



## 4-H Mission

Extension 4-H youth development integrates research, education, and community-based partnerships, enabling youth to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens.



“Learn by Doing” is a constant incentive to motivate members to strive toward acquiring new skills and knowledge and the opportunity to practice those skills in a safe environment. The results can mean a very productive and healthy life.



I pledge:

**My Head** to clearer thinking,  
**My Heart** to greater loyalty,  
**My Hands** to larger service,  
**And my Health** to better living,

**For my club, my community,  
my country and my world.**



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**“It’s an adventure that will  
change your life!”**



## What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members and volunteer leaders. Professional leadership is provided by the faculty of Extension. Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of the county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the USDA.

4-H is:

- Real Life Experiences
- Family Focused
- Leadership
- A Place to Make Friends
- Decision Making
- Based on Research
- Ownership
- Community Based
- Learn by Doing
- Adaptable



### 4-H and Family

Parents are encouraged to be involved with their children in deciding which projects to take, what activities to participate in, how to complete the project, where to purchase supplies and if the cost is reasonable. Parents should encourage and supervise, but allow the child to do their own work. The family is the foundation in the 4-H structure.



## 4-H Projects

As you explore, you'll learn more than just subject matter. You'll learn "life" skills, too. These are valuable skills, such as communicating and working with others, problem solving and decision making—skills that you can use the rest of your life.

### What projects are available?

4-H gives you a chance to try a lot of things, for example, you can explore:

- **Arts:** Express yourself by drawing, painting, sculpting, taking photos, making videos, acting, singing or writing.
- **Animals:** If you love animals, 4-H has projects for you, whether it's dogs and cats or cows and horses.
- **Citizenship:** Plan and carry out a community service project with your 4-H friends.
- **Outdoor Adventures:** Challenge yourself learn to kayak, rock climb, backpack or ski safely. Get involved with archery, riflery, bicycling or go sport fishing or camping.
- **Science, Engineering & Technology:** Fuel your passion for STEM topics through hands-on, discovery based opportunities.
- **Environment:** 4-H can take you outside to learn about wetlands and wildlife or to plant a garden.

Other projects and activities include rocketry, astronomy, aerospace, small engines, international programs, trips and camp. For a complete listing, see our website at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hprojects/>



Whether you have a little time or a lot, an afternoon or an afternoon a week, 4-H needs volunteers with skills like yours.

### Where are volunteers needed?

- The Outdoor Adventure Leadership and much of the environmental education focus in the 4-H program is a good match for many community members.
- The Science, Engineering and Technology Programs fit many interests and skill sets.
- Traditional broad based clubs look for volunteers to help with a broad range of activities with youth including horse-back riding, cooking, animal raising and training, gardening, and the arts. Share your skill with community youth for a day or a year.
- 4-H After School Programs and Special Events or Activity Days also need volunteer support.

**To get more information on 4-H,  
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or to volunteer contact:**

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