



SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H KEY COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

What is a Key Committee?

Key Committees are groups of leaders, parents, youth leaders, and community resource people who have an interest in a particular project or activity and wish to give guidance to that project or activity on a countywide basis. These committees meet as needed to plan a budget, make suggestions for improvement, plan and/or conduct training meetings, clinics, and tours, and suggest improvements for county fair entries.



Who can belong?

Any interested 4-H leader, youth leader, parent or community resource person can become a member of a key committee. Youth leaders are highly encouraged! We need your voice to help provide direction. All volunteers, age 18 and over, who work with youth in the 4-H program on an ongoing basis will participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Youth Protection Program. This includes the volunteer orientation program, background records check with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and completion of the volunteer behavior expectation guidelines through 4hOnline.

How much time is required?

The number of times a committee meets during the year depends on what it plans to do in that project or activity area. Most committees require a one-year commitment; some elected positions have a two-year term.

What are the responsibilities of a Key Committee member?

1. To recruit ideas and suggestions of other 4-H leaders and members and bring those ideas to the meetings.
2. Help identify program needs (including policy changes and educational needs); help plan, organize, teach and evaluate programs for that project or activity.
3. To make recommendations for Jr. Fair premium exhibit list and possible fair judges. These are then forwarded to the Shawano County Fair Board for approval.
4. Work together to complete A, B, and C (Assurance of Non-Discrimination), By-Laws, and Charter for 4-H Educator to the 4-H Leaders Inc. Executive Board.
5. Work together as a team with other committee members to provide leadership for program areas, treating others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating behaviors appropriate to a positive role model for youth.
6. Provide leader training opportunities for project volunteers.
7. Assist with publicizing educational opportunities the committee has planned.

Voting Privileges:

- For committees meeting 3 times per year or less, this will be determined by the key committee.
- For committees meeting 4 or more times per year, you must have attended 2/3 of the regular committee meetings held within the last 6 months to be able to vote on an issue. (Round to the nearest whole number.) You are welcome to be part of the discussion but only those who have met the above requirement are eligible to vote on a decision. (Committees with by-laws can set their own meeting requirements)

