages. 4-H is open to all youth regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.



# ARE THERE FEES?

All 4-H members will be assessed county and club dues which are typically \$15 - \$20 per year. There is a cap of \$50 per family. Dues support 4-H programming, special events, club supplies, community service projects and more. Dues are payable at your club meeting.

Some projects require participation fees. These fees are for supplies only. Leaders are volunteers.

4-H is a non-profit organization. If you have financial hardship, please contact your 4-H Educator at 262-857-1932.

# HOW DO I ENROLL?

1. Set up an account on [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)
2. You will be asked to pick a club. Club information is on the following page.
3. Choose at least one project from the project list.  
5K - 2nd grade youth should choose Cloverbuds as their only project.
4. Attend a club meeting
5. Pay your dues







# Community Clubs

## **Brighton Bombers and Explorers**

Meets 1st Mondays at 6:30 p.m.  
Brighton Elementary School  
1200 248th Ave. Kansasville  
brightonbombers4h@gmail.com

## **Bristol Challenge**

Meets 1st Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Wesley Chapel Methodist Church  
10239 136th Ave. Kenosha  
bristolchallenge4h@gmail.com

## **Bristol Strivers**

Meets 1st Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Bristol Elementary School  
20121 83rd St. Bristol  
bristolstrivers@gmail.com

## **Kenosha Trailblazers**

Meets 1st Fridays at 7:00 p.m.  
Kenosha School of Language  
6315 67th St. Kenosha  
kenoshatrailblazers@gmail.com

## **Paris Happy Workers**

Meets 2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Paris Elementary School  
1901 176th St. Kenosha  
nikkiniccolai@yahoo.com

## **Salem Pioneers**

Meets 2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Salem United Methodist Church  
25130 85th St. Salem  
sgrulich@wi.rr.com

## **Slades Corners Lucky Clovers**

Meets 2nd Mondays at 6:30 p.m.  
Randall Grade School  
37101 87th St. Burlington  
sladescorners4h@gmail.com

## **Wheatland Willing Workers**

Meets 1st Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Wheatland Center School  
6606 368th Ave. Burlington  
Wheatland4h@gmail.com

**Meeting times and locations are subject to change, so it is always important to confirm the date, time and location before you attend a meeting.**



# Kenosha Countywide Projects with Leadership

## Adventures

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Do you want to have adventures in the great outdoors? In this project, we'll have opportunities to get outside, stay active, and make new friends. We may go hiking, biking, snowshoeing, sledding, day camping and more. All activities are dependent on the weather. You must be in at least 3rd grade to register. This is not a drop-off project. At least one grown-up must attend with the youth.

## Archery

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This project covers the fundamentals of archery safety and target shooting. Members will understand basic archery equipment, shooting form, and scoring. Project requires a \$10 participation fee used to maintain our equipment.

**Note:** Members must be at least 8 years old and in 3rd grade to participate. In order for any member to represent Kenosha County 4-H at any Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports event, all archery members must first go through safety certification with the project leader and have a form signed by the project leader or UW-Extension Educator.

In order to participate in the Kenosha County Fair 4-H Archery Shoot, you must attend one of the two safety certifications, pay your project participation fee and complete the mandatory number of shoots to qualify (usually two shoots).

In order to lead a session, leaders/instructors must complete the Kenosha County 4-H Volunteer Certification Program and then be certified through the Wisconsin Shooting Sports Program, created by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Council.

## Beef

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In the 4-H Beef project, members will learn how to identify various beef breeds and parts of a beef animal, halter-break and show a calf, fit and judge beef cattle and raise a healthy animal.

**Note:** 4H members must be in the **5th** grade or higher to enroll in this project. In order to represent Kenosha County 4-H at any exhibitions, members must be in "good standing" as set forth by the Beef Education Team standards which includes earning 3 education points. The beef project collects a \$25.00 project/sponsorship fee per family.

If the member plans to bring a market animal to show and sell, it must be in your possession, weighed and tagged at weigh in which occurs in November.

Members can also show beef in breeding stock. These animals don't get tagged or weighed in. Those who show breeding stock at any fair or exhibition will still need to meet project requirements



## Cloverbuds

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This educational program is for youth in 5K, 1st and 2nd grades. The purpose of the project is to explore 4-H through a variety of experiences. Cloverbuds typically have "Cloverbud Night" once a month starting in January. There are also Cloverbud Day Camps in the summer.

**Note:** Cloverbuds are restricted from showing large animals at 4-H shows including fairs, unless showing in open classes. At the fair, they may only enter Cloverbud exhibits.

## Dairy

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Learn how to select, feed, manage, breed, fit, show, evaluate, and market a dairy animal. Activities include identifying dairy breeds, keeping a cow healthy and safe, exploring the needs of dairy animals, and learning about dairy organizations. Any requirements will be announced by Dairy leaders.

**Note:** Members must be in third grade to enroll in the project. All members will be required to attend the rules and regulations meeting on a date set by the Dairy leader

## Dog

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Members must be enrolled in this project by January 1, 2026.

Learn how to train and show your dog. Activities include: Obedience, Rally, Showmanship and Agility. The Kenosha County 4-H Dog Project is open to all 4-H members who are in the **4th** grade or above and either own or have access to a dog. All dogs enrolled in the project must be at least six months of age by the time training begins in May.

**Monthly Meetings:** First-year members must attend three of the four monthly meetings in order to participate in the dog project. All other members must attend at least two of the four monthly meetings. These meetings are held January through April, and members do not bring their dogs to these meetings.

**Weekly Training:** We train every Tuesday from early May until the week before the fair in August. Members may not miss more than 3 training sessions, and all missed sessions must be made up with a leader or junior leader upon leader approval.

**Vaccinations:** 4-H guidelines require each dog in the project have proof of vaccinations and heartworm preventative. Each member will receive a current list of required vaccinations. This to ensure the safety of all members and their dogs. If your dog is unable to receive any of the vaccinations, we require a letter from the veterinarian. All dogs must have a copy of their current rabies certificate on file with the 4-H Dog Project. This is a state requirement.

**Donations:** Each member is required to obtain a minimum donation of \$30.00. We encourage all donations to be turned in by the March meeting.





## Fishing

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This project provides youths in third grade and above the chance to explore the world of fishing. Engaging educational meetings vary from year to year based on the needs of the group. Examples of such could be, but are not limited to; tying fishing knots, understanding rods and reels, water/ice safety and embracing ethical angling practices. Fishing outings will be offered during the winter and spring months providing hands-on experiences in locating fish, identifying various baits and species, and casting.

**Important Note:** To maintain good standing as a member of the fishing project, both participants and a parent must attend two county-wide meetings/outings. The project has a participation fee of \$15 per child payable to the Educational Team by January 31st.

## Foods

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In the Foods project, we will explore different types of cooking techniques, food safety and sanitation, and presentation of prepared food.

**Note:** 4-H members must be in at least 3rd grade in order to attend our cooking class. There will be limited space and a participation fee of \$5.00 per session will be required to attend.

This project is not required to enter food exhibits at the county fair.

## Goats

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Activities will include meetings and workshops designed to help members learn how to select, feed, manage, breed, fit, show, and evaluate dairy and market goats and goat by-projects.

**Note:** Minimum requirement is 3rd grade. Any project members in 3rd grade and above may show breeding stock. Only members in 4th grade and up may show/sell market animals.

In order to be a member in good standing, members must obtain two points by attending countywide goat meetings or by showing/attending another goat show with the prior approval of the project leaders.

All market goats for auction must be tagged by May 31st in order to show/sell at the Kenosha County Fair.

Participation fees of \$10 per member, limited to \$20 per family are due no later than May 31st.

Members will be notified of any further requirements or changes.



## Horse/Horseless Horse/Model Horse

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**HORSE** - Do you have a horse? Do you want to expand your horizons? Dive deeper into your love of horses by refreshing your basic knowledge regarding types, colors, markings and more. Ramp up your education on grooming, feeding, stable care, hoof care and safety. Learn the right equipment and riding skills. This is all a part of the 4-H Horse/Pony Project. This project is open to 4-H members who own, lease or manage a horse or pony. Leasing and managerial access, or use of another's animal, is the ability to have full use of a horse or pony and is considered the Horse Project, not Horseless Horse. There may be costs, not covered by 4-H, for leasing a horse. Using a family member's horse (aunt, grandma, etc) would be an example of managerial.

**Note** - Minimum requirement is third grade. **To be a member in good standing and participate at the Kenosha County Fair and State Expo (and other activities)**, you must earn 6 Pony Points by attending meetings, workouts, or other Project events. You must also be a member in good standing with your county 4-H Club.

**HORSELESS HORSE** - This project is open to 4-H members who do not own, lease or manage or have direct access to a horse. You need a desire to learn about horses. Explore horse behavior, terms, breeds, identification, body parts, selection, grooming, saddling and bridling, safety and equipment, and much more.

For those who do not have access to a horse, the project will attempt to pair a member with a buddy. A buddy is someone who is willing to take the member under their wing and show the member the ropes of horse ownership and all it entails. **There is no guarantee that the project will be able to find buddies for everyone. A buddy is not required to participate in project activities.**

**Note** - Minimum requirement is third grade. To be a member in good standing, you must earn 6 Pony Points by attending meetings, workouts, or other Project events. In addition to 6 Pony Points, members in good standing also need to complete their County 4-H Club requirements.

**MODEL HORSE** - This is a self-directed project without leadership. Learn about the hobby of Model Horses including the collecting, painting, making of tack, and participating in "Live" Model Horse shows. The ultimate goal is to display the miniature model horse as close to real life as possible.

**Note:** 4-H members must be in 3rd grade or higher for ALL HORSE/HORSELESS HORSE/MODEL HORSE

**Note: All members are encouraged to participate in county and state educational events including hippology, horse bowl, judging, and team problems.**



## Model Rocketry

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Learn how to construct a rocket for beginners. Older members will learn flying and scientific data. All youth are encouraged to participate in countywide rocket shoots.

**Note:** There is a countywide rocketry contest for Rocketry members. Judging includes a written test, parts test, rocket design, and launch.

## Photography

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This project is focused on the nurturing of the creative photographic artist that's inside each member. The optional, monthly on-line meetings focus on member-wide discussions of individual member's recent photos, opportunities to learn from each other, and answer any questions members might have about photography. The project also provides online video guidance about core photography principles which are discussed during the monthly meetings.

## Poultry

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You must be enrolled by January 1, 2026, to participate.

The poultry project will help members learn how to select, feed, manage, breed, fit, show, and market your bird. It includes ducks, geese, turkeys, chickens, bantams, and pigeons.

**Note:** Members must attend three countywide poultry meetings/events to be a member in good standing and eligible to represent Kenosha County 4-H at the Kenosha County Fair. To be Kenosha County Fair exhibitor compliant, you need to fulfill your individual club requirements along with any project requirements. The general leader must sign off on the fair entry.

## Rabbits

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You must be enrolled by January 1, 2026, to participate.

Learning activities include identifying rabbit breeds, learning how to handle and show a rabbit, learning rabbit genetics and breeding, housing and care, planning and making a rabbit nest box, showing rabbits, and exploring careers related to rabbits, and more.

**Note:** Members must attend three county wide rabbit meetings/events to be a member in good standing and eligible to represent Kenosha County 4-H at the Kenosha County Fair. To be Kenosha County Fair exhibitor compliant, you need to fulfill your individual club requirements along with any project requirements. The general leader must sign off on the fair entry.



## Sewing (Clothing and Quilting)

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For new members of this project, registration must be completed by January 1st. New member meetings start in January.

In this project, you will learn clothing/quilting construction and sewing techniques. As you progress, you will enhance your sewing skills beyond the basics and begin to select construction techniques you would like to learn and projects you would like to make. The project holds a "Fashion Explosion" every July at which members can participate and highlight what they have learned.

Machines are available at each meeting for new members, if needed.

Quilting members must have one year of sewing to enroll in quilting.

## Sewing - Crocheting

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You must be at least 10 years old to participate.

In this project, members will learn the art of crochet, from the basics to more advanced techniques. Beginners will start by learning how to read crochet patterns and practice creating essential stitches such as single, half-double, and double crochet. As their skills grow, they will use these stitches to complete simple projects.

Advanced members will expand their knowledge by learning more complex stitch techniques and how to follow chart patterns, allowing them to create intricate and detailed designs. This project offers a fun and creative way to build skills, patience, and confidence while making unique handmade items.

## Sheep

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Learn how to select, feed, manage, breed, fit, show, evaluate, and market sheep.

**Note:** Members must obtain 2 points to be considered a member in good standing. These points can be earned by attending countywide sheep meetings or by showing at another sheep show approved by the project leader.

The Kenosha County Fair requires participants be members in good standing to show or sell animals at the fair. They also require market lambs to be tagged. You will need to contact the countywide sheep project leader to make arrangements for tagging.

Each family in the Kenosha County 4-H Sheep Project must provide a sponsor no later than the May lamb weigh-in. The sponsorship dollar amount will be determined by the sheep education team. Members will be notified of any further requirements or changes.

Any project members in 3rd grade and above may show breeding stock. Only members 4th grade and up may show or sell market lambs.



## Shooting Sports

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This project is an introduction to firearms (air rifle, air pistol, .22 pistol, and .22 rifle). Members will learn safe handling, ammunition, sighting, and caring for your equipment.

**Note:** You must be at least 8 years old and in 3rd grade to participate in Air Rifle and Air Pistol. A youth must be 12 years old or older by December 31st of the 4-H program year in order to participate in powder-burning sports.

All leaders and volunteers must be certified through the State 4-H Wisconsin Shooting Sports Program created by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Council. They must also complete the Kenosha County Volunteer Certification Program before being allowed to lead any sessions.

## Shotgun

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Members will learn trap-shooting skills, how to safely handle a gun and use a sight. Shotguns will be provided for those who don't have them.

**Note:** A member must be at least 12 years old by December 31st of the 4-H program year in order to participate. Cost of each session will be roughly \$20. There will be fundraisers to offset the cost. Participants must attend the Shooting Sports informational meeting and a safety meeting. This is a spring - summer project.

## Swine

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Learn about the different breeds, what makes a good show hog, how to care for your hog, maintain the appropriate weight, and the market aspect of the animal.

Member must attend three county-wide swine meetings to be considered a member in good standing. Members will be notified of any further requirements or changes. In order to represent Kenosha County 4-H at any exhibitions, all swine project members must meet or exceed all Kenosha County 4-H swine regulations.

**Note:** Any 4-H member in 3rd grade may enroll in the swine project to show in Open Class only. 4-H members in 3rd grade are unable to participate in the Large Animal Auction for that animal.

There is a participation fee of \$10 per family to cover project expenses.

## Ukrainian Eggs

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This project teaches 4-H'ers how to read directions, write on an egg with a kistka, a candle, and bee's wax to create beautiful eggs with layers of wax & dye.

Ukrainian pysanky eggs are decorated using a wax-resist method, resulting in unique Holiday and Easter egg designs that are deeply symbolic and meaningful.

Making pysanky eggs is a labor of love that requires patience, attention to detail, and a steady hand. It's a beautiful and rewarding craft that all ages can enjoy.

There will be a fee for a personal tool determined on current supply costs. Each participant is asked to supply a package of napkins from the Dollar Tree. Members must be at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade to participate in the project.



## What is a member in good standing?

To be a member in good standing, you must attend your club and project meetings and pay your dues and fees. Each club and each project sets its own meeting requirements. If you are unsure of the expectations, you must ask.

To be a member in good standing, you must also abide by The Wisconsin 4-H Code of Conduct for members and participants. This should be reviewed when registering online to become a 4-H member, adult volunteer or family participant. The code can be found at the end of this packet.

4-H is about trying new things, gaining new interests, and learning life and leadership skills. 4-H also has trips, new experiences, and opportunities to give back to our communities. You will not receive these things if you do not attend your meetings.

**In addition, the Kenosha County Fair REQUIRES 4-H members to be "members in good standing" before they are allowed to participate in the junior fair. If a member does not meet club and project requirements, that member will not be considered a member in good standing, and will therefore, not be allowed to enter the junior fair.**





# FAQs about 4-H and the Kenosha County Fair

## Is 4-H in charge of the Kenosha County Fair?

No! Kenosha County 4-H and the Kenosha County Fair are separate entities. We work very closely together, but 4-H does not make policies for the fair, and the fair does not make policies for Kenosha County 4-H.

## Can I enter the junior fair?

The Kenosha County Fair requires all 4-H members to be "members in good standing" if they would like to enter the junior fair. In order to be a member in good standing, youths must meet their club requirements AND their project requirements. If you are not sure what these requirements are, please ask your club and project leaders.

## What is an exhibit?

Many people in 4-H tend to use the words "project" and "exhibit" interchangeably. However, they are two very different things. A 4-H project is an area that you want to learn more about during the year. An exhibit is an item that you have made during your 4-H project learning that you take to the County Fair. You will receive feedback from a judge on your exhibit. When you are enrolling in 4-H you are enrolling in a project, NOT selecting your fair exhibit.

## Do I have to take an exhibit to the Kenosha County Fair?

No! Entering the Kenosha County Fair is optional. The purpose of 4-H is to learn by trying new things. 4-H gives youths the opportunity to develop life and leadership skills and perform community service. While entering the fair is fun, it is not one of the purposes of 4-H.

## What can I show at the fair?

There is a copy of the Kenosha County Fair Book online at their website: [kenoshacofair.com](http://kenoshacofair.com). Please make sure you are looking in the junior fair section of the fair book and not open class. Please note if you want to show animals, you must be registered in the animal project on 4HOnline, attend your meetings and fulfill your project requirements.

## How do I enter the fair?

All Kenosha County Fair registration is done online. Please see [kenoshacofair.com](http://kenoshacofair.com). There are lots of people to help you, so please ask for help if needed.

Club and Project leaders do not register members in the fair. It is up to each 4-H family.



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## VOLUNTEERING: HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers are a huge part of the success of 4-H and help make 4-H possible. 4-H volunteers can serve as club leaders, project leaders, chaperones, and other roles. While the experience level of volunteers varies, our volunteers have one thing in common: wanting to make a positive difference in the lives of young people. In addition to making a positive impact with youth, 4-H volunteers gain important life skills of their own and also impact the communities in which they volunteer.

### VOLUNTEERING: HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To ensure volunteers in the 4-H program are prepared, and to protect the safety and best interests of 4-H members, all 4-H volunteers who are 18 years of age and older go through the following process:

1. Add your name to your 4-H Online Family Profile if family members are already enrolled. If not, create your own account.
2. Agree to conduct yourself in a way that positively represents 4-H.
3. Complete steps for a background check.
4. Complete Volunteer Training

There are multiple ways to volunteer in your county!



- CLUB LEADER
- PROJECT LEADER
- EVENT COMMITTEES
- CAMP CHAPERONE
- DAY CAMP VOLUNTEER
- ENROLLMENT COORDINATOR
- EXPERIENCE ADVISORS
- 4-H COUNCIL
- AND MUCH MORE

### CAN I HELP WITHOUT VOLUNTEERING?

Not everyone feels ready to become a 4-H volunteer. Check in with your club leader or local 4-H educator to find out other ways you can still make an impact on the program without serving 4-H in an official capacity. This might mean providing no-contact support in a warm welcoming way such as bringing a healthy snack, setting up and cleaning up, etc. Any help you give makes the experience more positive for everyone.

### IS THERE A DEADLINE TO ENROLL AS A VOLUNTEER?



**FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS: No!** You can enroll as soon as you are ready or see a need! Please be aware that you must re-enroll every September and complete requirements to continue being a volunteer.

**FOR RETURNING VOLUNTEERS: Yes!** All returning Wisconsin 4-H volunteers are required to re-enroll annually between **September 1 and November 1**. All required trainings and background checks must be completed by November 30th. The 4-H Program Educator or their designee has until December 1 to approve all eligible returning 4-H volunteers. **IMPORTANT:** A submitted application/enrollment form does not mean that an individual is an approved volunteer. Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers cannot be in custodial care of youth.



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## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Throughout the year, Wisconsin 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in educational travel experiences. These opportunities provide a valuable chance to gain new experiences and make new friends along the way! 4-H members often refer to their 4-H travels as the highlights of their 4-H careers.

### TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

#### WISCONSIN 4-H EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

» **Provide opportunities** for young people to develop life skills in new and diverse settings across the state and nation.

» **Encourage youth leaders** to learn about and appreciate different ideas and perspectives while forming lasting relationships.

» **Prepare young people** for future opportunities and experiences that require independence, decision making, and problem solving.

» **Inspire action** in youth and adult volunteers in their clubs, their communities, and their schools.



### WHO CAN ATTEND?

Delegates who have applied on 4-H online or other shared avenues have a chance to attend these experiences. Each experience has different age requirements. Parents are also invited to apply to attend in a chaperone/advisor role. Attendance is based on space available.



### HOW DO I PAY?

**Wisconsin State 4-H** may provide some funding to help offset the total cost of educational experiences for 4-H members. Many county **Leader Organizations or Councils** also provide financial support for participating members. If you have concerns about the cost of participating, talk with your local 4-H Educator about options that may be available. We want all youth to have the opportunity to have life-changing experiences.







## CURRENT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

**Ignite by 4-H** - Ignite by 4-H brings together teen agriculture and science leaders from across the country to Washington D.C. to focus on learning about and solving current agri-science issues.  
Cost \$2500

**4-H Art Camps** - 4-H Arts Camp in the Wisconsin Dells is an overnight experience featuring diverse art tracks. Possible topics include music, photography, communication, theater, culinary arts, and art in nature.

**Fall Forum** - Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council with the support of county and state staff, our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy.

**4-H National Conference** - annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The conference is usually held in Washington D.C.  
Approximate Cost: \$2000.00

**Summer Academy** - takes place on the UW-Madison campus over three days. Youth can discover pathways to future careers or hobbies in SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, arts, trades, service and leadership. Youths can build networks and friendships from all over the state. Approximate cost: \$600.00

**Space Camp** - is a camp experience where you learn and experience different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! The program is a 3-day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities.  
Approximate Cost: \$1300.00

**American Spirit Trip** allows youth to experience history and heritage by immersing in a 10 day bus journey to the East Coast. There is youth-led content throughout the experience. Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred. Get dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation. Approximate cost: \$3000.00.



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**Citizenship Washington Focus** - a premier 5 day 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C. This experience runs concurrent with Ignite by 4-H  
Approximate cost: \$2800.00

**National 4-H Congress** is a five-day educational experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.  
Approximate Cost: \$1500.00

**Competitive Shoots** - gives youths opportunities to compete across the state in archery and other shooting sports

**Animal Science Days** - regional animal science educational opportunities are available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of day-long events held around the state in June

**Animal Events** - There are many animal expos, shows and competitions held across the state



## What is a 4-H Educator?

In Wisconsin, **Extension** is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H Educator** who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program.

The Kenosha County Educator is Carolyn Van Sloten. You may email her at [Carolyn.VanSloten@wisc.edu](mailto:Carolyn.VanSloten@wisc.edu) or call 262-857-1932.

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## REFLECT AND RECORD

The end of summer is a great opportunity to stop and reflect on the past 4-H year. Many 4-H members reflect on their successes, their challenges, and their experiences through a 4-H record book. Record books are presented in a variety of ways, sometimes through journals, videos, or slideshow presentations. All of these formats allow 4-H members to reflect on their project goals and determine how much progress was made over the past year. Keeping record books throughout a 4-H career will help youth end up with a summary of all that they've done through their time in 4-H. This summary can be helpful when filling out job and college applications. Record books may also be helpful when applying for county scholarships or awards.



Keeping records of work during a 4-H career helps to grow important life skills.

- » **Self-reflection** on experiences and accomplishments
- » **Goal setting** for the future
- » **Planning and organizing** a successful project or experience
- » **Critical thinking** when challenges arise or things don't go quite as planned
- » **Budgeting time** to meet deadlines and budgeting money to cover the cost of supplies

### ADULTS CAN CREATE SPACE FOR YOUTH REFLECTION.

- » Help your youth consider what their goals were for the past year and determine if they met their own expectations.
- » Begin to consider goals for next year. Ask questions like, "If you were going to do things again, how would you do them differently?"
- » Reflect regularly with your youth about their experiences at meetings and events.
- » Take a lot of pictures. Photos and videos are great ways to record participation in activities while also recording achievements.
- » Set aside a few minutes every month for 4-H youth to fill out records.



WISCONSIN 4-H DOES NOT REQUIRE A RECORD BOOK FOR MEMBERSHIP. INDIVIDUAL 4-H CLUBS AND GROUPS CANNOT MANDATE THAT YOUTH SUBMIT A RECORD BOOK TO MAINTAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP STATUS. HOWEVER, 4-H PROGRAM EDUCATORS, 4-H CLUBS AND/OR 4-H GROUPS MAY CREATE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS WHERE RECORD BOOKS ARE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS OR PARTICIPATION IN SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.



