

WELCOME TO

Winnebago County **4-H**

A resource guide for
new and returning
families



4-H Terms

4-H Slogan:
"Learn by doing."

4-H Emblem: A green four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

4-H Club: A group of at least 5 youth. They meet regularly throughout the year and have adult support and family involvement.

4-H News & Views: The county 4-H newsletter that is mailed or emailed to all 4-H families. This newsletter is published bi-monthly and is full of 4-H happenings and opportunities.

4-H Program year: September 1 through August 30. 4-H enrollment is open year round.

Enrollment or Re-Enrollment: The yearly process of signing up to join 4-H. To register, visit wi.4Honline.com

Club Leader(s): This individual or team provides overall club support by working with officers, parents, members, and other leaders to guide a successful 4-H club.

What is 4-H?

The 4-H program begins at the club level. Our 4-H members, parents, and leaders meet monthly to have fun, learn, and work together in project groups, club activities, special interest groups, and many events.

4-H belongs to the members, their families, and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. Leadership is provided by the University of Wisconsin- Extension Service. The 4-H program is a joint effort of county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the United States Department of Agriculture.



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

4-H is an informal educational program through which parents, other adults, and youth help young people develop confidence, social skills, decision-making abilities, and subject matter knowledge of a variety of project areas.

4-H and the University of Wisconsin Extension provides affirmative action and equal opportunity in education, programming and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental, arrest or conviction record or veteran status.

Why get involved?

Through 4-H, members develop and practice important life skills. Members will:

- Make **decisions** and solve problems
- Build **self-confidence**
- Accept **responsibility**
- Have a **good time** that makes learning fun
- Feel a sense of **belonging** by being a part of a 4-H Club
- Develop **mastery** while learning and practicing skills in areas of interest
- Become **independent** as they are given choices of what to do
- Have a spirit of **generosity** as 4-H clubs give back to their community through service

4-H Basics

4-H is for the whole family where youth and adults come together to learn new things, meet new friends, and have fun. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate and attend meetings with their children.

Adults help by volunteering time and sharing talents. For example: driving members to activities, supporting project learning, chaperoning, and being positive role models.

Clubs

4-H clubs have five or more youth and are supported by 4-H leaders. 4-H members, elected by their peers to officer roles, conduct club meetings.

Costs

Winnebago County 4-H has an annual membership fee of \$10. Individual 4-H clubs may have an additional yearly fee as well. Costs associated with project materials are minimal. Some projects and activities have specific associated costs. Fundraisers and scholarships help offset costs to keep programs affordable.

Meetings

Club meetings include: getting to know other members, youth making decisions about activities, planning and doing community service projects, sharing ideas, recreation, and having fun.

Common Myth:

“You need to live on a farm and have animals to join 4-H”

You do NOT need to live on a farm or own an animal to be in 4-H. Members participate in projects such as arts and crafts, robotics, photography, shooting sports, and so much more!

4-H Responsibilities

Member

- Attend club meetings
- Participate in club activities (fundraisers, community service, field trips, and project meetings)
- Work on projects throughout the year
- Prepare County Fair exhibits as appropriate
- Keep accurate records of project work and prepare a record book of their 4-H year
- Consider: demonstrating, speaking, and exhibiting
- Serve as an officer, committee member, or helper in club events
- Read the "4-H News & Views" bi-monthly newsletter



Parents/ Adult Mentors

- Attend club meetings with your children
- Serve as a volunteer and share talents
- See that your children meet their responsibilities and complete them
- Encourage your son/daughter to complete their projects
- Help members reflect on their 4-H experience (e.g. record book)
- Read the "4-H News & Views" bi-monthly newsletter

Adult Leaders

- Club leaders provide support for a successful club experience
- Project leaders hold regular meetings to help members learn about specific projects
- Activity leaders work with you youth and adults to plan and implement activities
- Attend county leader meetings and workshops
- Assist members to get involved in 4-H events
- Read the "4-H News & Views" bi-monthly newsletter
- Encourage, encourage, encourage!!!

County 4-H Program

The county 4-H program helps provide educational activities beyond 4-H clubs.

Activities

Youth can be part of planning and teaching teams such as: Summer Camp, Cloverbud Camp, Speaking Contest, National Youth Science Day, and more.

Project Learning

Some projects have extended learning experiences and activities such as: Dog Project, Horse and Pony, Shooting Sports, and Lego Robotics to name a few!

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are operated by the leaders, members, and parents with 100% of the profit used to support and offset the cost of youth participation.

The two main fundraisers are:

- **Pizza Sales:** This is the county's primary fundraiser. Pizza sales are held in spring and fall. Members, leaders, and parents collect orders and then make and deliver the pizzas.
- **4-H Dipper:** The Dipper is the 4-H food stand at the Winnebago County Fair. Members learn business practices, customer service, and the value of fundraising.

4-H Pledge

"I pledge my head to
clearer thinking,
My heart to great loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living.
For my club,
my community,
my country, and
my world."

4-H Beyond the Club and County Level

4-H is a state and national program. As members mature in their 4-H experiences, state/national/international opportunities become available.

Ready to sign up? Flip to the next page to see all the 4-H Clubs that are located in Winnebago County...

Clubs that Meet in Winnebago County:

FISK, WI

Plain V-U

Meeting time: 1st Monday at 7:00 PM
Location: Utica Town Hall
Leader: Carol Radloff
920-410-6262

LARSEN, WI

Winchester

Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Location: Grace Lutheran Church
Leader: Jen Longworth
920-420-4773

NEENAH, WI

Ridgeway

Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday at 6:45 PM
Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church
Leader: Jenny Numrich
920-886-0898

OMRO, WI

Poygan Go-Getters

Meeting time: 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM
Location: H.B. Patch School
Leader: Gndy Giddings
920-685-2843

White Cedars

Meeting time: 1st Monday at 7:00 PM
Location: LaMarche Residence
Leader: Wendy Ruedinger
920-475-7049

Zion 3-C

Meeting time: 2nd Monday at 6:30 PM
Location: Omro Elementary School
Leader: Amanda Hoffmann-Kiesow
920-410-4484

OSHKOSH, WI

4-H Friends

Meeting time: 1st Sunday at 3:00 PM
Location: Calvary Lutheran Church
Leader: Amy Jo Domke
920-232-5401

Algoma Achievers

Meeting time: 1st Sunday at 6:30 PM
Please contact leader for details as site varies
Leader: Carol Janssen
920-589-2230

Dream Catchers

Meeting time: 1st Thursday at 6:00 PM
Location: JPCC
Leader: Lisa Sokel
920-720-2873

Golden Oak

Meeting time: 1st Tuesday at 7:15 PM
Location: Nekimi Town Hall
Leader: Sarah Winkel
920-379-3194

Homeward Bounders

Meeting time: 1st Friday at 1:00 PM
Location: JPCC
Leader: Jennifer Frank
920-685-2094

Kountry Kidz

Meeting time: 1st Thursday at 6:00 PM
Location: Wind Ridge Farms
Leader: Tammy Stark
920-420-2556

Mears

Meeting time: 2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM
Location: Members' Homes
Leader: Jane Cowling
920-231-8937

OSHKOSH, WI continued...

NOTA

Meeting time: 2nd Monday at 6:30 PM

Meeting location: JPCC

Leader: Merry Mitchell

920-722-3763

NOW

Meeting time: 1st Monday at 6:30 PM

Location: JPCC

Leader: Buffy Carroll

847-456-7370

Western Sunset

Meeting time: 2nd Monday at 6:30 PM

Location: JPCC

Leader: Kristine Hemp

920-475-1923

Westhaven Wonders

Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Location: Evergreen Manor Nursing Home

Leader: Katrina Malson

920-203-1857

Westward

Meeting time: 2nd Sunday at 6:30 PM

Location: Vinland Town Hall

Leader: Sharon Gibson

920-379-1327

RIPON, WI

Lakeshore

Meeting time: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM

Location: Nepeuskun Town Hall

Leader: Kathy Wunrow

920-361-3784

RUSHFORD, WI

Newcomers

Meeting time: 1st Sunday at 6:00 PM

Location: Rushford Town Hall

Leader: Shannon Besaw

920-379-8763

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Project: 4-H members select one or more subjects to learn about during the year. Projects may be taken for one year to explore a subject, or if taken repeatedly, can result in very high knowledge and skill level. Projects often result in fair exhibits.

Record Books: Members reflect and record learning that happens during the 4-H year. Forms are available to help members focus and organize their thoughts. Members may supplement their records with photos and other items.

Winnebago County 4-H Enrollment Guide: Packet that explains how to enroll in 4-H and gives a complete listing of 4-H projects.

4-H Youth Development Educator: The professional who guides, teaches, and oversees the 4-H program in the county. This person is a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin Extension.

4-H Youth and Science Educator: The professional who works to develop, implement, and deliver outreach programs to expand 4-H youth development programming throughout the county.

JPCC: Abbreviation for the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh

UWEX: Abbreviation for the University of Wisconsin Extension.

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4-H at the County Fair

Many 4-H members participate in the annual Winnebago County Fair. The Fair is an opportunity for youth to display items they have made or exhibit animals they have raised. Certified judges evaluate the exhibits to provide suggestions for improvement and/or celebrate outstanding accomplishment. Fair visitors see 4-H members demonstrate their skill and knowledge in their various projects.



For more information, contact the UW-Extension Office at 920-232-1974 or find us on the web at <http://winnebago.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

To sign up for 4-H, please visit: wi.4honline.com and set up a new profile.

If you have questions, please contact Kayla Oberstadt, Winnebago County 4-H Youth Development Educator 920-232-1974 or email kayla.oberstadt@ces.uwex.edu

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