



Shawano 4-H

2026-2027 Committee Planning Guide



The four H's are head, heart, hands, and health. That means we are committed to providing opportunities for youth to learn life skills like decision-making, problem solving, caring for others, generosity, making healthy choices, and more.

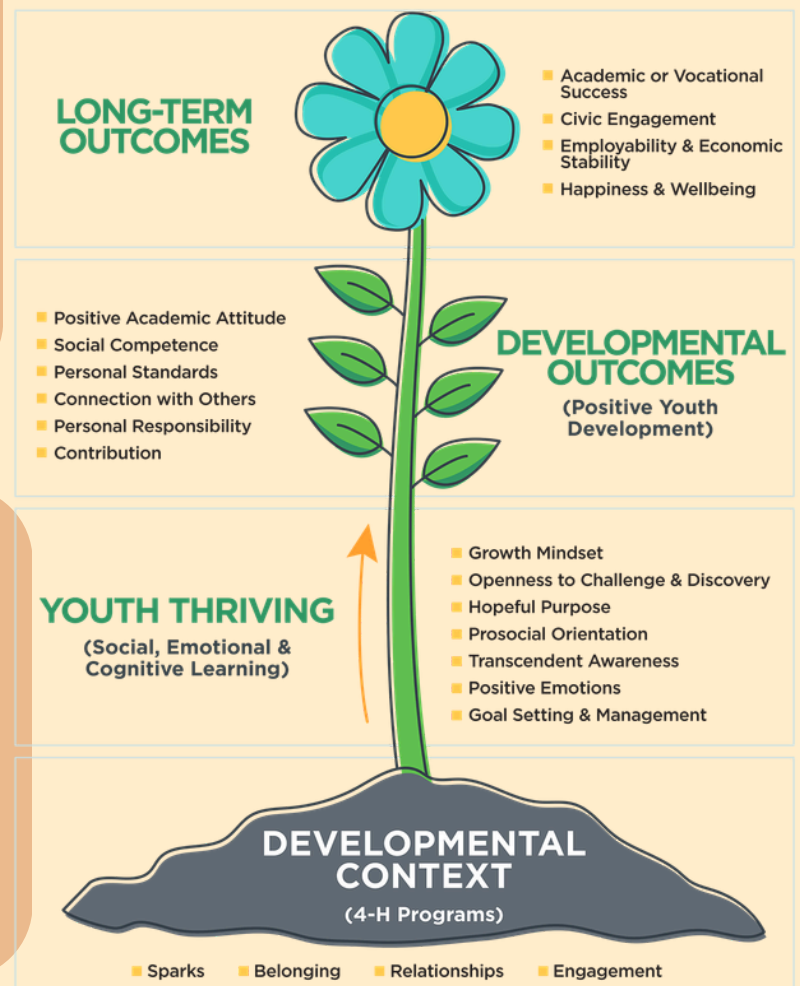
4-H involves youth in project-based education. Through project learning, youth can explore their interests ("sparks") and master new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be hands on to create a memorable learning experience. Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, youth have learned by doing. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they are doing it.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ENERGY, PASSION, AND TIME!
VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF
4-H.**



In all of these settings, youth have the chance to become leaders. Youth make decisions. Youth can make their voices heard. The most important part of 4-H is **YOUTH.**

As you move forward in your planning, please include to not only include, but lift youth in the process.





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Location where 4-H Club or Group Meeting will normally be held:

Primary Location Name & Address:

Secondary Location Name & Address (if applicable):

Are the meeting sites wheelchair accessible?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Typical 4-H Club or Group meeting day, time, and frequency (ex. Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM):

How will you share upcoming meeting dates/locations/agendas with incoming project members and leaders?

Does the Club or Group have social media accounts? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list platform(s) and page/group/account name(s):

Are these accounts: ☐ Public facing ☐ Private group

Reminder: Send your meetings and educational events to the office to be advertised in the upcoming 4-H Minute and bi-monthly Cloverline please.

4-H Youth are eligible for and encouraged to serve in leadership roles. Youth must be enrolled in a Community 4-H Club. Adult volunteer leaders must be enrolled in 4-H Online and have completed all necessary training and background checks to "vote" and in order to hold an office position. Youth and adults must abide by the Wisconsin 4-H Policies, which can be located at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>.

Appointed Committee Chairperson for 2026-27:

Appointed Committee Secretary for 2026-27:

Please remit secretary's minutes to the office following your meetings.



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Anticipated Educational Experience, Meeting, Recreation or Activity	Contact Person	Details: Date/Time/Location (Please include Extension support if needed)

4-H Money = Public Funds

4-H Projects and Experiences cost money. Many committees have a byline within the Shawano 4-H Leader's Inc. account, and appropriately budget as such. How is your group looking to raise and/or spend money in 2026-2028?



Do you want to ask for funds from the Endowment or Grant Fund?

Yes

No

Expenditures should be

4-H Groups must abide by Wisconsin 4-H policies, located at:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/money-management/>.



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How will you help new members feel welcome and create a feeling of belonging?

Please check ALL activities your Club or Group is likely to participate in for the 4-H program year. **Paintball, Laser Tag, and the use of Trampolines are not an approved 4-H activity.*

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| ☐ Amusement Park | ☐ Gardening | ☐ Tour |
| ☐ Arts and Crafts | ☐ Haunted House | ☐ Tree Tapping/Maple Syrup Production |
| ☐ Arts Festival or Contest | ☐ Hay Rides | ☐ Water Park |
| ☐ Bicycle Trip/Rides | ☐ Go-Karts | ☐ Not Applicable |
| ☐ Bowling | ☐ Guest Speaker | ☐ Other (please list) |
| ☐ Camp Fire | ☐ Hiking | ----- |
| ☐ Candle Making | ☐ Ice Fishing | ☐ Other (please list) |
| ☐ Caroling | ☐ Ice Skating | ----- |
| ☐ Corn Maze | ☐ Inflatable Games | |
| ☐ Cross Country Skiing | ☐ Lock-In/Local Overnight | |
| ☐ Curling | ☐ Parade | |
| ☐ Dances | ☐ Petting Zoo | |
| ☐ Demonstration | ☐ Picnics/Potlucks | |
| ☐ Scavenger Hunt | ☐ Rollerblading/Roller Skating | |
| ☐ Escape Room | ☐ Snowshoeing | |
| ☐ Fishing | ☐ Team Sport (Volleyball, Kickball, Softball, etc.) | |
| ☐ Food Prep:
Cooking/Baking/Decorating | | |

Meetings should involve three components:
Education
Recreation
Business

Please check all the boxes of the higher-risk activities your Club or Group may participate in for the 4-H program year. These activities all have specific policies and REQUIRE approval from the 4-H Program Educator prior to participation. If you indicate your group is planning a higher risk activity, the local 4-H Educator will review and let you know if it is approved. If your activities change, please update your 4-H Educator for approval.

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| ☐ Horseback Riding | ☐ Tractors |
| ☐ Mountain Biking | ☐ Sledding/Tobogganing/Tubing |
| ☐ Shooting Sports | ☐ ATVs or UTVs |
| ☐ Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding | ☐ Waterfront: Paddle Sports |
| ☐ Go-Karts | ☐ Waterfront: Swimming |
| ☐ Bounce House or Moonwalk | ☐ Our Club or Group is not planning to participate in any higher-risk activities |
| ☐ Challenge Course or Zip Line | |



Please check all the boxes of the community service activities your Club or Group may participate in during the 4-H program year.

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| ☐ Blood Drives | ☐ "To Go/Youth Support" Bags for Police/Fire Departments |
| ☐ Community Events | ☐ Bell Ringing |
| ☐ Food Drives | ☐ Leaf Raking |
| ☐ Fun Run/Walks | ☐ Pet Shelter |
| ☐ Making holiday cards/gifts | ☐ Military Care Packages |
| ☐ Roadside Clean-Up | ☐ Statewide community service project |
| ☐ Long Term Care Facility | ☐ Not Applicable |
| ☐ Planting Gardens | ☐ Other (please list) |
| ☐ Care Packages | ----- |
| ☐ Homeless Shelter Packages | |

Please check all the boxes of the fundraising activities your Club or Group may participate in during the 4-H program year.

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| ☐ Bake Sales | ☐ Food Stands |
| ☐ Re-sale fundraiser (candy bar, pizzas, Kwik Trip car wash cards, plants/flowers, etc.) | ☐ Haunted House Hosting |
| ☐ Cake and Pie Auctions | ☐ Plat Book Sales |
| ☐ Community kiddie carnival | ☐ Clinic/Shows |
| | ☐ Not Applicable |
| | ☐ Other (please list) _____ |

Please list all members of this Shawano County Committee:

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Committee Fair Feedback



Shawano County Fair Feedback

We are glad to partner with the Shawano Agriculture Society to give youth the opportunity to have their project work critiqued and exhibited annually.

What went well at the 2026 Shawano County Fair?

What could be improved for the 2027 Shawano County Fair?

Please share suggestions how these ideas could happen.

Do you have any corrections for the Fair Book?

Do you have suggestions for judges for future Shawano County Fairs?
(Please list in order of preference.)

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