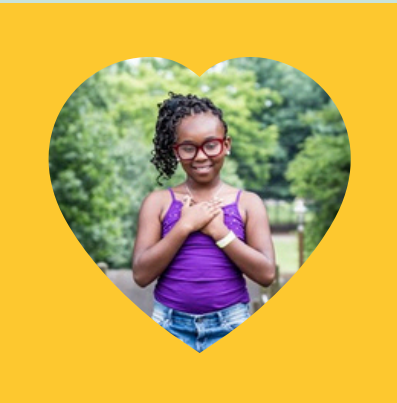




2025-2026 WISCONSIN 4-H

STATE PROGRAMS &
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



A LETTER TO YOU



Dear Wisconsin 4-H members, leaders, and families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 Wisconsin 4-H year!
We are so excited to have you as part of this
growing, thriving, and passionate community,
and hope you have the best 4-H year ever!

As a 4-H member, you have many opportunities to find
your "spark" through experiences at the club, county,
state, and national level (a "spark" is something that
inspires curiosity, feels exciting, and you'd like to learn more about). Sometimes, there are so
many choices in 4-H that it can be difficult to learn about them all. That's where this "4-H
Opportunities" booklet comes in! We are excited to provide this one-stop shop for you to
explore and dream about all the educational experiences available to you as a Wisconsin
4-H member.

Are you ready to take the next step in 4-H? From attending national trips, joining statewide
teams, to exploring the world, the possibilities are (almost) endless. You may not be old
enough for all of these experiences yet, but I encourage you to plant the seed of "what could
I do in 4-H?" now and watch it grow in the years to come. Many 4-H alumni share
inspirational stories about how much they gained (such as new friends, independence, and
travel in new communities) from their statewide experiences.

Enjoy learning about all of the amazing opportunities available to you in Wisconsin 4-H.

Time to explore!

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EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

4-H CAMP

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!

For more information about the specific programs offered, please reach out to your local County Educators or visit go.wisc.edu/4HCamp.

Camp Opportunities:

- Base Camp
- Outpost Camp
- Counselors

SUMMER CAMP AT UPHAM WOODS

Upham Woods will bring exploration, discovery, and fun to your summer. Partnering with 4-H County programs and other organizations to host summer camps on-site, they combine 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 one of our summer camps!

To learn more about this programs offered by Upham Woods, please visit go.wisc.edu/UphamWoods.



WISCONSIN DISTANCE LEARNING

Our distance learning programs get you connected to 4-H programs and people no matter where you are in the state!

Engage with our state specialists and educators in a wide variety of content via our virtual platforms. Meet new friends via Zoom over 3-4 sessions and learn more about a new topic, too. Many offerings include a take and learn kit delivered right to you!



2025-26 Distance Learning Offerings:



- 4-H Discovery (Grades K-2)
- Design Your Landscape (Grades 3-8)
- Exploring Careers in Agriculture - (Grades 7-10)

Visit <http://virtual.wi4h.org> to find out more about this year's Distance Learning kits and programs!





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

4-H STEM

STEAM GAZE

NEW!!

STEAM GAZE is a creative fusion of art and science! The program is a dynamic, full-day experience designed for curious and creative youth. This spring, dive into a world of discovery where art meets science through hands-on workshops led by passionate educators and mentors.

Whether your spark is chemistry, theater, visual arts, environmental science, music, or something in between, STEAM GAZE offers multiple interactive tracks to ignite imagination and innovation. Older 4-H members and professional staff will guide and inspire participants throughout this exciting day of exploration and creativity.

Low-cost registration makes this opportunity accessible for all. Don't miss your chance to gaze into the future of STEAM!

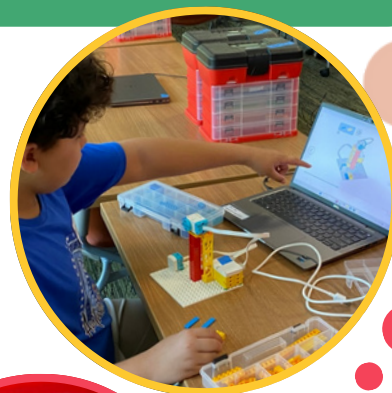
Grades 3-5
Wausau, WI
Milwaukee, WI



LEGO® Robotics SPIKE™

LEGO robotics programs encourage youth to be creative with LEGO bricks and building, learn basic computer coding, and connect to STEM careers. Youth also build teamwork, problem solving and goal setting skills to put them on their path to success.

Watch for opportunities offered locally and near you throughout the year.



Grades 3-8
Local events





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

WILDLIFE & WOODS VIRTUAL CLASSES

Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry monthly, virtual event.

Learn about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices! Outdoor enthusiasts connect with other 4-H youth of all ages from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and trees. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the **4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP)** and the **4-H Forestry Program**. Since the sessions are co-presenter by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful.

Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit.

To learn more about WI Wildlife & Forestry, please visit go.wisc.edu/4hwildlife.

WISCONSIN SHOOTING SPORTS

The Wisconsin 4-H program uses the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum to teach shooting sports safety to more than 5,000 youth. Shooting Sports in 4-H offers year-round training and fun competitive events for youth members in grades 3-13. Training programs in air pistol, air rifle, archery, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, and gun safety are available.

Youth in training are eligible to participate in the fifteen state competitive events throughout the year and for those interested their qualifying scores will determine who represents Wisconsin on the state's National Championship Team.



Supported through funding from



Contact your local 4-H Educator or to learn more about Shooting Sports, please visit go.wisc.edu/4hshootingsports



EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

AG & ANIMAL SCIENCE JUDGING

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
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
Arlington, WI**

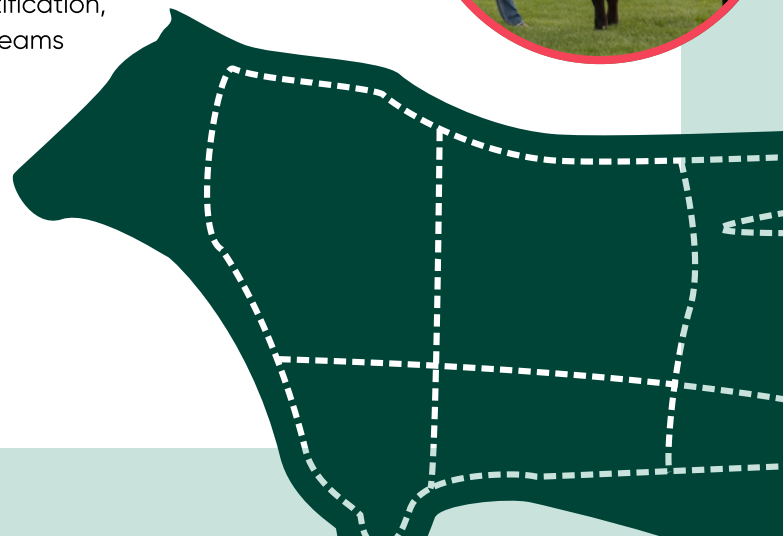


MEATS JUDGING

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 national competitions in Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO.

To learn more about Meats Judging, please visit go.wisc.edu/4hmeats.

**Grades 3-12
UW-Madison**





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

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
UW-Madison



4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

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
UW-Green Bay

To find more information on livestock and dairy 4-H state events, please visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities>.

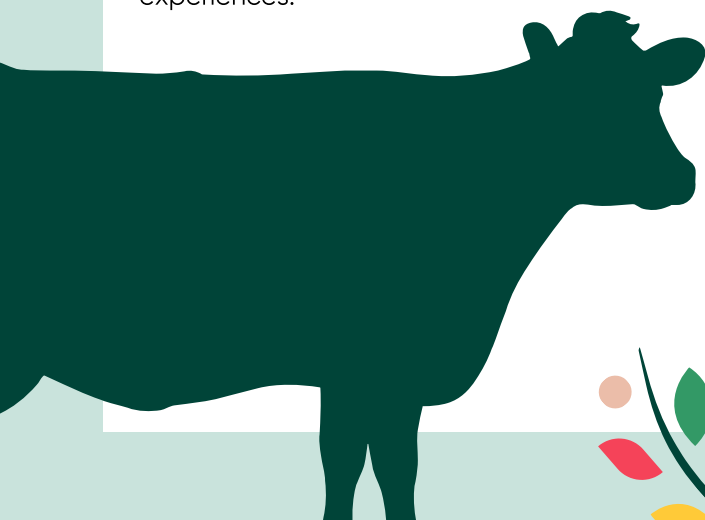


AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

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.

Grades 3-12
Grant County
Clark County

- Increases the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information
- Increases decision-making skills through judging and grading experiences





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

AG & ANIMAL SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

NEW!!

AG & ANIMAL SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

New for 2026 is the Wisconsin 4-H Ag Ambassador Team. There are so many great 4-H Ag-vocates and we want your voice to be part of the first team. Youth and adult team members will work together to contribute ideas and shape our statewide programs.

Ag Ambassadors will:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for agriculture
- Work on and participate in statewide events
- Build personal leadership and communication skills
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H

Grades 9-12

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to apply for state teams.

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

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





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

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
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.

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

Grades 3-13
Location: Antigo, WI





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

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/4hhorseproject for more details on registration and contest information!

STATE 4-H GYMKHANA

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.

Grades 6-13
State Fair Park
West Allis, WI

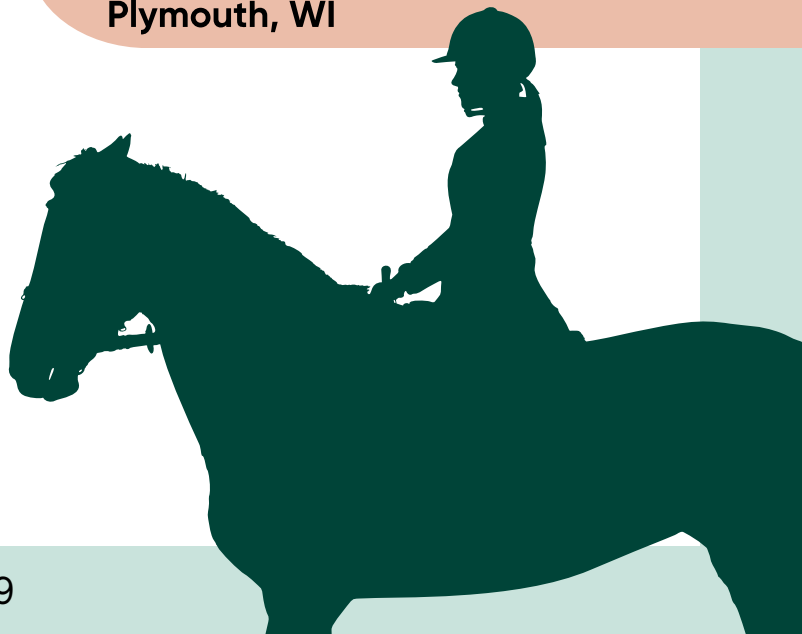


4-H HUNT & DRESSAGE SHOW

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.



Grades 6-13
Sheboygan County Fairgrounds
Plymouth, WI





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

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

State Horse Education Days occurs annually in May 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.



Grades 3-13
UW-Green Bay

STATE HORSE EXPO

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.

Grades 3-12
State Fair Park
West Allis, WI





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

4-H ARTS

WI 4-H ARTS CAMP

4-H Arts Camp is an overnight program designed for youth in grades 6–8. The camp offers a variety of Expressive Arts tracks, including visual arts, performing arts, culinary arts, campfire storytelling, and maker-space activities. Participants engage in hands-on learning experiences that foster creativity, skill development, and personal expression in a supportive environment.

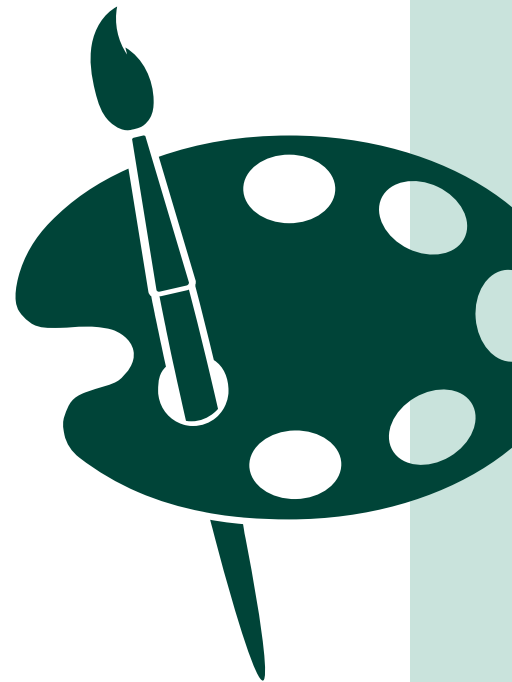
Grades 6–8
Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI

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.

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



Grades 3–5
Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AMBASSADORS

ARTS AMBASSADORS



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 Arts Ambassadors program.



Art Ambassadors will:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Create expressive arts and showcase it to others
- Assist in the planning and teaching of statewide events
- Build personal leadership and communication skills
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to apply for state teams.

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

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

Grades 9-12





EXPLORE YOUR SPARK!

STATE ARTS TEAMS

4-H ARTS TEAM

Youth create collaborative artwork and work to support statewide programming opportunities artistically. Team members teach seminars, train to be peer leaders for county and regional events, and curate an art exhibition 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

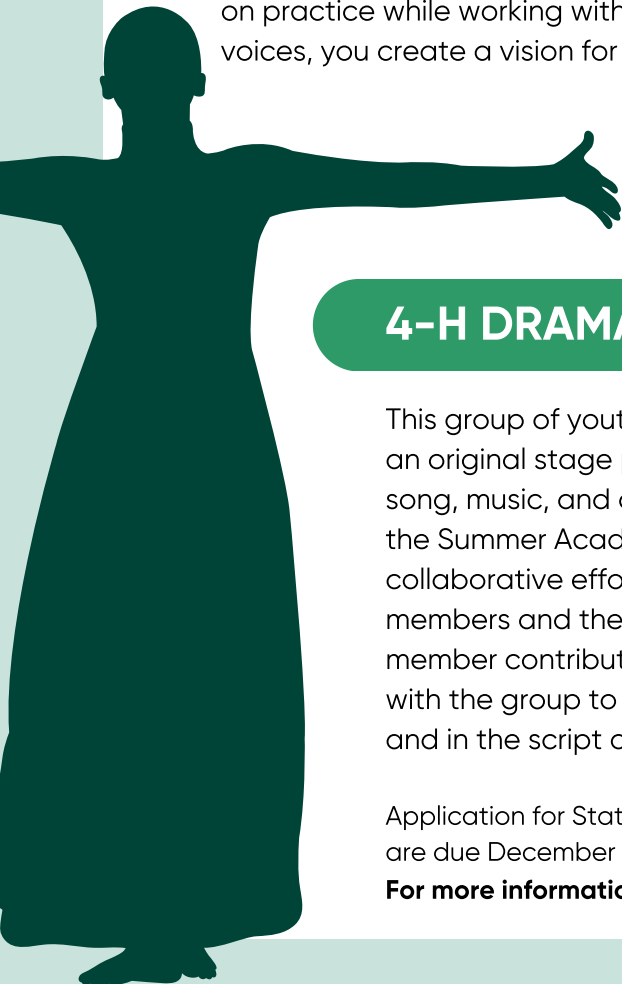
You will create original content, (Video, social media, digital promotional materials) to promote the 4-H story in Wisconsin. Working with an advisor, you build a community of digital storytellers through skill development and hands-on practice while working with media and marketing professionals. Using youth voices, you create a vision for telling the story of Wisconsin 4-H.

4-H DRAMA COMPANY

This group of youth from around the state to create an original stage performance incorporating acting, song, music, and dance in the five days leading up to the Summer Academy. Show content is a collaborative effort between their company members and their directors. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem-solve issues on the set and in the script culminating in a final performance.

Application for State Arts Teams open November 1 and are due December 15.

For more information visit go.wisc.edu/4hambassadors.





SUMMER ACADEMY

**Beyond
Ready**



Join us at Summer Academy for an exciting, hands-on experience that helps youth discover pathways to their future to be **beyond ready for work and life!**

During the conference, you will experience life in a residence hall, learn about higher education options, speak with leading professionals about future career paths, and engage in personal exploration to prepare you for life and leadership beyond. Youth will have the opportunity to choose from various career tracks as well as have fun opportunities to build connections and friendships with other youth from across Wisconsin.

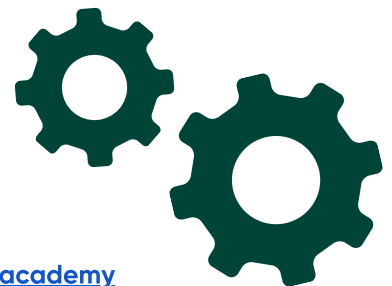
Summer Academy youth and adults stay on the UW-Madison Campus in a university residence hall and explore campus life. Youth participate in a wide variety of track-based collaborative learning activities and seminars and visit different campus and Madison locations.

Core Tracks Include:

- Health & Wellness
- Construction Trades
- Culinary Arts
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Automotive Trades
- Agribusiness
- AI and Coding

**ONLY
\$150 in
2026!**

**Grades 8-11
Madison, WI**



For registration and more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/4summeracademy.





WINTER ACADEMY

**Beyond
Ready**



Delve into how your sparks can lead to lifelong learning and successful career pathways in this 100% virtual program. Youth will gain experience with creative problem solving strategies and work with peers and adults to become ready for work and ready for life. Winter Academy is designed for youth in their first years of high school. Completion of the Winter Academy program will earn participants a 30% coupon code off registration for Summer Academy in the same year.

NEW!!

- **Session 1 - Beyond Ready** Youth will learn to identify and manage their emotions, demonstrate empathy toward others, and build positive social connections—equipping them with essential skills for success in college, career, and life.
- **Session 2 - Discovering You**
Identify what motivates you and drives your decisions. This session will use tools to increase our understanding of ourselves and each other. At the end of the session you will have identified your strengths and what motivates your goals for the future.
- **Session 3 - Creative Communication with LEGO Serious Play**
Practice developing your story to share with others to help you to land that first job or nail that college application. Through play-therapy techniques, youth can use LEGO bricks to help them visualize and communicate their strengths, aspirations, and challenges. These techniques are shown to reduce anxiety and improve creative problem-solving skills.

**Earn 30% off
Summer
Academy!**

**Grades 8-10
Virtual**

For registration and more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/4hwinteracademy



**Limited to
20 youth in
the first
year!**





LEADERSHIP AMBASSADORS

WISCONSIN 4-H LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Ambassadors is made up of youth and adult leaders from across the state. Build your leadership skills as you serve as a role model for 4-H members and promote 4-H and Positive Youth Development in your county, region, and across the state.

Leadership Ambassadors will:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Plan and participate in statewide activities like Summer Academy & Fall Forum
- Build personal leadership and communication skills
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of WI 4-H

Grades 9-12

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

YOUTH AS PARTNERS IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP

The mission of YPCL is to advance youth voices in Wisconsin by increasing the capacity for youth and adults to share civic leadership in local schools, communities, and organizations.

At the event, participants engage in youth led workshops on topics of community service, civic engagement, health, and relationships. There are opportunities for day and night time outdoor activities, team building exercises, and a talent show. The weekend ends in each 'team' creating and presenting an action plan of a project to bring back to their home communities.

Participants should register as a part of a team that includes adults and youth working in partnership. Examples of teams include but are not limited to nonprofit organizations, community centers, afterschool programs, school-based student clubs, county coalitions, and 4-H clubs.

Learn more at go.wisc.edu/YPCL.

Youth Grades 9-12, Adults 18+
Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT

Restorative Justice Summit is a statewide educational forum that brings together young people and youth-serving professionals to collaborate in advancing equitable, evidence-based restorative justice and peacemaking practices that aim to transform youth services, programs, and communities in Wisconsin.

Participants will hear from a keynote speaker as well as engage in multiple interactive breakout sessions and collaborative activities to learn more about restorative practices, social justice efforts, and more, in order to use their voice and create positive change in their communities.

To learn more about this event, please visit go.wisc.edu/RJS.

Grades 9-12, Adults 18+
Madison College-Truax
Campus





YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

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
- Interactive session to reflect on the weekend and set future goals

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

Grades 7-13
Green Lake, WI





TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



AMERICAN SPIRIT EXPERIENCE

Immerse yourself in American history and cultural heritage! Travel on **American Spirit Experience** on a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada! Learn about American history where it occurred by visiting significant sites, have dynamic exposure to the diverse cultural experiences and perspectives foundational to our nation.

Grades 8-10
U.S. East Coast

Develop skills in leadership, learn history and civics, and personal expression of values.

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

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



Philadelphia, PA
New York City, NY
Boston, MA
Lexington/Concord, MA
Salem, MA
Niagara Falls, Ontario



TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

IGNITE BY 4-H

Grades 9-12
Washington, D.C.

Ignite by 4-H brings together teen agriculture and science leaders from across the country for four days to collaborate, connect, and cultivate passion with hands-on workshops and activities. With other youth from around Wisconsin you can focus on learning in the key tracks of Animal Science or STEM. Take your spark to the next level by exploring career paths, learn from industry leaders, and become Beyond Ready for your future!

For more information, visit go.wisc.edu/igniteby4h

ignite
by 4H



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS @ Ignite

CWF, now a dedicated track at Ignite—the premier experience for teens to discover their sparks to explore and experience civic engagement, citizenship, and gain leadership skills. CWF is a week-long experience in the Nation's Capitol where you can tour National museums, visit the Mall, and experience Federal government in action!

Grades 10-12
Washington, D.C.



- State's Night-Out Cultural Event
- Smithsonian Museum
- Meet with Wisconsin Elected Officials
- Capitol Hill and National Mall Tour
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Discuss issues prominent to youth and local communities

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





TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

WISCONSIN 4-H SPACE CAMP

Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's camp for astronauts! **Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp** let's you experience three days on a space mission where you train like an astronaut with a team of other Wisconsin 4-H'ers. You get to learn about space exploration, go on simulated missions, and command mission control! Experience aspects of life as an astronaut, live in a habitat, and build a model rocket! You get to venture away from home, meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space.

Experience the Pathfinder Program!

- space mission simulators
- build and launch your own model rocket
- on-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating real space training
- learn about space exploration and astronaut life in guided museum tours



Grades 6-8
Huntsville, AL



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



TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Be a part of the next generation of leaders! **National 4-H Conference** 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 to share your voice with federal agencies and Congress.



- Participate in a round table topics that focus on leadership, agriculture, justice, and more
- Meet with legislators from our State to discuss important issues relating to 4-H
- Create action plans that can work in your own communities

Grades 10-12
Washington, D.C.



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

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS



Join other 4-H'ers at **National 4-H Congress** for five days in Atlanta, GA at the premiere nation-wide event for where you will network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, you will engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.

- Educational Workshops
- Explore Atlanta sites and museums
- International Night with dinner and entertainment
- Community Service give back to Atlanta and make a positive impact
- World-Renowned Speakers
- Congress Gala

Grades 9-12
Atlanta, GA

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





BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS



COUNTY & STATE KEY AWARDS



This prestigious award is the highest recognition a 4-H member can receive and honors a select group of 4-H participants annually. The youth receiving this award at their county level are those who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in their 4-H club and community. Contact your local county 4-H office for local application processes. County award winners may apply for the

Top 10 State Key Award.

State Top 10 Key Award applications open **May 1** and are due **August 1**.
Award notifications announced in **October**.

The Key Award is sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

Additional State Key Award information can be found at 4h.extension.wisc.edu/state-4-h-awards/.

JAMES W. CROWLEY DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Named in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, a longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of the dairy youth project, this 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. Fifteen state awards are to be presented and recognized with a plaque annually to outstanding 4-H Dairy Project members. The top three youth will each receive \$1,000 cash awards. Youth that have received a plaque only are encouraged to apply again. Additionally, the top awardee that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2025 is offered a \$5,000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences.

Applications open **May 1** and are due **July 1**.
Award notifications announced **early August**.

Additional information can be found at go.wisc.edu/crowley.

4-H COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Several generous donors and estate bequests have endowed six financial scholarship awards for outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education. These scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals.

Eligible Wisconsin 4-H'ers must be enrolled or plan to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the upcoming academic year.

Applications open **January 1** and are due **March 1**.
Award notifications announced **early May**.

Additional information and scholarship eligibility can be found at go.wisc.edu/collegiatescholarships.





BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

For VOLUNTEERS

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers help make 4-H possible. To volunteer, you don't need previous experience working with youth – the most important qualification is a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills through positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Event Volunteers

Chaperones

Club Leaders

Project Leaders

Training for Volunteers

Training is one way Wisconsin 4-H invests in you to support young people who participate in our programs. Volunteering with youth in Extension programs is a very important role, and comes with the responsibility to keep youth safe in our care and annual training requirements.

4-H Foundations & Additional Resources

- Grow Green
- Supporting Youth Mental Health
- Essential Elements
- Delivery 4-H through Technology

For additional information on volunteering in your county, contact your local 4-H County Educator or visit go.wisc.edu/4hvolunteer.



4-H VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Wisconsin 4-H highlights and recognizes the significant contribution of our volunteers around the state that is so important to the success of our program. Three awards recognize outstanding volunteers in local county programs in three categories. Award presentation will occur at Fall Forum.

Emerging Volunteer of the Year
Outstanding Club Leader of the Year
Outstanding Project Leader of the Year

Volunteer Award applications open **May 1** and are due **August 1**.
Award notifications announced **November 1**.

Additional State Key Award information can be found at
4h.extension.wisc.edu/state-4-h-awards/.

How to REGISTER



Registration Information

Registration information for our state-wide programs and educational experiences including deadlines, age, eligibility, program details, and fee payments are all found online. go.wisc.edu/4-hstateevents

Registration for programs and experiences is through [4HOnline](#).



State Experience Scholarships

Wisconsin 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. State needs-based scholarships are available for youth who participate in Statewide Educational Experiences. These funds are designed to supplement local county based support and youth are encouraged to seek out local support as well.

Youth can apply for a scholarship through the event registration process in 4HOnline.

For more information on these scholarships, please visit the [Scholarship](#) page on our website.

Cancellation and Refund

Some events may have cancellation deadlines and advanced payment requirements or non-refundable deposits based on the event. Please note these important details when registering.

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Accessibility

You may request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language and/or format, and/or other services to make this event more accessible. Make your request at least 25 days before the event so there is enough time to meet your requests. There is no added cost to you for these services. Contact us at pydadminteam@extension.wisc.edu or phone 608-262-1222.

A special **THANK YOU**

Many of the incredible opportunities of Wisconsin 4-H would not be possible without the generous gifts from individual donors, private foundations, and corporate support from across the state and beyond.

Thank you to our donors for their financial support which helps to make programs available to youth throughout Wisconsin.



**When you give, you help youth
learn, grow, and be successful in their lives.**

Find out more about ways to support Wisconsin 4-H by visiting
[URL?](#)



Extension's Positive Youth Development Institute prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

**We empower
Wisconsin
youth, and the
communities
who support
them, to thrive.**



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