

Join 4-H Now!

1. Go to MilwaukeeCounty4-H.org to enroll.
2. Select a 4-H club you would like to join and contact them to find out more about a local club in your city or neighborhood; then, attend the next meeting.
3. If there isn't a club in your area, you can start one! Contact Milwaukee County 4-H to find out how. Families, schools, churches, and other community organizations can start clubs.

Annual Fee: Individual clubs may charge dues to cover expenses and specific projects. All families are asked to provide an annual countywide 4-H Program fee of \$15.00 per family or \$5.00 per member/adult leader to the Milwaukee County 4-H Council to support 4-H youth programs.



4-H Youth Development
is a program of
Milwaukee County UW-Extension.

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Urban Horse Project: "Working with the horse and helping with the younger kids is a great experience." Age 14

Activity Areas

There is a wide variety of general topics and special projects for 4-H member exploration, study, (and fun!). Some of the main categories include:

- ▶ Nature Sciences - Animals & Plants
- ▶ Mechanical Sciences & Trades, Technology, Engineering, Math
- ▶ Arts: Communication, Performing and Visual
- ▶ Healthy Living
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Civic Engagement

If there is an area you would like to explore please let us know. Just about any topic, with enough young people interested and volunteers to instruct and mentor can turn into a 4-H activity.

Contact Milwaukee County 4-H or visit MilwaukeeCounty4-H.org to find out about specific clubs, special projects



4-H members belong...
To their clubs,
their projects,
and their community.

MilwaukeeCounty4-H.org



Celebrating Success - Youth in the 4-H STEM program (science, technology, engineering and math) enjoy a day of recognition at UW-Waukesha (May 2011).

What is 4-H?

4-H is a community of 6 million young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

Children, families, and communities learn and grow through 4-H. Youth and adults come together to explore new things, make new friends, and have fun.

Members can participate in:

- ▶ A local 4-H club
 - ▶ Day and Summer Camps
 - ▶ County fairs, and much more!
- 4-H provides:
- ▶ Hands-on, learn-by-doing experiences for youth
 - ▶ Mentoring opportunities for both adults and youth

Local community-based clubs are the foundation of 4-H. Clubs usually meet once or twice a month for group activities and education. 4-H projects offer classes or workshops around a certain topic. Project meetings can be held weekly, monthly, or quarterly.

In addition to club meetings, special project meetings give members opportunities to learn a variety of skills while developing new interests.

Youth Benefit

The 4 H's - Head, Heart, Hands, and Health mean:

Head- for clear thinking and decision-making by gaining knowledge that is useful throughout life.

Heart- for loyalty, strong personal values, positive self-image, and concern for others.

Hands- for service, workforce preparedness, useful skills, and science and technology literacy.

Health- for better living and healthy lifestyles.

These 4-H principles help youth make an impact in their own lives, in their clubs, and in their communities by using 4-H educational programs that help to provide essential building blocks for achieving life skills. The 4-H emphasis is on teamwork, responsibility, and hands-on learning benefits.

According to an applied research study from Tufts University, the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, youth engaged in 4-H are:

- Nearly 2 times more likely to get better grades in school.
- Nearly 2 times more likely to plan on attending college.
- 41% less likely to engage in risky behaviors.
- 25% more likely to positively contribute to their families and communities.



Exploring 4-H Saturdays and Art Day - Families are welcome to explore what 4-H is about during county wide events.

Who Can Join?

There's a place for everyone in Milwaukee County 4-H, from K5 kindergarten through one year after graduation from high school.

Membership Categories

- ▶ **Cloverbuds**---for children in K5, first grade, or second grade.
- ▶ **Youth Members**--- for those in third grade through high school.



Collaboration
Communication
Critical Thinking
Creativity

Whether they're building a robot, working on an art project, learning about leadership or engaged in any other 4-H activity, members learn to use all four "C"s.

