



4-H Mission

UW-Extension 4-H youth development integrates research, education, and community-based partnerships, enabling youth to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens.

“Learn by Doing” is a constant incentive to motivate members to strive toward acquiring new skills and knowledge and the opportunity to practice those skills in a safe environment. The results can mean a very productive and healthy life.”



I pledge:

My *Head* to clearer thinking,
My *Heart* to greater loyalty,
My *Hands* to larger service,
And my *Health* to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.



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UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. Advise us at least 2 weeks in advance if you are handicapped and desire special accommodations. Requests will be kept confidential. If you need these materials in an alternative format, please contact the program coordinator or the UWEX Affirmative Action Office.



“It’s an adventure that will change your life!”



What is 4-H

4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members and volunteer leaders. Professional leadership is provided by the faculty of UW-Extension. Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of the county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the USDA.



4-H is:

- Real Life Experiences
- Family Focused
- Leadership
- A Place to Make Friends
- Decision Making
- Based on Research
- Ownership
- Community Based
- Learn by Doing
- Adaptable

4-H and Family

Parents are encouraged to be involved with their children in deciding which projects to take, what activities to participate in, how to complete the project, where to purchase supplies and if the cost is reasonable.

Parents should encourage and supervise, but allow the child to do their own work. The family is the foundation in the 4-H structure.



As you explore, you'll learn more than just subject matter. You'll learn "life" skills, too. These are valuable skills, such as understanding yourself, communicating and working with others, problem solving and decision making . . . skills that you can use the rest of your life.

What projects are available?

4-H gives you a chance to try a lot of things that might help you decide on a career or a life-long hobby. For example, you can explore

- **Arts:** Express yourself by drawing, painting, sculpting, shooting photos, making videos, acting, singing or writing.
- **Animals:** If you love animals, 4-H has projects for you, whether it's dogs and cats or cows and horses.
- **Citizenship:** Plan and carry out a community service project with your 4-H friends.
- **Outdoor Adventures:** Challenge yourself. Learn to kayak, rock climb, backpack or ski safely. Get involved with an archery or riflery club, a bicycling club or go sport fishing or camping.
- **Computers:** You can learn to use new software or design your own website.
- **Environment:** 4-H can take you outside to learn about wetlands and wildlife or to plant a garden.

Other projects and activities include rocketry, astronomy, aerospace, small engines, international programs, trips and camp. For a complete listing, see our website at:

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4-H INTEREST CARD Yes, I'd like to know more about 4-H. <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me.		Date: _____	County: _____
		Name: _____	
Parent/Guardian Name: _____		Address: _____	
City/Town: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	School: _____
Phone: (____) _____		Grade: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm interested in being a 4-H member.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm interested in being a 4-H volunteer.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm an alumnus of 4-H State _____ County _____			
Comments: _____			

