



Welcome to Racine County 4-H

Welcome to Racine County 4-H. Welcome to an organization that will positively affect you and your family for the rest of your life! Whether you are totally new to 4-H or the newest generation of a long family tradition of 4-H members, you and your family will soon realize the great benefits from participating in this program.

4-H is a great adventure. You will find a multitude of opportunities, sometimes making it hard to choose which to select. You will make new friends as you learn with other youth, adults, and members across the entire state, and best of all, you will have fun learning!

Make 4-H a family affair. Join your 4-H member by becoming an active parent. Behind the most successful 4-H members stands a 4-H parent or another adult who encourages, guides, and supports their child. We welcome your involvement. You can share your interests and skills as a project leader or general leader, or even join us at camp! We think you will have a great experience being an active part of 4-H.

The Racine County University of Wisconsin-Extension office supports the 4-H program, connecting the university with this community. Please feel free to contact the office, call, stop in, or drop us an e-mail. Your questions, concerns, and suggestions are always appreciated.

We look forward to working with and for you to make 4-H a time for fun, learning, growing, and sharing across the Racine County community. If you have more questions and are looking for someone to help you find the answers, please feel free to reach out to your 4-H Educator, or some of our leaders, listed below!

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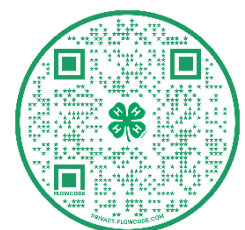
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What's so great about 4-H?

If you ask our youth, they might tell you that in 4-H...

- We learn, make, or do things that are relevant and meaningful.
- We make friends, and we give and receive acceptance and affirmation.
- We have a good time, which makes learning appealing and enjoyable.

If you ask our parents and volunteers, they might tell you...

- We help youth become contributing and caring adult members of the community.
- We help youth develop an inquiring mind and a desire to learn.
- We practice making decisions and solve problems.
- We build relationships.
- We develop a concern for our community and the people within.
- We build self-confidence.

Parents

Parents are very important to the success a child will have in the 4-H program. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and project meetings with their child. All countywide events are also open, including Leaders Association Meetings. Our hope is that you make your ideas, opinions, and values known, and have as much fun participating in this program as your child(ren)! The key roles of the parents are to support the child's commitments, help the child think through decisions, and watch the child reach their goal.

There are several ways for you to help:

- Take the time to learn about 4-H, what it stands for, and how it operates.
- Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.
- Encourage your 4-H member when he/she succeeds and even more when they don't. Help them to see their progress, not just the finished product!
- Help by guiding your child's project work and encouraging completion without doing the work for the 4-H member.
- Support the local 4-H club leader and offer your services.
- Make it possible for your child to participate in a variety of 4-H activities, such as fairs, camps, and contests.
- Model good sportsmanship so your child will learn to appreciate the successes of others.

PROJECT LIST

This list showcases our most popular projects, but is certainly not limited to those listed below. Some projects have project leaders to help support, but some might be an independent study where you get to lead your learning! The full list of options can be found on the 4-H website!

Animals

- Beef
- Cats
- Dairy
- Goats
- Dogs
- Horse
- Horseless Horse
- Poultry
- Goats
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

-Communication and Expressive Arts

- Art
- Basketry
- Beadwork
- Ceramics
- Communications
- Creative Writing
- Drawing and Painting
- Jewelry Making
- Leather Craft
- Music
- Photography
- Sign Language
- Theatre Arts
- Wood Art
- Wood Burning

Consumer and Family Science

- Clothing
- Crocheting
- Home Environment
- Knitting or Quilting

Environmental Education/

Earth Science

- Air Pistol
- Air Rifle
- Archery
- Birds
- Camping
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Pistol
- Rifle
- Shotgun

Foods and Nutrition

- Cake Decorating
- Breads
- Food Preservation
- Foods and Nutrition

Leadership and Personal Development

- Cloverbuds
- Remote Controlled Cars

Plant Science

- Crops
- Flowers
- Herbs
- Horticulture
- Vegetables

Technology and Engineering

- Computers
- Electricity
- LEGOS
- STEM
- Welding
- Woodworking



Racine County 4-H Terms and Glossary

4-H Project: a series of learning experiences for 4-H members to learn new skills and/or acquire a body of knowledge. Most projects have volunteer leaders who have knowledge of the project and aid the member in their learning experiences. Some popular projects include animal projects, foods and nutrition, clothing, and photography. There are many projects to choose from. Projects are designed to help the member “learn by doing”. Projects are led by certified adult volunteer leaders and youth leaders.

4-H Club: A club is a group of at least five youth and two caring adults who take part in an ongoing 4-H program. They meet regularly throughout the year and have adult interaction and family involvement.

Club Meetings: Usually, the 4-H club meets once per month. At a club meeting, clubs can conduct business, do recreation or social activities, participate in project work, give demonstrations, do community service work, or hold special interest programs. It is important to know when and where your club meets so you can attend meetings and keep up to date with what's going on at the club and county levels.

Club Officers: Youth who serve in a leadership role in the 4-H club, including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and others as elected by the membership are club officers.

Enrollment: Annual process in which youth and adults enroll/re-enroll in projects and activities online at <http://wi/4honline.com>.

Project Meetings: An educational gathering of youth and leaders focused on a specific topic.

Record Book: The record book is a report of 4-H accomplishments in projects and activities during the current year. Members complete a record book and submit it to their General Leader on the date identified by each club. Many clubs require a record book to be completed in order to achieve and re-enroll the next year.

Trips and Awards Packet: The Trips and Awards Packet is a report of your 4-H accomplishments. All members, 7th grade and older, can complete one of these forms to apply for 4-H trips and awards.

UW-Extension: The University of Wisconsin (Cooperative) Extension (System) administrates the 4-H youth program in Wisconsin. Other program areas include family living, agriculture, horticulture, and community resource development.



Who You'll Meet

4-H Ambassador: a group of youth who help promote an awareness of 4-H throughout Racine County. As enthusiastic spokespersons for our organizations, the Ambassadors can do more to tell the 4-H story than the slickest advertising campaign.

4-H Board of Directors (BOD): the officers of the Adult Leaders Association and the Junior Leaders Association.

4-H Junior Leaders Association: This organization is for all 4-H members 7th grade or older. The group plans social and educational events for its members. They meet on the 4th Monday of every month. The meetings are in addition to participation in a local 4-H club and all members 7th grade or older are invited to attend.

4-H Adult Leaders Association: This organization is for all 4-H adult volunteers in Racine County. They meet on the 4th Monday of every month and all adult volunteers are invited to attend.

4-H Program Educator: the professional who guides, teaches, and administers the 4-H and other youth development programs. This person is a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

4-H Member: 4-H membership is open to all youth beginning in 5K through one year beyond high school graduation and not to extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31st of the enrollment year.

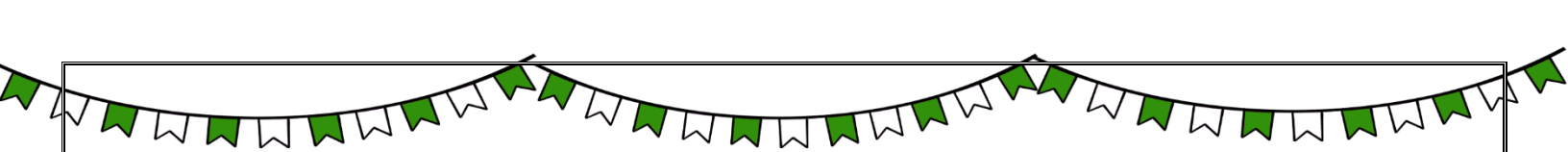
Adult Leader: A volunteer who has completed the volunteer orientation process.

Cloverbud Project Member: Youth in 5K-2nd grade participate in the Cloverbud project which is designed to meet the developmental needs of this age group.

Club Officer: Most clubs have officers and whatever committees they feel necessary to conduct their business. Usually a 4-H club has a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may include Sergeant at Arms, Photographer, and Reporter. Officers are elected and begin their duties in September or October depending on the club.

General/Organizational Leader: is a volunteer who oversees the club leadership; coordinates members, parents, and other leaders. They serve as the liaison between the club and the Racine County Extension Office.

Junior Leader (Youth): A 4-H member who is in 7th grade or older is encouraged to share in the leadership responsibilities in the club or on the county level with educational and recreational activities. All junior leaders are encouraged to attend club and county Junior Leader meetings.



Outstanding Teen: Two Outstanding Teens are selected from the Honor Court because of their outstanding growth and achievement in 4-H. You must be 16 years of age as of January 1 of the year in which the recognition is given and have achieved an Emerald level record book. These youth will represent 4-H at parades and special events.

Project Leader: a volunteer who guides and supports 4-H members in a project learning experience. This person can be a 4-H parent who agrees to help with a project. It may also be a youth leader or a person from the community who has knowledge in a particular subject matter area.

Teen Leader: a 4-H member who is 13 years or older and is enrolled in the Youth Leadership Project. These leaders work in a certain project area teaching other members about the project. By doing this they grow, mature, and learn leadership skills.

Volunteers: members of the University of Wisconsin-Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. A volunteer is anyone who gives time and expertise without expecting monetary compensation. Volunteers contribute their skills, talents, and experiences to strengthen all aspects of the program and support its mission. They work with Extension staff as members of a team to help Extension make better use of limited resources and reach more youth and adults.

4-H Activities and Events

4-H Summer Camp: a one-day event open to K5-2nd graders, Base Camp is a three-day event open to 3rd through 5th graders, and Adventure Camp is a three-day event open to 6th-8th graders. Camp is a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn new skills, explore nature, and much more.

Achievement Night/Recognition Celebration: An event to honor all youth and adults who have achieved in 4-H. Leadership awards, participation awards, years of service awards, 4-H alumni and friends of 4-H awards, and other community awards are presented.

Communication & Performing Arts Festival: youth are given an opportunity to practice their communication skills. Youth can demonstrate, write short stories or poems, perform, make posters, and show their photography skills.

Holiday Ball: a social dance for all 4-H members held in December. The evening will include recognition of the Honor Court and announcement of the new Outstanding Teens.

Racine County Fair: annual event where 4-H members have the opportunity to exhibit and display their project work. The purpose of the fair is to provide valuable evaluation to exhibitors by judges on how the projects can be improved. The fair is held at the end of July at the fairgrounds in Union Grove, sponsored by the Racine County Agricultural Society.

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