

4-H Opportunities, Activities, and Events by Age Level

Each club will have special activities throughout the year. In addition, there are countywide, regional, state, and national opportunities that 4-H members and adults may participate in. The listing below includes a majority but isn't all encompassing as new activities are frequently added. Many other project related activities and events are held annually as well. Check your e-mail and the Dane County 4-H website regularly for additional details.

PROGRAM	DATES	COST	WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?	GRADE	APPLICATION/DEADLINES	Description
Communication Festival	Sunday afternoon in late April	None	Open to 4-H members, regardless of project enrollment	Grades K-13	Registration due mid April through an online form. Details on Dane County 4-H Communication Arts webpage: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/communication-arts/	Individuals can participate. Includes demonstrations, speeches, radio broadcasts, extemporaneous speech, and clowning. Takes place at the UW-Extension office building in Madison.
Performers Festival	Sunday afternoon in mid April	None	Open to 4-H members, regardless of project enrollment.	Grades K-13	Registration due early April through an online form. Details on the Dane County 4-H Performers Festival webpage: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/performing-arts/	Individuals, small groups, and larger 4-H club groups can participate. Performances can be plays, musical ensembles, etc. Takes place at Oakwood Village West in Madison.
Dane County Fair	2020 Cancelled July 15-18, 2021	Cloverbud exhibitor-free Exhibitor entry fee grades 3-13 - \$5/exhibitor Large animal fee - \$1/head Small animal fee - \$0.50/animal entry Season admission passes - \$5 exhibitor with entries, \$6 youth with no entry, \$15 adult	Open to 4-H members in good standing with club guidelines/bylaws; youth from other organizations (FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, breed organizations) may also exhibit	Grades K-13	Entries are submitted through Dane County Fair website http://www.danecountyfair.com/ . Members must have adhered to enrolling in their 4-H projects through 4HOnline by county enrollment deadlines in order to exhibit in the corresponding departments. Educational requirement cards for exhibitors of animals are due to the UW-Extension Office by June 15 . Late forms will not be accepted.	Youth should review department guidelines in the Dane County Fair premium book for details on how to prepare exhibits.

Promotion Contest	Fall – runs through September and ends 1 st week of October (National 4-H Week)	None	Open to 4-H members	Grades K-13	Complete the 4-H Promotion Contest Entry Sheet (available each fall on the Dane County 4-H website) and turn in to the Dane County UW-Extension Office by mid-October.	Clubs can design a window display, hold 4-H open houses at schools, write newspaper articles, etc. or any way they may want to promote 4-H and recruit new members.
Dane County 4-H Leaders Association Endowment Grant	Projects can take place year-round	No cost to participate, the club may need to purchase supplies to carry out a project	Open to 4-H members	Grades K-13	Any Dane County 4-H club can apply for a grant to support a service learning activity (one per club). The maximum amount awarded is \$500. Grant applications are due November 15 to the UW-Extension Office. The application is available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/awards/	Endowment grants support club service learning projects that are educational and develop life skills, that are determined and led by youth with support from adults, and that gather information from the community to ensure that the project is meeting genuine community needs.
State 4-H ArtBeat	Mid-March Friday-Saturday	\$100	Open to 4-H members and adult volunteers	Grades 3-5	Applications and details found at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/	This is an overnight arts programming experience held at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Sessions are taught in music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more.
4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods	Late July	\$TBA (4-H members) \$TBA (youth not enrolled in 4-H)	Open to any youth (do not have to be enrolled in 4-H)	Grades 3-8	Registrations due in May through an online form. Find more information at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/upham-woods-camp/ Financial assistance applications are available and due in May.	4-H camp is an overnight adventure at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. It gives youth a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn new activities, explore nature and much more.
State 4-H Art Camp	2020 TBA	\$90 (campers) \$50 (adult advisors)	Open to 4-H members & adult volunteers	Grades 6-8 + Adults	Registration due in 4HOnline by August 20. More information available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/arts-camp/	Campers are taught by older 4-H youth and rotate through each session. Sessions include photography, music, drama, communications, visual arts and juggling!

Space Camp	2020 Cancelled	\$625	Open to 4-H members.	Grades 6-8	Registration due in 4HOnline by December. More information available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp/ Youth have the opportunity to request up to \$100 from the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association to help cover the participation cost.	A four-day experience at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Youth will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and learn a lot about becoming and astronaut.
4-H Leaders Association Board	Third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm. Board members serve two-year terms, officers serve three-year terms.	None	Open to 4-H members & adult volunteers	Grades 7-Adult	Nominations take place in the fall. Contact the UW-Extension Office or a board member of the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association to express interest in serving. Voting will take place at the annual November meeting of the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association.	The Dane County 4-H Leaders Association provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and problem solving discussion related to 4-H programs, leadership, and membership. The board meets regularly to support and implement county 4-H programming.
Fall Forum	November 6-8, 2020	\$60-\$95 for registration fee, depending on how many days you attend Lodging ranges from \$25-\$80 depending on room	Open to 4-H members & adult volunteers	Grades 7-Adult	Register in 4HOnline by September. https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/fall-forum/	Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend a statewide training weekend with county and state staff.
Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference*	2020 In-person cancelled.	\$300 (plus additional fees if certain seminars are selected) Youth will receive \$75 toward their registration fee from the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association.	Open to youth involved in any UW-Extension programs	Grades 7-10	Register in 4HOnline by mid April. More information is available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/	Held on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Members have the opportunity to participate in educational seminars and group activities, gain new ideas, strengthen leadership skills, and meet new friends from around the state.
4-H Ambassadors	Meetings happen year-round	None	Open to 4-H Members	Grades 8-13	Notify the UW-Extension Office if you are interested in joining.	Youth grow leadership skills and promote 4-H to community members at various community events.

4-H Summer Camp Counselors & Adult Staff	July/August (additional training dates apply)	\$TBA	Selected through application & interview process	Grades 9-Adult	Applications are due in early February. Interviews take place in mid-February.	Older youth guide and counsel campers during the Dane County 4-H Summer Camp programs. Training is offered to prepare youth to take on camp counselor responsibilities.
4-H Arts Camp Staff	2020 TBA Training weekend:	\$80	Open to 4-H members and adult volunteers	Grades 9-Adult	Register in 4HOnline by July 21. More information is available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/arts-camp/	Older youth guide and counsel campers during the State 4-H Arts Camp program. Youth can be teaching counselors, who teach introductory arts-based sessions, or activities counselors, who lead small groups of campers through all camp experiences.
Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company	Weekend in beginning of April (training), Full week end of June (Youth Conference), Beginning of August (Wisconsin State Fair)	\$650 (Some scholarship funds are available)	Interested 4-H members must complete an online application	Grades 9-12	Applications due in December. Additional information found at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/4-h-drama-company/	Drama Company Members work to learn directing and teaching techniques, and create a show to be performed for delegates attending the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference and visitors to the Wisconsin State Fair. Additionally, members share their knowledge at the local club and county levels.
Wisconsin Leader Council	Weekend in early November (Fall Forum), winter retreat in January, weekend planning meeting in April, and Youth Conference in June	The majority of Leadership Council expenses are covered by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development. Council members are responsible for registration fees and lodging at Fall Forum; meals at training events, etc.	Open to 4-H members and adult volunteers	Grades 9-11 & Adults	Application form and recommendations due in early October. More information available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/	The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels.

Wisconsin 4-H Art Team	Weekend in beginning of April (training), Full week end of June (Youth Conference), Beginning of August (Wisconsin State Fair)	\$650 (Some scholarship funds are available)	Interested 4-H members must complete an online application	Grades 9-12	Applications due in December. Additional information found at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/4-h-art-team/	Art Team is for youth leaders eager to learn more about leadership in the visual arts and crafts. Team members plan the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference Art Exhibit (displaying artwork of 4-H members from throughout the state and creating art to develop the theme of conference through the visual arts) as well as participate in the Youth Exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair.
Wisconsin 4-H Communications Team	Weekend in beginning of April (training), 5 days end of June (Youth Conference), Beginning of August (Wisconsin State Fair)	\$650	Interested 4-H members must complete an online application	Grades 9-12	Applications due in December. Additional information found at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/4-h-communications-team/	The Wisconsin 4-H Communications Team is a group of youth leaders whose mission is to communicate the story of 4-H Youth Development in Wisconsin. Team members will develop a mixed-media presentation for delegates attending the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference as well as photographing, and video recording performances to create promotional video clips for 4-H, WI 4-H & Youth Conference, the WI State Fair and Fall Forum.
Citizenship Washington Focus	5 days in June or July. Two weeks available	\$1,400 Youth can apply to have up to \$500 of the cost covered by the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association by completing a Dane County 4-H Member Evaluation (ME) form.	Interested 4-H members must register online	Grades 10-12	Registration due in 4HOnline by December. More information is available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/citizenship-washington-focus/	Held in Washington D.C. at the National 4-H Center. The emphasis is on citizenship with visits to many of the centers of our government.
National 4-H Congress	November 27-December 1, 2020	\$1,200 Youth can apply to have up to \$500 of the cost	Interested 4-H members must register online	Grades 10-12	Registration due in 4HOnline by July 1. More information is available at:	Held in Atlanta, Georgia. Youth participate in tours of the city, complete a service project, and

		covered by the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association by completing a Dane County 4-H Member Evaluation (ME) form.			https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/national-4-h-congress/	take part in self-development seminars.
National 4-H Conference	Typically held in April. Postponed to September 26-October 1, 2020	\$1,300 Youth can apply to have up to \$500 of the cost covered by the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association by completing a Dane County 4-H Member Evaluation (ME) form.	Interested youth must complete an application process. Selection is competitive; only 7-10 youth from Wisconsin will attend.	Grades 10-12	Resumes, essay responses, and recommendations due to Wisconsin state 4-H Office by December. More information is available at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/national-4-h-conference/	National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. Held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.