

4-H EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of great 4-H educational travel opportunities available. If you would like to take advantage of one of these opportunities, please contact Extension Program Assistant, Tracy Schuppel, at 683-4169 or tracyschuppel@co.manitowoc.wi.us and let her know that you would like to participate. The Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association and the Manitowoc 4-H Teen Ambassadors help sponsor the trips and provide scholarships to help defray the cost of the trip. Scholarships are typically for 50% of the cost of the trip.

National 4-H Conference

Six (6) youth from Wisconsin are selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C., April 8-14, 2016. Each participant selects an issue (*i.e.* education, promotion, environment, violence) and collaborates with other youth from across the country in an effort to help better direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring.



Qualifications:

- Currently in 10th-12th grade. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2016
- Be selected at the county level and then state level;
- Carry county approval through time of award trip.

Costs: Approximately \$1,200 (Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of the cost).

Registration: Delegates have been selected for 2016. Applications for 2017 will be available in September, 2016.

Space Camp

4-H members may apply for a fun-filled weekend at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The tentative dates are April 21-25, 2016. Delegates team up for hands-on mock space missions and other STEM activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with 4-H youth from across Wisconsin.



Qualifications: Currently in grades 6-8; maximum age 15 at time of trip.

Cost: Approximately \$550.

Registration: Youth delegates must register for this program in their 4HOnline account between September 15, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

National 4-H Congress - This event takes place in Atlanta, Georgia, November 25-29, 2016, (Thanksgiving weekend). Delegates participate in self-improvement seminars, tours, and community service, while exchanging ideas with other youth from across the nation.



Qualifications: 10th-12th grade at time of selection; maximum age of 18 as of January 1, 2016.

Cost: Approximately \$1,200.

Registration: Youth delegates must register for this trip in their 4HOnline account between September 15, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

Citizenship Washington Focus

This leadership program takes place at the National 4-H Center in Washington DC. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips, and social events. Tentative dates are: June 25-July 3, July 9-17, and July 16-24, 2016

Qualifications:

- Currently in 10th to 12th grade; minimum age of 15 during the trip.
- This trip requires a commitment from those selected to attend. The participants are held responsible for the cost once selections are turned in to the state.

Cost: Approximately \$1,200. There may be 6-7 additional meals (avg. \$10.00/meal) that are not included in the registration fee.

Registration: Youth must register for this trip in their 4HOnline account between February 15-29, 2016. Weeks are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

American Spirit Trip

Youth from Calumet County join youth from across eastern Wisconsin, as they travel by bus to Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Lexington/Concord, and Niagara Falls, tentative dates June 15-23, 2016. Participants learn about the American Heritage and the steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom. Youth stay in hotels/motels. Because of travel into Canada, a passport is needed.



Qualifications: Currently in grades 8-10; must have previously attended the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference in Madison.

Cost: Approximately \$1,200.

Registration: Delegates have been selected for 2016. Please contact the Extension office if you would like to participate in this trip in 2017.

Spring Trips & Awards Application Deadline

State Youth Conference (grades 7-10) and Key Award, application forms will be due in mid-March. Detailed information will be available at a later date.