

ences. Many projects have manuals to assist the 4-H'er with his or her project. **Some projects have enrollment deadlines to be eligible for a specific activity.** Check with our County Extension office about deadlines. There are more than 50 projects available from the Cooperative Extension Service of UW-Extension. You may also create your own project like log rolling, dance, drumming, and others.

What does a 4-H project cost?

Cost varies. A member in visual arts might use supplies from around the home to practice the skills he or she is learning and have no additional expense. A member who buys and keeps a saddle horse might invest hundreds of dollars. You need to consider cost as you select a project.

Are 4-H members expected to do their own project work?

Since 4-H is a "learn by doing" program, certified volunteer leaders, youth leaders and families members may tell or show a member how to do something, but members are expected to learn how to do things themselves.



What is a fair exhibit?

An exhibit is a display or object designed to show what has been accomplished in a member's project. You must sign up to enter in the Fair, generally 2 weeks before the Fair opens, information at www.sawyercountyfair.org

Are projects done individually or as a group?

Both, since some projects, like fishing or biking, may be more fun when done as a group. Others, like archery or creating a drawing, may be done individually.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Do I need to register for meetings?

We sometimes ask you to register for upcoming events, activities and meetings. Your 4-H project and club leaders work hard to plan, prepare and organize programs. Busy schedules prevent us from attending all things. Registering allows for better planning. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

When is the next meeting? Where? What time?

Have questions throughout the year? Connect with other members/families, email or phone the UWEX office.

We are guests in places where we hold meetings.

Be respectful, use good manners, and stay within the parameters of your meeting area. All members of 4-H clubs are representatives of the local club; the 4-H program throughout the county and state.

Is Market Animal Sale Committee (MASC) Separate?

If you are interested in selling an animal at the Sawyer County Fair, you **MUST** be in 3rd grade or older and enroll in an animal project. *You will be contacted by an MASC member to complete enrollment.*

Any special requirement for enrolling in Horse?

If you enroll in the horse project, be aware that you are required to pay \$1 BEFORE the project begins, to cover additional insurance. The project leader will collect your fee.

Also note the difference between the Horse project and the Horseless Horse project. Horseless Horse is what you enroll in if you are going to work with someone else's horse.

The horse you will be working with needs to be **registered by May 1st**, with the **UW-Extension Office**, no exceptions, to be entered in the Fair.

Is Sawyer County 4-H on the web?

Catch the latest in information by finding Sawyer

County 4-H and UWEX on the web at <http://sawyer.uwex.edu/>

I still have Questions?

Contact the UW-Extension Office. 715-634-4839 or 1-877-699-4110 .

4-H CLUBS/Groups are available in:

Hayward

Stone Lake

Winter

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Current Clubs/Groups can be found at:

<http://sawyer.uwex.edu/sawyer-county-4-h-clubs/>

For 4-H Volunteer Adult Leader contact information, call the Extension office at

634-4839 or 1-877-699-4110.

Resources:

Commonly Asked Questions About 4-H, Wisconsin 4-H Program Publication

Sawyer County 4-H Supplemental Enrollment Information brochure, 2004

Welcome to the Wisconsin 4-H, Wisconsin Extension Publication BRO



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WELCOME TO THE SAWYER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM!



How to Enroll in 4-H and Other Frequently Asked Questions...

What is 4-H?

4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through small groups called clubs and sometimes in classrooms. 4-H members decide for themselves which projects they want to learn more about. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach subject matter and life skills.

Who can join 4-H?

4-H is open to *any* youth within the grades of K-13, must enroll prior to age 19.

How do I join Sawyer County 4-H?

First, you **must** select a 4-H club to join, or start your own club. If you haven't done that yet, see the list of Sawyer County 4-H clubs on our website.

Next, contact that club's contact person and find out a little more about that club and their members. Most 4-H members join in the fall, but new members may join at any time. You will get the most out of the club experience by

joining 4-H in September, each year.

Next, YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE... at <https://wi.4honline.com/> Then, get ready to explore, discover and learn through 4-H!

Sawyer County Recommended Project Enrollment Guidelines

Members

Sawyer County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board recommends you talk with your parents, guardian, a club leader, or a Junior Leader to decide the right number of projects for you. You will need to consider your experience, level of maturity and time you are able to devote to your projects. A minimum number of six hours is required to achieve in each project area, as well as completing a Record Book. That means you need to spend at least six hours learning about and recording about each project you take. **TIME SPENT AT SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL COUNT IN HOURS SPENT.**

Cloverbuds-4-H youth K-2nd grade

Cloverbuds are the youngest 4-H members and receive special project experiences that are age-appropriate. They may attend all 4-H meetings and activities. Cloverbuds may enter up to 3 items in the Sawyer County Fair, items listed under the Cloverbud project, Dept 117.



Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is an online process. Please visit <https://wi.4honline.com/> to begin the enrollment process. Enrollment occurs annually after Labor Day. For enrollment assistance, please contact UWEX office at 715-634-4839.

You may enroll in 4-H year round, but you must be

enrolled in Sawyer County **by January 31** to be eligible to "achieve" during the current 4-H year.

NO CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS of projects are accepted after **May 1st**.

*Notes:

- Members may enroll in one level of a project (i.e. enroll in Cats 1, 2 **OR** 3, **NOT** Cats 1, 2, **AND** 3.)
- To enroll in any large animal project, including Horse, members must be in 3rd grade.
- Youth must be at least 12 years old to enroll in these Shooting Sports projects: Rifle, Shotgun, or Muzzle loading.
- Youth must be at least 8(enrolled in 3rd grade) to enroll in air rifle and archery

Who provides leadership for 4-H?

Local leadership is provided by Sawyer County 4-H Clubs, Inc. certified adult volunteer 4-H leaders, with the youth development educator serving as an advisor in the county office. 4-H is sponsored in Wisconsin by the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Nationally, it is a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

What do the "H's" stand for?

The four "H's" stand for "Head, Heart, Hands, and Health." The 4-H pledge: I pledge...My head to clearer thinking...My heart to greater loyalty...My hands to larger service...My health to better living...For my club, my community, my country and my world.

WHAT IS A 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADER?

A certified adult volunteer who works voluntarily with a group of 4-H members. Volunteers attend training with the county 4-H educator.

Are there different kinds of volunteer leaders?

Adults who teach members life skills are called "project leaders." These leaders have a special interest or skill, such as photography, archery or

gardening. Adult volunteer leaders who help a group get organized and run club meetings are called "organizational or club leaders." The same person may be both a project and club leader.

Who are youth leaders?

Youth leaders are older 4-H members who share their skills in working with others. These teens assist the club leaders and members with project work, club program and activities, and county events. Talk to your adult 4-H leader and share your desire.

How many leaders should a 4-H club have?

Depending on the size of the club and the ages of its members, 4-H recommends a minimum of two leaders per club.

Where would I learn how to be a Certified 4-H leader?

Contact your county UW-Extension 4-H youth development agent to discuss your interest in working with youth, your previous experience, and the resources available to you. All volunteers complete application and enrollment forms, have a background check and participate in an orientation.

What do 4-H clubs do at meetings?

4-H clubs usually cover five general areas: project work, business meetings, recreation or social activities, community service work, and special interest programs.



Do all of these things occur at each meeting?

Sometimes there is a short business meeting or members can work on their projects and then have recreation. Sometimes the whole meeting is devoted to one thing. For example, everyone will bring their dogs and practice obedience training; or they elect officers and plan the club program; or they have a pizza-making party; or they tour a local business.

When and how long do clubs meet?

This depends on the group. Many clubs meet for an hour or two after school, in the evening or on a weekend. **MOST IMPORTANT thing is for the club have a regular time to gather so everyone is aware you are meeting, including potential new 4-H members/families.**

How often do 4-H clubs meet?

Most effective clubs meet monthly or a regularly established time. 4-H clubs may organize any time of the year.

Where do 4-H clubs meet?

Clubs meet any place that is large enough and convenient for the members. Some clubs meet in the homes of leaders or members. Others meet in a central place, such as a school, church or community room.



Who plans the program for the club?

Members of the club plan the program. A small club might make plans at a meeting of the whole group. A large club might get ideas from everybody, but then assign a committee to put together a program.

How big should a club be?

Club size depends on the age of the members, space available for meetings and available leadership. An ideal club is big enough to have fun together, but small enough for everybody to feel a part of the group. Wisconsin clubs average 10 to 20 members and two to three club leaders.

WHAT ARE 4-H PROJECTS?

A 4-H project is a series of learning experi-