

New Projects in 2017-2018



This year we are working on re-aligning our project offerings with the state and national listings, in addition to re-aligning with other opportunities like the County Fair. This means that we have quite a few new project offerings this year (below). See the Enrollment Guide (<http://winnebago.uwex.edu/>) for complete project list.

<p>New Miscellaneous Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videography • Intergenerational Programs • International 	<p>Interested in taking your Citizenship & Community Service to the next level?</p> <p>Check out these NEW Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship • History & Heritage • Latino Cultural Arts • Service Learning
<p>Added to Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrations • Sign Language 	
<p>Added to Foods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breads • Cake Decorating • Microwave <p>**Note: for Foods, a general “Foods & Nutrition” project is still available</p>	<p>Added to Animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cage Birds (i.e. pet birds) • Cavies • Poultry – Waterfowl <p>**Note: for Poultry, a general “Poultry” project is still available</p>
<p>Added to Plant & Soil Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruits • Home Grounds (i.e. Lawns & Landscaping) 	<p>Updates to: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Geocaching” Project removed – youth should sign up in “Geospatial” Project instead • Wind Energy (NEW) <p>Youth who are looking for an “overall” Science, Technology, Engineering and Math project should sign up in “STEM.”</p>
<p>Added to Performing Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clowning • Dance • Juggling 	
<p>Added to Arts & Crafts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block Printing • Drawing & Painting • Folk Arts • Leathercraft • Metal Enameling • Needlepoint <p>**Note: for Arts & Crafts, a general “Art” project is still available</p>	<p>Added to Natural Sciences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy • Bees • Bicycling - Environ Ed (i.e. bicycle riding) • Birds (i.e. birds in nature) • Canoeing • Entomology (Insects) • Exploring Your Environment • Forestry (i.e. Trees) • Geology • Maple Syrup • Recycling • Water • Wildflowers • Wildlife • Winter Travel <p>Youth who are looking for an “overall” natural science project should sign up in “Exploring Your Environment.”</p>
<p>Added to Mechanical Sciences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive • Bicycles - Eng and Tech (i.e. fixing/building bikes) • Rocketry Models • Welding 	
<p>Adult & Youth Leaders</p> <p>All Projects should have both Yth Ldr and Ldr options in 4HOnline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth should also sign up in the Youth Leadership project to be able to show off their leadership at fair or if they are interested in activity-based leadership opportunities (counselor, club officer, etc). ○ For Adults there will no longer be PROJECTS for Volunteer Types (Organizational, Key, Activity, etc) as these are all selected elsewhere in your enrollment process. 	

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We are now offering over 120 projects! Still missing something you’re interested in? Let us know!

Why New Projects in 2017-2018?

This year we are aligning our project offerings more closely to the state and national listings, in addition to re-aligning with other opportunities like the County Fair. This decision was made because:

- The 2018 Wisconsin 4-H Project Catalog had many more project offerings than Winnebago County did in 2017. One reason is that the state has broken many project areas into smaller, more specific projects. While we do not have to offer everything the state offers, we felt that we did not want to limit opportunities for youth/adults in our county.
- As of the 2017 County Fair, exhibitors are only allowed to show in Departments and/or Divisions that correspond with their 4-H Project selections in 4HOnline.

This means more project options for you in 2017-2018!

- We've added projects that have literature available at the state or national level
- We've added projects to match existing departments/divisions at Fair.
- We've added projects because of a known interest in the county

Please note that there may not be club or county leaders available for support in ALL project areas. Youth and families can still learn in projects using curriculum available for checkout at the Office or for purchase online:

- **Shop 4-H** <https://shop4-h.org/collections/curriculum> (formerly the 4-H Mall or National 4-H Supply)
- UW-Extension **"The Learning Store"** <https://learningstore.uwex.edu/>

What's Next?

We will be working on aligning **Record Book Pages** and the **Junior Fair Premium Book** to these new project offerings over the next couple of months. Our goal is to have more information available about changes and options by January 1 (members/leaders have until January 31 to finalize their project selections). We will also gradually update our Project Literature Library at the Extension Office (we will start with requested curriculum first). The links above provide a complete lists of literature available. **Have input?** Want to be involved in the re-alignment process? We welcome your suggestions! Contact the Extension Office by October 1.

How many projects can/should I sign up for?

Since the state has broken many project areas into smaller, more specific projects, you might need/want to sign up for more projects than you have in the past.

- For example, you will not be able to sign up for "Goats" as a general project. It is broken into Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, etc. Please sign up for all goat projects that you are interested in.
- Since Fair divisions are now only open to youth signed up in a corresponding project, you may want to sign up in more specific projects than you have in the past (FYI - re-enrollment is due November 20 but members/leaders have until January 31 to finalize their project selections).
- Remember to think realistically about the time and energy you have to put into your projects.
 - Pick a few projects/areas that you would like to spend **a lot** of time and effort in
 - Pick a few more projects that you would like to explore, but won't spend as much time
 - Consider if the projects you are signing up for are very similar (all nature-related) or very different. This may affect how many projects you want to commit to/explore. Find a balance that works for you and your family.
 - Youth in K5-2nd grade ONLY have the option to sign up for the Cloverbud Project
 - Youth in grades 3rd – 5th may sign up for the Exploring project to learn about a variety of project areas. They may also sign up in 1-2 other projects they already have a strong interest in.

