

4-H Activities, Experiences & Opportunities

(Beyond the County Fair)



There is much more to 4-H besides the County Fair.
Check out just a few of the great opportunities available to Wisconsin 4-H



Arts & Communication

- 4-H Communication Arts Contest (Gr. 5K-13)** – An opportunity in February in Monroe for youth to practice their communication skills, while presenting before their peers in either of the following friendly contests: Speaking (poetry, prose or original) or Demonstration (individual or team). Youth receive encouragement and feedback from a judge, as well as a certificate of participation. FREE event. See the January/February newsletter for more info.
- 4-H Art in the Park (Gr. 3-6)** – A fun morning event in April at the New Glarus State Park for youth to explore a variety of performing arts, including dramatic arts and music. The event is planned and led by Green County 4-H Performing Arts Committee. FREE event. See the March/April newsletter for more info.
- 4-H Talent Show (Gr. 5K-13)** – An evening event in early June, at the Band Shell in Monroe's Twining Park, for youth to showcase a variety of talents, including in the areas of music, drama, spoken word, comedy, magic, martial arts and more. The event is planned and led by Green County 4-H Performing Arts Committee. FREE event. See the March/April and May/June newsletters for more info.
- 4-H Art Beat (Gr. 3-5 & Parents)** – A statewide, 3-day program in March for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells. Art Beat! Track leaders are older 4-H Youth, 4-H Leaders and staff. Cost is approximately \$110 per person. For more information, go to: <http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>.
- 4-H Arts Camp (Gr. 6-8)** – A statewide, 2-day program in November that provides youth in grades 6-8 an experience with different art tracks including: music, photography, theatre, dance, and art in nature. Arts Camp provides older youth and adults with opportunities to teach and strengthen their leadership abilities and provides younger youth the fun of a 4-H camping experience focused on the arts. Cost is approximately \$110 per person. For more information, go to: <http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/arts-camp/>.

Agriculture & Animals

- 4-H Meats Judging Contest (Gr. 3-13)** – At this statewide contest, youth can test their knowledge about different kinds of meats and put their knowledge to the test in the form of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. The top teams earn the opportunity to compete at regional and national competitions. For more information, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/2437zu>
- Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl, and Hippology Contest (Gr. 3-13)** – A statewide competition that provides youth an opportunity to demonstrate and test their knowledge of horses and the horse industry in team and individual competitions. For more information about these events, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/8oj47s>
- Dog Agility Show (Gr. 3-13)** – A statewide competition in July/August, open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project. Dogs of different abilities and training levels welcome. For more information, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/p771r2>
- Area Animal Science Day (Gr. 3-13)** – A regional event in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Dairy judging team practices usually start in April. See the March/April newsletter for more info.
- National 4-H Dairy Conference (Ages 15-18)** – A national program in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo that provides youth with educational experiences around the dairy industry including speakers, dairy processing plant tours, and numerous exhibits at the international dairy show to better expand youths knowledge of the dairy industry. Cost is approximately \$650 per person. For more information, go to: <https://national4hdairyconference.org/>

Nature

4-H Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest (Gr.5K-13) – A statewide competition held each year. This is an opportunity to gain, test and celebrate one’s knowledge and interests in wildlife and wildlife habitat. Cost is approximately \$5 per contest per youth. For more information, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/jaz856>.

WI 4-H Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots (Gr. 3-13) – Multiple statewide events are offered in locations around the state for project members in archery, air pistol, air rifle, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle, and shotgun to test their skills, while also participating in a wildlife knowledge competition. Cost varies (\$8-\$15 per class). For more information, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/5pzdlo>.

Science & Technology

WI 4-H Space Camp (Gr. 6-8) – A 5-day travel experience in April to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Youth complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, and learn about becoming an astronaut. Cost is approximately \$900 and includes travel from WI to AL. See the September/October newsletter for how to apply and potentially receive a 25% 4-H scholarship to attend this camp.

Leadership

WI 4-H Summer Academy (Gr. 7-10) – This 4-day conference at UW– Madison helps youth discover what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in areas like agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. Build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Cost is approximately \$400 per youth. See the January/February newsletter for how to apply and potentially receive a 25% 4-H scholarship to attend this conference.

WI 4-H Fall Forum (Gr. 7-13 & Adults) - An opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide leadership training weekend in November, developing youth and adult partnerships, and providing an opportunity for youth and adult volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluating of statewide 4-H programs. The Green County 4-H Adult Leaders will provide funding for youth and adults to attend. See the September/October newsletter for more info.

International

Summer Inbound Host (ages 12-18) – Wisconsin 4-H families have the opportunity to host a youth from a different country for one month. Hosting a young person from another country is a wonderful opportunity to expand your horizons, learn about another culture and develop lifelong friendships! Times vary throughout the summer depending on the program. Applications are due February 1st. For more information, go to: <http://wi4hinternational.org/host/>.

General

4-H Base Camp (Grades 3-6) - A 4-day camp in August at Upham Woods, north of Wisconsin Dells. Youth get a chance to experience a wide variety of activities, including nature and art, while having fun and building new friendships. Transportation is provided. Cost is based on financial need (\$60-\$240). See the March/April newsletter for more info.

4-H Outpost Camp (Grades 7-9) - A 4-day camp in June at the High Cliff State Park. Youth get a chance to experience a wide variety of activities, while building connections and strengthening their leadership skills. Transportation is provided. Cost is approximately \$100 per youth. See the March/April newsletter for more info.

4-H Project Day (Gr. 3-13) - Event held usually in April and June for youth to learn through hands-on sessions in a wide variety of project areas: Aerospace, Geology, Crocheting, Photography, Rabbits, House Plants, Scale Models, and more. Cost is approximately \$5 per youth. See January/February newsletter for details.

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