



Educational Experiences

Throughout the year, Wisconsin 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in educational travel experiences. These opportunities provide a valuable chance to gain new experiences and make new friends along the way! 4-H members often refer to their 4-H travels as the highlights of their 4-H careers.

Travel with a Purpose

Wisconsin 4-H educational experiences—

- » **Provide opportunities** for young people to develop life skills in new and diverse settings across the state and nation.
- » **Encourage youth leaders** to learn about and appreciate different ideas and perspectives while forming lasting relationships.
- » **Prepare young people** for future opportunities and experiences that require independence, decision making, and problem solving.
- » **Inspire action** in youth and adult volunteers in their clubs, their communities, and their schools.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

Each year, Wisconsin sends a delegation to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.



Credit: Wisconsin State 4-H Communications Team

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is a pre-college experience at UW-Madison.

Protection is a Priority

For some young people, 4-H experiences are the first time they are away from home for an extended period of time. Youth safety, both physical and mental, are the top priority for Wisconsin 4-H. All experiences have at least one adult for every ten youth. Chaperones are a mix of 4-H professionals and trained, vetted volunteers committed to ensuring a positive experience for youth. Youth participate in an orientation prior to the experience to help them prepare and to give ample time to answer questions from youth and adults.

Important Payment Information

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation may provide some funding to help offset the total cost of educational experiences for 4-H members. Many county Leader Organizations also provide financial support for participating members. If you have concerns about the cost of participating, talk with your local 4-H educator about options that may be available. We want all youth to have the opportunity to have life-changing experiences.

For more information about specific experiences, including approximate program costs and registration details, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/get-involved/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)





A World of Opportunities



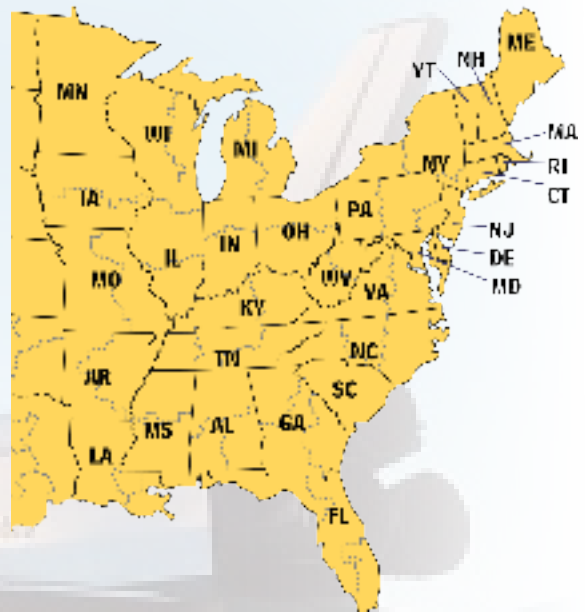
Credit: Sara Bodensteiner-Brown

Each year, 4-H members travel on educational experiences. Learn more about each experience on the [Wisconsin 4-H Events and Opportunities](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/get-involved/statewide-events-and-opportunities/) webpage. Try to find the answer to these questions!

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Find out where you'd be headed on each experience. Write the number on the map! You might write the same number multiple times—some travel experiences visit multiple cities, and other experiences are in the same city!

1. Space Camp
2. Wisconsin Youth Conference
3. American Spirit
4. Citizenship Washington Focus
5. National 4-H Congress
6. National 4-H Conference



Want to discover more about each travel experience? Match these statements below with the number of the correct experience! Some questions have more than one correct answer.

- _____ Make a difference in local communities through community service projects.
- _____ Visit the Freedom Trail to explore America's journey to independence.
- _____ Write your own legislative bill and participate in a mock House of Representatives meeting to discuss and find out if your bill is passed or denied.
- _____ 8-10 youth represent Wisconsin in Washington, D.C. and work with youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming.
- _____ See what life is like as a Badger on this pre-college experience.
- _____ Visit the Centennial Olympic Park and attend a Gala.
- _____ Meet with Wisconsin's members of U.S. Congress.
- _____ Participate in the 3-day Pathfinder Program and experience simulated space activities.



Do you love traveling? Some 4-H members even travel internationally as part of the Wisconsin 4-H International Program! Learn more at wi4hinternational.org!

Which educational experience seems like the best fit for you? Why?