

Kewaunee County 4-H Enrollment FAQ



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4-H FAQ

If you have any questions about enrolling in Kewaunee County 4-H please contact:

- Your club organizational/general leader or enrollment coordinator
- University of Wisconsin – Madison, Division of Extension Kewaunee Co., 920-388-7141
- Jill Jorgensen, Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Educator,
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A few things to remember:

- All enrollments will be completed through 4-H online: <https://wi.4honline.com>
- Once you have submitted your online enrollment, make sure to pay your dues! They are \$5.00 per member. Contact your club general leader to find out how to pay your dues.
 - Please note, if your family is facing hardship circumstances, that financial help is available for your dues. Please give the UW-Extension office a call at (920)388-7185.
- Children in 5-year old kindergarten through second grade can only enroll in the Cloverbud project. From grades 3-13, members can enroll in any age appropriate project.
- Parents, please help your child make wise decisions about the number of projects they can handle for the year. One of the main life skills taught through 4-H is being able to make wise choices and decisions. Choosing projects is one place where you, primarily, and the child's leaders will be helpful in guiding the member.
- **Enrollment Deadlines:**
 - Re-enrollments (member previously involved in 4-H) will be accepted, through the online system, until October 31, 2021 In order to exhibit at the County Fair your re-enrollment needs to be completed by October 31st. A member can re-enroll after this date and participate in the 4-H program but will not be able to show at the Kewaunee County Fair.
 - New members (not involved in 4-H before) have until February 1st to enroll in 4-H through the online system. You may enroll anytime in 4-H but if you would like to show at the Kewaunee County Fair, you need to be enrolled by February 1st.
- Projects need to be added to your enrollment by February 1st for all re-enrolling and new members
- Member in good standing requirements: In addition to being enrolled on-time, it is expected that all members will abide by 4-H guidelines, policies, and the behavioral expectations statement. This is an expectation to show at the Kewaunee County Fair.
- All leaders need to enroll in the appropriate leader project category. New adult volunteers are not considered 4-H leaders until they have completed the Youth Protection process and New Volunteer Orientation.
- Don't forget to check out the WI 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>. You'll find descriptions for projects, resources and links of interest, county fair exhibit suggestions, and other suggested 4-H resources.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ):

WHERE CAN I FIND A COPY OF THE ENROLLMENT GUIDE?

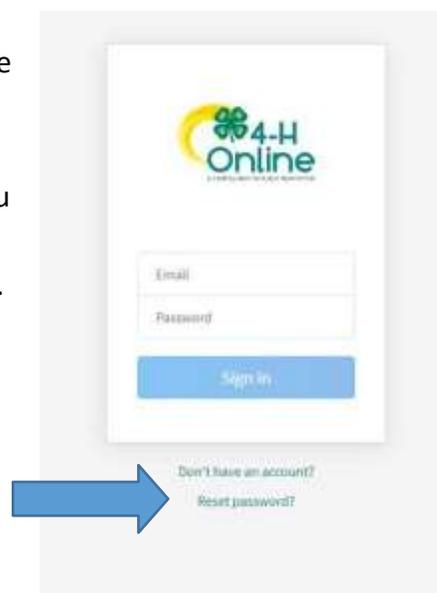
- **What can I find the enrollment guide for help with 4-H online?**
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf>

BASIC INFORMATION

- **Who should I call if I have questions?** If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact your club leader or Jill Jorgensen, Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Educator, at (920)388-7185.
- **What is the web address for WI 4-H Online:** <https://wi.4honline.com>
- **Can I use my smart phone or tablet?** Yes, you can. The screens may be difficult to read because of size but you can use your smart phone or tablet to re-enroll.
- **What if I don't have access to a computer or the internet:** That isn't a problem. We will work with you to make sure that you can enroll in 4-H. Many people that did not have this access last year were given information in paper form. If you need help enrolling in 4-H because you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact your club leader or the UW-Extension office at (920)388-7141.

LOG-IN AND PASSWORD

- **I forgot my user name:** Your user name will be the e-mail address that you used when you signed up last year. If you forgot what you used, call the UW-Extension office at (920)388-7141 and we can help you find that information.
- **I forgot my password:** If you forgot your password, you will need to have a new one sent to you, on the initial log-in page for 4-H online, you have three options. If you need a reset your password, you will need to click on the grey button in front of "I forgot my password". This will direct you to enter your e-mail address and then click on the "send my password" button on the bottom. The password will be sent to your e-mail address. This may take a few minutes. Once you have your new password, you should be able to go back to the 4-H online log-in page, enter your user name and new password. Please note that the password they send is case sensitive. Once you have logged in, make sure to change your password that is something easy for you to remember for next time.



HEALTH FORM

- ***Why is it asking me to fill out a health form?*** This health form along with a health update form will be used as required for any trips, fieldtrips, camps, etc. that you child may be part of throughout 4-H. We ask that you complete this portion of the enrollment and keep it up-to-date. This will be helpful if you child is taking part in any of the aforementioned activities on the club, county, or state level.

PROJECTS

- ***How many projects should I sign-up for?*** How many project areas you sign-up for should be a discussion between the member and parent. The number of projects you sign-up for depends on your interests and how much time you have to spend on a project. If this is your first year in 4-H, it's a good idea to sign-up for one or two projects.
- ***Do I have to sign-up for the same project as last year?*** No, you don't. If you would like to explore a different project, remove the project you that no longer want to be a part of from your list. If you like all of your projects last year, then feel free to keep them the same as last year or add additional projects to your list.

LITERATURE

- ***I see lots of literature choices when I sign up for a project. Which one should I select?*** In the enrollment guide you will notice that there are a number of different literature choices under the project areas and there are grades listed next to them. That is a good guide for what you should order. Choose the piece of literature that is closest to your grade. The exceptions may be if you have never been in that project before, you might want to start with the first piece of literature with the basic information. Similarly, if this is your second year, you may want to move on to the next piece of literature, even if it doesn't fit your school grade.
- ***How many pieces of literature can I get per project area?*** It's important to note, that due to the cost of literature, each member should only select one piece of literature per project area. If you would like to see other pieces of literature for a project area, check with your club leader, project leader, or another member.

COMMUNICATION

- ***Will information about 4-H be e-mailed out to us?*** Yes, we will utilize e-mail whenever possible to send out 4-H information, upcoming events and meeting reminders, cancellations, etc. We ask that you include an e-mail address that is regularly checked with your 4-H enrollment.

Information about 4-H

What is 4-H

4-H is a youth organization that works together with members, their families, and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. Cooperative Extension faculty of the University of Wisconsin provides professional leadership. Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of local county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

In 4-H, young people share, grow, and learn together from various projects, events, and activities in informal educational settings under the guidance of their families, other volunteer adult leaders, and University of Wisconsin Extension staff. Members can choose projects that fit them and the places where they live. Group activities and events such as trips, camps, fairs, contests, and conferences provide additional learning experiences and opportunities.

4-H is open to all youth and adults regardless of their ethnic background, race, creed, or disability. Most 4-H clubs have meetings for the entire membership once a month. During these meetings, decisions are made about group sponsored activities, such as community service efforts, project opportunities, and fundraising efforts.

Regardless of the structure, a 4-H group may involve families, neighbors, relatives, and others. Participants have fun learning, working, and succeeding together in the home, neighborhood, and community.

If you have any questions regarding 4-H, please contact Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at (920) 388-7185.

How 4-H Will Benefit Your Child

4-H members will:

1. Learn, make, and do things that appeal and are meaningful to them.
2. Make friends, belong to a group, and give and receive acceptance.
3. Have a good time, thereby making learning appealing and enjoyable.
4. Earn recognition and awards.
5. Develop and practice important life skills including:
 - a. Communicating with others interpersonally and as a group.
 - b. Speaking in front of a group.
 - c. Develop an inquiring mind and desire to learn.
 - d. Make decision and solve problems.
 - e. Relate to and work with other people.
 - f. Develop a concern for their community and the people in it.
 - g. Build their self-confidence.
 - h. Accept responsibility.

Kewaunee County Teen Association

All enrolled 4-H youth, grades seven and above, are members of the Kewaunee County Teen Association. The group plans social and educational activities for teens, other 4-H youth, and families in Kewaunee County. Activities that the group planned in the past include: teen lock-ins, toys for tots, project day, officer training, teen summer get-together, fair critter corner and much more. They also help at different activities and fund raisers that are held throughout the year. The Association meets every other month, usually at the UW-Extension office, the fairgrounds, or at a local high school. Watch *The Foghorn* newsletter and e-mail for dates, times, and places of meetings and events.

The Teen Board is made up of ten elected youth who serve the Teen Association and the Kewaunee County 4-H program by helping to set programmatic policy in cooperation with the Adult Leaders' Association. The teens typically meet on a monthly basis. The Teen Association and Board are great ways for youth to play a vital role in the operation of the Kewaunee County 4-H program. Kewaunee County 4-H strives to work as a team - youth and adults - to create programs **with** youth, not **for** youth. If you have questions about the Teen Association or Board, please contact the UW-Extension office at (920)388-7185.

Kewaunee County Adult Leader's Association

All current 4-H leaders (that have successfully completed the 4-H orientation process)- organizational, activity, project, and key leaders - are members of the Kewaunee County 4-H Adult Leader's Association. It is the umbrella organization, in partnership with the Teen Association, which oversees the Kewaunee County 4-H program. It provides base funding and structure for the program. The Association generally meets every other month.

The Board of Directors of the Adult Leader's Association is made up of eight elected 4-H leaders from the county. The Board meets six times a year. The group oversees the financial and programmatic business of the Association. The Board researches and recommends policy to the full membership for approval or denial.

County Committee Sign-Up

The Kewaunee County 4-H program is a youth organization that belongs to the members, their families, and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. The Adult Leaders' Association and Teen Association plan, implement, and evaluate various educational events and programs for 4-H members and their families throughout the county. Most of the work that goes into project events and other activities is done by older youth and adult leaders, working as part of county committees.

We encourage anyone, youth member (grade 7 and over) or adult volunteer, who would like to be part of the county project and/or activities committees to complete the form and send it directly to the UW-Extension office at the address below. To serve on a committee the adult needs to be a certified 4-H leader. Every committee needs youth to be involved so that their voice is heard in the youth programming efforts. We want to program **with youth**, not for youth. It is also recommended that committee members limit their committee involvement to no more than three project committees and/or no more than three activity committees.

Finally, you do not need to sign-up for a committee in order to help out in project areas or with countywide activities. Call the chairperson of a committee to offer your services. This might be a good way to "try out" some areas of interest and then you may decide you want to become part of a county committee next year. Whatever type of help you can give — being on a committee or helping at an event — will enable 4-H to stay a well-rounded, involved organization, always striving "To Make the Best Better" by helping youth to "Learn by Doing".

The Kewaunee County UW-Extension office is located at:

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Monday – Friday
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Kewaunee County 4-H Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/KewauneeCounty4H/>

Kewaunee County 4-H Website

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewaunee4h/>

Wisconsin 4-H Website

<http://4h.uwex.edu/>

Kewaunee County UW-Extension Website

<http://kewaunee.uwex.edu/>

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