



2024-2025 WISCONSIN & CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



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EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!



4-H CAMPS

Most Wisconsin counties offer 4-H Camp program opportunities in the summer! Summer camps allow youth to interact with other individuals their age while experiencing a variety of project rotations, outdoor activities, and most importantly . . . camp songs!

Watch your email and the county newsletters for more information!

SUMMER CAMP 2025 AT UPHAM WOODS

Upham Woods will bring exploration, discovery, and fun to your summer! Participate in recreational activities, environmental science, programs designed to develop leadership skills, and fun! So, if you are looking forward to swimming, canoeing, exploring Blackhawk Island, and making new friends, sign up for camps!

Join Crawford County 4-H at Upham Woods July 30 - August 1, 2025!



WISCONSIN DISTANCE LEARNING

Follow Wisconsin 4-H on Facebook or Instagram, watch the calendar, or visit go.wisc.edu/4hvlc for more information on dates of specific meetings. Registration can be completed in 4HOnline.

Virtual events happen throughout the year at varying dates. Watch the 4-H Newsletter and online calendar for specific dates and sessions!



<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>

2024-25 Distance Learning Offerings:



- SPARKS Book Read
- The Science of the Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Animal Science Careers
- Dinosaurs and Unicorns
- Learn to Use the Force: Electromagnetics
- Career Development





WI WILDLIFE & FORESTRY



Wildlife WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) Wisconsin 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H Forestry provide hands-on learning experiences for 4-H members in grades 3-13 and their families. By participating in the various workshops, contests, projects, and more led by 4-H youth leaders and adult volunteers, youth can gain a better understanding of forestry and wildlife as well as learn different skills and habits they can use throughout their life.

The possibilities are endless! Both in-person and virtual opportunities are available to help youth explore their interests of wildlife and forestry.

For more information please visit go.wisc.edu/4hwildlife or contact Norb or Barb Yogerst at wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN SHOOTING SPORTS

Crawford County Shooting Sports practices will start in April 2025

Shooting Sports in 4-H offers year-round training and fun competitive events for youth members in grades 3-13 and adult volunteers. Training programs available are: archery, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, and wildlife.

Adults who complete their Shooting Sports Certification teach the youth training classes in your county. Youth in training are eligible to participate in the fifteen 4-H competitive events offered statewide throughout the year. For information on opportunities specific to your area, please reach out to your local 4-H County Educator.

For more information, contact Doug Thompson, Coordinator of Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports at douglas.thompson@wisc.edu or 920-391-4657 or visit go.wisc.edu/4hshootingports.





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ANIMAL SCIENCE JUDGING

Watch for emails or in the county newsletter for opportunities to join judging teams.



STATE DAIRY JUDGING

County 4-H teams compete at district dairy judging contests during regional Area Animal Science Days for the chance to attend the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. State winners in the senior division go on to represent Wisconsin at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA, World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI, and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY.

For more information on the Dairy Project, please visit go.wisc.edu/4hdairy.

**Grades 3-12
Summer 2025
Madison, WI**



STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The State Livestock Judging Contest selects our state winners for National Competition. The top senior team travels to Louisville, KY. The second-place senior team travels to Denver, CO. The teams that compete at State Livestock Judging previously qualified at the district Area Animal Science Days throughout the state.

To learn more about WI Youth Livestock, please visit go.wisc.edu/youthlivestock.

**Grades 3-12
Summer 2025
Arlington, WI**



MEATS JUDGING

This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification, and a quiz. This contest occurs annually with the top teams traveling to Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO for national competition.

**Grades 3-12
Winter 2025
UW-Madison Campus**





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4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL & SKILLATHON

Livestock Quiz Bowl is a quiz competition with questions about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Teams of students buzz in to orally answer questions given by a moderator.

The Skillathon contest includes a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification, and team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each Fall in Louisville, KY.



Grades 3-12
Spring 2025
UW-Madison
Campus



IGNITE BY 4-H

Ignite by 4-H brings together teen agriculture and science leaders from across the country to focus on learning about and solving current agri-science issues. Students work with each other and experts in the agricultural community to develop a community change project to initiate in their state. Members are nominated for this experience locally by staff and then selected to attend through a state level process.

Grades 9-12
Spring 2025
Washington, D.C.



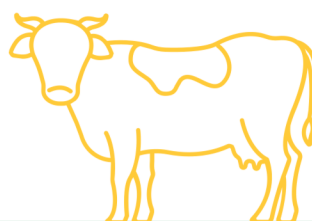
4-H DAIRY QUIZBOWL

This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science.

Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator.



Grades 3-12
Spring 2025
UW-Green Bay Campus





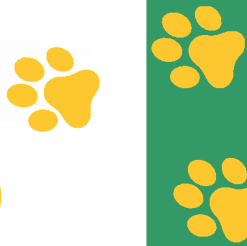
AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Area Animal Science Days is a series of day-long events held around the state 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.

- Increases the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information
- Open to 4-H youth in grades 3-12
- Increases decision-making skills through judging and grading experiences

Grades 3-12
Summer 2025
Locations TBD

4-H DOG PROJECT



STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW

This show includes competitions in agility for dogs and their people. This event is open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project. Dogs of different levels of abilities and training are welcome.

Grades 4-12
October 2025
Oshkosh, WI

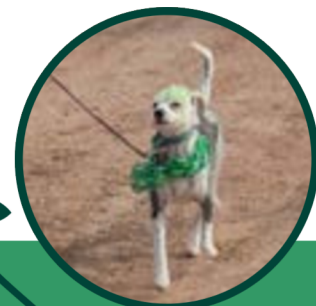


STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE & SHOWMANSHIP SHOW

The show includes competitions in obedience and showmanship for the dogs and a variety of other activities for their people such as public speaking and demonstrations, art shows, and a Dog Quiz Bowl. The show is open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.

Grades 3-13
October 2025
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

To learn more about the WI 4-H Dog Project, visit go.wisc.edu/4hdogproject.





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4-H HORSE PROJECT



Love horses? Want to learn more? In this project, you will have the opportunity to take your love of horses to the next level: the 4-H level.

Visit go.wisc.edu/4horseproject for more details on registration and contest information!

STATE 4-H GYMKHANA

Grades 6-13
September 2025
State Fair Park
West Allis, WI

Gymkhana is an annual horse and pony competition, featuring speed pattern racing events including: Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Plug Race, Pole Bending, LT Special, and Key Races.

4-H HUNT & DRESSAGE SHOW

Grades 6-13
Summer 2025
Sheboygan County
Fairgrounds

4-H Hunt and Dressage Show is a 3-day event featuring dressage clinics and show, over fences clinics and show, and flat and pleasure classes. Youth can attend educational clinics and showcase their skills in a variety of individual and group dressage classes.

STATE 4-H HORSE EDUCATION DAYS, HORSE BOWL, & HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

Grades 3-13
Spring 2025
UW-Green Bay Campus

State Horse Education Days occurs annually in June and provides an opportunity for youth in grades 3-13 enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting. Youth answer questions in teams of 3-4 members and compete against other teams in the same class. These events consist of quiz-style questions about the following topics: Nutrition and Feed, Health and Diseases, History, Evolution and Breeds, Reproduction and Genetics.

STATE HORSE EXPO

Grades 3-12
September 2025
State Fair Park
West Allis, WI

State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws crowds of over 900 youth and 700 horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of competitions and projects including a live horse show, horse judging, and different arts and educational projects about horses.





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WI 4-H ARTS

Wisconsin 4-H offers a variety of Arts Programs for youth in grades 3-12!

Visit go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp and go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat for more information!

WI 4-H ARTS CAMP

4-H Arts Camp, an overnight experience for grades 6-8, features six different diverse art tracks.

Possible topics include music, photography, communication, theater, culinary arts, and art in nature. Arts Camp provides older youth and adults with leadership development opportunities and offers middle school youth the fun of a 4-H camping experience focused on arts.

Grades 6-8
Fall 2025
Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI



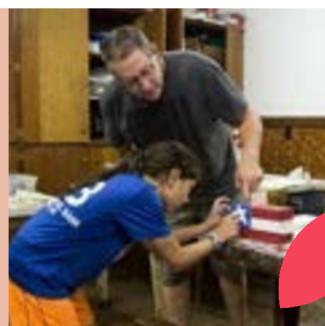
ARTBEAT!

4-H ArtBEAT! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts Programming, created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents, and leaders. ArtBEAT! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience a variety of art forms in a camping environment at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

The weekend features a look at a diverse arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, art in nature, and more! Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on Cabin Hill. Parents are not required to attend, but are invited.



Grades 3-5
March 14-16, 2025
Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI





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STATE ARTS TEAMS



4-H DRAMA COMPANY

This group creates an original show incorporating acting, music, and dance. Show content is developed collaboratively between company members and the director. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show, then refines and develops those ideas with the support of the rest of the company, culminating in a final performance during Summer Academy. Connecting with other members from around the state is another important aspect of being a part of Drama Company.

4-H ARTS TEAM

Youth create a collaborative piece of artwork and works to artistically support statewide programming opportunities. Team members teach seminars, train to be peer leaders for county and regional events, and curate an art show for Summer Academy. The 4-H Arts Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.



COMMUNICATION & MEDIA TEAM

Youth will work with education, Media/News and Marketing professionals to promote Wisconsin 4-H. The Team will be together during a spring planning weekend and Summer Academy where they will build their understanding of graphic design, photography, social media, and journalism while promoting Wisconsin 4-H.



NEW!! ARTS AMBASSADORS

This year all State Arts Team members will be part of the Wisconsin State 4-H Arts Ambassadors. Arts Ambassadors will learn about leadership, interpersonal skills and how to promote the 4-H Expressive Arts. By applying for any of the Arts teams you are also applying to be a part of this new state group, while still getting to focus on your art spark. Drama, Visual Arts & Comm/Media will all be part of the AA program.

Applications for State Arts Teams open in Fall in 4HOnline and are due January 2025. Please review the position descriptions for more information on application requirements.

For more information on State Teams, visit go.wisc.edu/4hstateteams.





WI 4-H LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) is made up of youth and adult leaders from across the state. WLC is an amazing example of youth-adult partnership in action as they work together to shape 4-H Youth Development on the state, county, and local levels.

WLC Members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Plan statewide opportunities like Fall Forum
- Work with Extension leadership to enhance the 4-H program
- Build personal leadership and communication skills
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of WI 4-H

Youth in grades 9-11 are invited to apply for state teams.

Applications open in August with elections in November at Fall Forum.

Visit go.wisc.edu/4hwlc for application details.



FALL FORUM

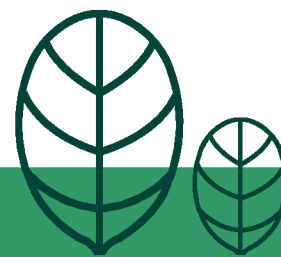
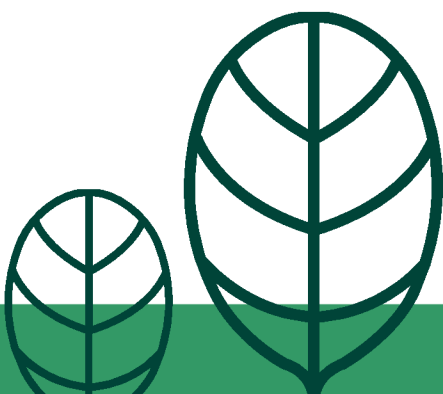
Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth in grades 7-13 and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council with the support of county and state staff, our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.

Fall Forum includes:

- An inspiring keynote address
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Saturday night
- Introductions for WLC Candidates AND WI 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates

To learn more about Fall Forum, visit go.wisc.edu/4hfallforum.

Grades 7-13
Fall 2025
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Stevens Point, WI





YOUTH LEADERSHIP



SUMMER ACADEMY

Summer Academy helps youth discover pathways to their future! During the conference, youth will experience life in a residence hall, learn about higher education options, speak with professionals about future careers, and engage in personal exploration. Youth will have the opportunity to choose from various career tracks (such as, STEM, Culinary and Health, Ag and Animal Science, Human Services) as well as have fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from across the state of Wisconsin.

Summer Academy will be held at the UW-Madison Campus, where youth and adult chaperones will stay in a campus residence hall. Youth will be participating in a wide variety of track-based activities and seminars. They will be able to visit different locations on campus and in Madison. They will also have the opportunity to hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities!

Registration will be open in 4HOnline in April.
For more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy



Grades 8-11
June 16-19, 2025
UW-Madison Campus

AMERICAN SPIRIT EAST

Location Highlights:

- Philadelphia, PA
- Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
- New York City, NY
- Boston, MA
- Gloucester, MA
- Lexington/Concord, MA



American Spirit East provides the opportunity for youth to experience history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast! Participants will increase their knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred, have dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation, and further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values.

For more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit.

Grades 8-10
Summer 2025
U.S. East Coast





CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

CWF is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience, bringing 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our nation’s Capitol!



Experiences Include:

- State’s Night Out
- National Museum of African American History & Culture
- Meetings with Wisconsin State Senators
- Capitol Hill and National Mall Tour
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery
- Workshops with 4-H Members from all across the U.S.

**Grades 10-12
Summer 2025
Washington, D.C.**



Delegate Workshops Include:

- Citizenship Toolbox: By exploring what it means to be a good citizen, delegates identify their own skill set to become active citizens and leaders in their communities back home.
- Congressional Issues: Delegates will have open discussions with different perspectives on real national issues in the government today.
- Bill Writing: Delegates learn the process of writing a bill in the House of Representatives and then write one of their own. They will then hold a mock House of Representatives meeting where they will discuss and either pass or deny said bills.
- Action Planning: By combining all of the skills they have learned at CWF, the entire delegation will discuss what issues are prominent in their communities. They will then develop a plan to take back and implement positive change into their hometowns.

For more information, visit go.wisc.edu/CWF.





SPACE CAMP

Learn about and experience the different aspects of life as an astronaut, working for NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space.

Experience the Pathfinder Program! A 3-day experience with activities including:

- o a simulated space mission
- o a variety of space simulators
- o building and launching your own model rocket
- o on-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience
- o learning about space exploration and astronaut life in guided museum tours
- o a team quiz bowl at the end of camp

Visit go.wisc.edu/SpaceCamp to learn more!

Grades 6-8
May 1-5, 2025
U.S. Space & Rocket Center
Huntsville, AL



CHICAGO STEM TRIP

Chicago STEM Trip is a 2 night and 3 day experience for students going into grades 6-10.

Estimated cost is around \$350, but not yet set. Non 4-H participant fee would be around \$500.

Chicago STEM Participants will possibly experience:

- o Shedd Aquarium
- o Willis Tower
- o Museum of Science and Industry
- o Adler Planetarium
- o Blue Man Group Concert
- o Chicago Style Pizza
- o and MORE!

Grades 6-10
July 2025
Chicago, IL





NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture’s premier youth development opportunity to engage youth.

National 4-H Conference delegates will:

- Participate in a round table topic of their choosing that will focus on key topics such as: leadership, agriculture, crime, and more
- Participate in professional workshops
- Meet with legislators from their State to discuss important issues relating to 4-H
- Have a chance to network with youth and adults from across the country
- Develop an action plan that will be put to use in their own communities

For additional information, visit go.wisc.edu/NationalConf

Grades 10-12
April 11-16, 2025
Washington, D.C.



NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-H'ers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-H'ers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.

Activities at National 4-H Congress:

- Educational Workshops
- Explore Atlanta
- International Events
- Community Service
- World-Renowned Speakers

Grades 9-12
Fall/Winter 2025
Atlanta, GA

Additional information can be found at go.wisc.edu/4HCongress.





AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS



CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Any high school Senior, who is an active member and turned in a record book their Junior year, is eligible to apply for the Leaders Association Scholarship. Members are awarded \$250.00 to help with their college education. The application can be found using the QR Code or crawford.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/10/Scholarship-Application-2025.pdf



KEY AWARDS

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program is one of the highest recognitions a 4-H member can receive. This award recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. To be eligible, candidates for this award must be in grade 9 or older, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

CROWLEY DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their Dairy Project. Eligibility for this award includes: current enrollment in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership, must be in grades 10-13 as of January 1, and should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

Three state-level \$1000 awards are to be presented annually to outstanding 4-H Dairy Project members. Additionally, the top 4-H member that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2025 will be offered a \$5,000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences.

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2025. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

