

Jefferson County 4-H Educational Travel Opportunities Application 2017-2018

Space Camp: Due November 1st
Citizenship Washington Focus: Due November 1st
Wisconsin Youth Conference: Due March 1st
National 4-H Congress: Due March 1st

- The Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association sponsors the opportunity for youth to attend four state organized trips each year Space Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Wisconsin Youth Conference, and National 4-H Congress. To be considered you must complete the Jefferson County Trip Application. The Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association contributes a set amount of the cost for one leadership experience per member per budget year. Some clubs or community organizations may also help finance your educational experience. So check with your leader and the 4-H Office for ideas.

Space Camp:

- Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin.
- Participant must be in 6th to 8th grade with a maximum age of 15 at time of trip.
- Approximate Registration Cost \$625. **The county will award up to two \$250 scholarships.** Additional youth can attend by paying full registration cost.
- Trip Dates: April 26-30, 2018
- Application Due to Jefferson County UW Extension Office by 4 pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF):

- This leadership program is held at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- Participant must be in 10th to 12th grade with a minimum age of 15 at time of the trip.
- Approximate Registration Cost \$1,400. **The county will award up to two \$500 scholarships.** Additional youth can attend by paying full registration cost.
- Applicants for this trip will be required to participate in an interview.
- Trip Dates: June 16-24 or June 23-July 1 or July 7-15 of 2018
- Application Due to Jefferson County UW Extension Office by 4 pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Wisconsin Youth Conference:

- This educational event is at the UW Madison Campus each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin.
- Participant must be in 7th to 10th grade at the time of selection.
- A participant can attend more than once and repeat the experience.
- Approximate Registration Cost is \$250. **The county will award up to ten \$100 scholarships.** Additional youth can attend by paying full registration cost.
- Trip Dates: June 25-28, 2018
- Application Due to Jefferson County UW Extension Office by 4 pm on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

National 4-H Congress:

- Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Participant must be in 10th to 12th grade at the time of selection with Maximum age 18 on Jan.1 of 4-H program year.
- Approximate Registration Cost \$1,200. **The county will award up to two \$500 scholarships.** Additional youth can attend by paying full registration cost.
- Applicants for this trip will be required to participate in an interview.
- Trips Dates: November 23- 27, 2018
- Application Due to Jefferson County UW Extension Office by 4 pm on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

All Trips Fee Agreement:

- If selected to attend, a deposit of 50% of your cost will be required with your Agreement Form. Deposits are non-refundable.
- Once you sign the Agreement Form and pay your deposit, your reservation for the trip is secured. If you cancel and an alternate cannot take your place, you will be responsible for the total cost of the trip. If you received a trip scholarship from the Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association you will also be responsible to cover this cost.

General Application Guidelines:

- Appearance, accuracy, grammar and spelling are IMPORTANT.
- Make your form readable. Single spaced typewritten (use of computer) is required. A PDF fillable form available on the Jefferson Extension website.
- Clarify terminology - say EXACTLY what you mean/describe exactly what you've done. "Great" doesn't help readers know what you did or accomplished . . . how you have "grown." Give specific examples of things you have done in 4-H to answer the question. Tell a story with each answer.
- Be selective in what you write AND avoid repetition – but be complete.
- **Write the statement question before your answer.**
- Answer each question with a minimum of one paragraph.
- The next page is the “cover” to your application, it must be included. Do not create your own.
- Submit your application to the UW-Extension Office by the trip application due date. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Do not add pages to the Leadership and Participation Page, only use the space provided. You may need to be selective to provide only the relevant facts.

Application Point System:

- Questions 1-7 - 10 possible points for each question.
- Leadership and Participation Page – 10 points.
- Photo Page – 5 points.
- Neatness/Grammar – 5 points.
- Total Points = 90.

Selection Announcement

- Recipients will be notified by the Jefferson County UW-Extension Office within 3 weeks of the application deadline date. After the Leader's Association Board meeting.
- For trips that require interviews they will be scheduled within the 2-3 week time frame.
- After you have completed your leadership trip, **it is required that you give a presentation of your experience at both a club and county event.** The following are examples of places at the County Level that you can give your presentation: Awards Celebration, Jr Leader Meeting, Leaders Association Meeting, or an Association Board Meeting.

Jefferson County 4-H Educational Travel Opportunity Application

TYPEWRITTEN APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Name of trip you are applying for: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age: _____ and Grade: _____ (as of application date)

Male: ____ Female: ____ Date of Birth: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Evaluation of My 4-H Program

List projects you have been enrolled in; indicate years and if presently enrolled. Do not exceed the space allowed. Be selective if necessary.

Project	Years In Project	Check if Currently Enrolled

On 8-1/2 x 11 plain white paper answer the following seven questions. Please use 12 pt font (Times New Roman, Arial or similar font is encouraged) and one inch margins. The photo page should have typed captions. Remember to state the question before your answer. Answer each question with a minimum of one paragraph.

1. 4-H provides opportunities for developing leadership. Explain your most meaningful 4-H leadership experience.
2. Discuss how the skills and experiences you have gained from 4-H are different from your classroom education.
3. Describe how you have given back to your community through your 4-H involvement.
4. Talk about the biggest lesson you have learned through your 4-H involvement.
5. Explain what being a 4-H member means to you.
6. Identify why you want to attend the trip you are applying for.
7. If selected to attend this trip, discuss how you will share your experience with others?
8. Attach one page of 2 to 3 photos of you with captions that demonstrate what you have accomplished and learned through your 4-H projects and activities.

Leadership and Participation

4-H Leadership –offices held, committee chair, events you planned, projects led, etc.

Year	Description	Location

4-H Club Participation–community service, demonstrations, committees, trips, tours, recreation, etc.

Year	Description	Location

4-H County/District/State/National Participation – committees, fair, MAP, trips, tours, events, etc.

Year	Description	Location

Non-4-H Activities – school, church, community, sports, work, FFA, livestock associations, etc.

Year	Description	Location