

2022-2023 PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

# HELLO WISCONSIN 4-H'ERS!

Welcome to a new year in Wisconsin 4-H. We are so excited to have you as part of this growing, thriving, and passionate community!

As a 4-H member, you have many opportunities to find your "spark" through experiences at the club, county, state, and national level. Sometimes, there are so many choices it can be difficult to learn about them all or reach out and try something new. That's where this brand new "4-H Opportunities" booklet comes in! We are excited to provide this one-stop shop for you to explore and dream about all the educational experiences available to you as a Wisconsin 4-H member.

Are you ready to take the next step in 4-H? From attending national trips, joining statewide teams, to exploring the world, the possibilities are (almost) endless. You may not be old enough for all of these experiences yet, but I encourage you to plant the seed of "what could I do in 4-H?" now and watch it grow in the years to come. Many 4-H alumni share inspirational stories about how much they gained (such as new friends, independence, and travel in new communities) from their statewide experiences.

Enjoy learning about all of the amazing opportunities available to you in Wisconsin 4-H!

With gratitude for you,

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# **4-H CAMPS**

Most Wisconsin counties offer 4-H Camp program opportunities in the summer! Summer camps allow youth to interact with other inviduals their age to experience a variety of project rotations, outdoor activities, and most importantly...camp songs!



Camp Opportunities: • Base Camp • Outpost Camp

• Counselors





See your county educators or click <u>here</u> for more information about the specific programs offered.

# SUMMER CAMP 2023 AT UPHAM WOODS

Upham Woods will bring exploration, discovery, and fun to your summer. We partner with 4-H county programs and other organizations to host summer camps on-site. We combine recreational activities, environmental science, programs designed to develop leadership skills, and fun! So, if you are looking forward to swimming, canoeing, exploring Blackhawk Island, and making new friends, sign up for one of our summer camps!



Click <u>here</u> to learn more about programs offered by Upham Woods.

# **SHOOTING SPORTS**

4-H Shooting Sports is a national program involving 4-H youth and adult 4-H volunteers. The Wisconsin 4-H program uses the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum to teach shooting sports safety to more than
5,000 youth with over 400 adult volunteer instructors across the state.

The Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program in your area is geared for teaching beginning target shooting skills for youth at junior, intermediate and senior levels. Beginners learn basic skills through the county 4-H Shooting Sports program, advance to fun shoots within the county, progress to statewide invitational events and have the opportunity to make the Wisconsin National 4-H Shooting Sports Team competing at the National 4-H Championships at Grand Island, Nebraska.







## Shooting Sports Project is open to 4-H Youth in grades 3-13. Contact your local Extension office for details on enrollment and meeting times.

Each event facility offers different types of shooting ranges. Please see the specific event to learn about the disciplines offered.

### National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

June 25-30, 2023 Grand Island, Nebraska

Certification opportunities occur throughout the year at different facilities across the state. See the webpage to learn more about different opportunities offered.

For more information, feel free to contact Doug Thompson, Coordinator of Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports at Douglas.thompson@wisc.edu or 920-391-4657 or visit the Shooting Sports <u>website</u>.



# AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

### GRADES 3-12 DATES & LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Area Animal Science Days is a series of two day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Click here to learn more information about Area Animal Science Days!

Increases the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information

Open to 4-H Youth in 3rd - 12th Grade Increases decision-making skills through judging and grading experiences

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# ANIMAL SCIENCE JUDGING

## STATE DAIRY JUDGING

#### GRADES 3-12 SUMMER 2023 FOND DU LAC COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Visit the links below for more information on:

- <u>State Dairy Judging</u>
- <u>State Livestock Judging</u>
- Meats Judging

County 4-H teams compete at district dairy judging contests during regional Area Animal Science Days for the chance to attend the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. State winners in the senior division go on to represent Wisconsin at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA, World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI, and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY.

### STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING GRADES 3-12 SUMMER 2023 SAUK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The state Livestock Judging Contest selects our State winners for National Competition. The top senior teams travel to Louisville, KY. The second-place senior team travels to Denver, CO. Teams that compete at State Livestock Judging previously qualified at the district Area Animal Science Days throughout the state.

## **MEATS JUDGING**

#### GRADES 3-12 DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED UW-MADISON MEAT SCIENCE AND ANIMAL BIOLOGICS DISCOVERY BUILDING

This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification, and a quiz. This contest occurs annually with the top teams traveling to Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO for national competition.



## **4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL & SKILLATHON**

### GRADES 3RD - 12TH FEBRUARY 2023 LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Livestock Quiz Bowl is a quiz competition with questions about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions orally from a moderator.

The Skillathon contest includes a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification, and team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville, KY.

## AG SUMMIT

The National 4-H Youth Summit for Agri-Science brings together teen agriculture and science leaders from across the country to focus on learning about and solving current agri-science issues. Students work with each other and experts in the agricultural community to develop a community change project to initiate in their state. Members are nominated for this experience locally by staff and then selected to attend through a state level process.

## **4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL**

Visit the WI 4-H website to learn more about 4-H <u>Livestock</u> and <u>Dairy</u> Quiz Bowl.

### GRADES 3-12 LATE WINTER 2023

This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science.

Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator.



## Statewide Events and Opportunities State 4-H Dog Agility Show

**GRADES 4-12 SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** 

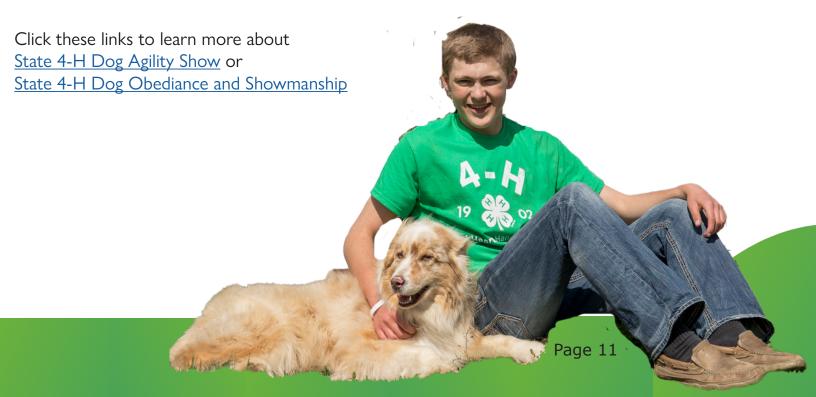
This show includes competitions in agility for dogs and their people. This is open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project. Dogs of different levels of abilities and training are welcome.

## State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show

#### GRADES 4-12 SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The show includes competitions in obedience and showmanship for the dogs and a variety of other activities such as public speaking and demonstrations, art shows, and a Dog Quiz Bowl for

their people. The show is open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.





Love horses? Want to learn more? In this project, you will have the opportunity to take your love of horses to the next level: **the 4-H level.** 

### State 4-H Gymkhana GRADES 6-13 SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022 STATE FAIR PARK - WEST ALLIS, WI

Gymkhana is an annual horse and pony competition, featuring speed pattern racing events including: Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Plug Race, Pole Bending, LT Special, and Key Races.

### 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show GRADES 6-13 DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

### SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The 4-H Hunt and Dressage Show is a 3-day clinic featuring dressage clinics and show, over fences clinics and show, and flat and pleasure classes. Youth can attend educational clinics and showcase their skills in a variety of individual and group dressage classes.

## State 4-H Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest

### GRADES 3-13

### DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

### **DODGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Horse Education Days occurs annually in June and provide an opportunity for youth in grades 3-13 and enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting. Youth answer questions in teams of 3 or 4 members and compete against other teams in the same class. These events consist of quiz-style questions about the following topics: Nutrition and Feed, Health and Diseases, History, Evolution and Breeds, Reproduction and Genetics.

## **State Horse Expo**

### GRADES 3-12 SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2022 STATE FAIR PARK - WEST ALLIS, WI

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws crowds of over 900 youth and 700 horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of competitions and projects including a live horse show, horse judging, and different arts and educational projects about horses.

Visit the WI 4-H <u>Website</u> for more details on registration and contest information!



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All Events Virtual at Varying Dates Watch the 4-H Newsletter and Online Calendar for Specific Dates and Sessions

## VIRTUAL 4-H PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Connects online! Follow Wisconsin 4-H on Facebook and Instagram or watch the <u>calendar</u> for more information on dates of specific meetings or visit our <u>website</u>.

#### Previous projects have included:

- Book Clubs
- DIY Horticulture Box
- Brain Reframe
- Global Exploration Series
- Art Activism Workshop
- Animal Showmanship Sessions





## Wisconsin 4-H offers a variety of Arts Programs for youth in grades 3-12!



GRADES 6-8 OCTOBER 21-23, 2022 UPHAM WOODS OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

**4-H Arts Camp** provides youth in grades 6-8 an experience with six different art tracks including: music, photography, communication, theatre, culinary arts, and art in nature. Arts Camp provides older youth and adults with opportunities to teach and strengthen their leadership abilities and provides younger youth the fun of a 4-H camping experience focused on arts.



### GRADES 3-5 MARCH 17-19, 2023 UPHAM WOODS OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

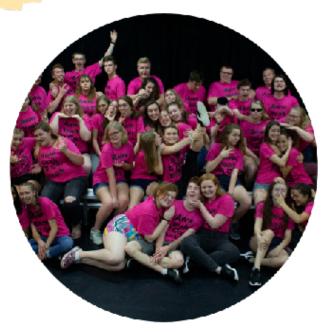
**4-H Art Beat** is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents, and leaders. Art Beat provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

The weekend features a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, art in nature, and more! Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on Cabin Hill. Parents are not required to attend, but are invited.

# **STATE ARTS TEAMS**

## **4-H DRAMA COMPANY**

creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to 4-H and Youth Conference. Show content is a collaborative effort between company members and their director. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem solve issues on the set and in the script. Drama Company takes their show on to the Wisconsin State Fair where they perform for fair goers from across the state.





## **4-H ART TEAM**

creates artwork around the theme of the Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference as well as designing and organizing the WI 4-H and Youth Conference art exhibit, reception and guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including the Wisconsin State Fair. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.

### 4-H Teams' Informational Webinar

- Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council
- 4-H Drama Company
- 4-H Arts Team

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Time: 7:00pm

To attend or receive a recording, register via this <u>Google Form</u>.

Visit the Wisconsin 4-H <u>Website</u> for more information on State Teams.



The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) is made up of youth and adult leaders from across the state. WLC is an amazing example of Youth-Adult Partnership in action as they work together to shape 4-H Youth Development on the state, county, and local levels.

### WLC Members:

- Serve as adult leaders and role models for 4-H Youth and Adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Plan statewide opportunities like Fall Forum
- Work with Extension leadership to enhance the 4-H program
- Build personal leadership and communication skills
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of WI 4-H

### YOUTH IN GRADES 9-11 ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR STATE TEAMS

APPLICATIONS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER WITH ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER AT FALL FORUM

VISIT THE WI 4-H WEBSITE FOR APPLICATION DETAILS



# **4-H FALL FORUM**

### GRADES 7-13 NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022 HOTEL MEAD - WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.

### Fall Forum includes:

- An inspiring keynote address
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities

Click here to learn more about 4-H Fall Forum!

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# YOUTH AS PARTNERS IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP

#### YOUTH AGES 14-18, ADULTS 21+ OCTOBER 21-23, 2022 TURNING RIVERS CAMP, CAMPBELLSPORT, WI

The mission of YPCL is to advance youth voices in Wisconsin by increasing the capacity for youth and adults to share civic leadership in local communities, schools, and organizations.

### **Group Registration**

Due by October 1, 2022 **Team Member Registration** Open September 9-October 5, 2022 in 4HOnline

If you have any questions, contact Joe Maldonado, Community Youth Development Program Manager, at joe.maldonado@wisc.edu or visit our <u>website</u>.

# **PATHWAYS CONFERENCE**

Join us on the UW Madison Campus for the new Pathways Conference June 19-22, 2923. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

Click <u>here</u> for more information on the Pathways Conference.





### GRADES 10-12 SUMMER 2023 WASHINGTON D.C.

CWF is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience, bringing 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capitol!

**Experienes Include:** 

**Gettysburg and Mount Vernon Tour** 

National Museum of African American History & Culture

**Meetings with Wisconsin State Senators** 

**Capitol Hill and National Mall Tour** 

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

Workshops with 4-H Members from all across the U.S.

## **Delegate Workshops Include:**

Citizenship Toolbox: By exploring what it means to be a good citizen, delegates identify their own skill set to become active citizens and leaders in their communities back home.

Congressional Issues: Delegates will have open discussions with different perspectives on real national issues in the government today.

Bill Writing: Delegates learn the process of writing a bill in the House of Representatives and then write one of their own. They will then hold a mock House of Representatives meeting where they will discuss and either pass or deny said bills.

Action Planning: By combining all of the skills they have learned at CWF, the entire delegation will discuss what issues are prominent in their communities. They will then develop a plan to take back and implement positive change into their hometowns.

Want to learn more about CWF? Click <u>here</u>!



### GRADES 8-10 JUNE 2023 VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON EAST COAST

American Spirit East provides the opportunity for youth to experience history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast! Participants will increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred, have dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation, and further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values.

## Location Highlights: Philadelphia, PA New York City, NY Boston, MA Niagara Falls, NY

For more information on American Spirit, please visit our website.

# SPACE CAMP

Space Camp is back! Learn about and experience the different aspects of life as an astronaut, working for NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth!



4-H Members grades 6-8
Date: April 20-24, 2023
Location: U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Hunstville, AL
Registration open in <u>4HOnline</u> November 1-December 20, 2022

Experience the Pathfinder Program! A 3-day experience with activities including:

- a simulated space mission
- a variety of space simulators
- building and launching your own model rocket
- on-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience
- learning about space exploration and astronaut life in guided museum tours
- a team quiz bowl at the end of camp

Visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about Space Camp.





### **GRADES 10-12** JANUARY 21-27, 2023 U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER, HUNTSVILLE, AL

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.

### **Experiences Include:**

- High/Low Ropes Course
- NASA Simulators
- Russian Language Lessons Training
- Scuba Diving
- Fighter Jet Simulators

- Advanced Rocketry
- Meeting NASA Engineers
- Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training
- STEM Challenges
- Simulated Space Mission
- International Space Workshops

## Visit our <u>website</u> for more information on Advanced Space Camp.



# NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

### GRADES 10-12 APRIL 14-19, 2023 WASHINGTON D.C.

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth.

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### National 4-H Conference delegates will:

- Participate in a round table topic of their choosing that will focus on key topics such as: leadership, agriculture, crime, and more.
- Participate in professional workshops.
- Meet with legislators from their State to discuss important issues relating to 4-H.
- Have a chance to network with youth and adults from across the country.

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• Develop an action plan that will be put to use in their own communities.

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Additional information found <u>here</u>.



### GRADES 9-12 NOVEMBER 2023 ATLANTA, GA

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.

## **Registration for National Congress will open in 2023.**

Additional information found here.

## EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS EXPLORE ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL EVENTS COMMUNITY SERVICE WORLD-RENOWNED SPEAKERS

# **INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL**

## **INBOUND PROGRAMS**

Each summer Wisconsin families have the opportunity to host a youth from

## Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico or Costa Rica

for one month. Families learn about another culture while sharing their own lives through meals, events, holidays, games, chores and more. No special plans are needed as these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family. Expand your horizons, learn about another culture, and develop lifelong friendships without even leaving your home!

## **GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMMING**

To bring the experience of other cultures and create the opportunity for 4-H youth in Wisconsin to connect with other youth from across the world, WI 4-H International offers several virtual options for connecting participants internationally!

## Pen Pal Program

Typically offered in the Spring, the Pen Pal Program connects Wisconsin youth to youth from around the world. The Spring 2022 Pen Pal Program partnered with "Tabur Kencana Nusantara," a youth organization formed by a previous 4-H academic year exchange student who stayed in Wisconsin. Participants were between the ages of 14 and 18 and were matched based on self-identified interests.

### **Global Exploration Series**

WI 4-H International Programs partnered with International Reach (Reach), a cross-cultural speakers program sponsored by UW-Madison International Student Services. Through a series of bi-weekly virtual connections, WI 4-H youth and families have the opportunity to connect and learn from UW-Madison international students serving as Ambassadors from a variety of countries. Previously featured countries have included: Malaysia, Kazakhstan, India, China, and Nigeria

### Registration is now open on <u>4HOnline</u> for the Fall 2022 series!

Sessions scheduled at 7:30pm on 10/6, 10/18, 11/3, 11/15, 12/1, and 12/12

# **CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMS**

## **OUTBOUND PROGRAMS**

Every summer, 4-H youth travel abroad for the amazing opportunity to experience life in another country by living with a host family for one or two months. All programs are chaperoned by a trained 4-H adult volunteer, who remains in-country with the delegation during the exchange for support and assistance. While abroad, 4-H'ers learn about their host country's culture while sharing their own. At the end of the month, delegates return home with friendships and memories to last a lifetime! Applications for Summer Outbound Programs are due in late November/early December.

### **Benefits of the Exchange**

- Learn about another culture and way of living first-hand by experiencing daily life as a member of a family in a different country
- Better understand yourself and your own culture
- Become more informed on global issues
- Increase self-esteem and confidence by learning to adapt to new situations and ways of communication
- Foster positive cross-cultural attitudes that enhance mutual

### Tentative 2023 Outbound Program Locations:

Costa Rica South Korea

Norway Japan Romania Taiwan Argentina

Click <u>here</u> for more information on 4-H International & Global Citizenship Programs.



# AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS Key Awards



The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program is one of the highest recognitions a 4-H member can receive. This award recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. To be eligible, candidates for this award must be at least in 9th grade or older, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

## **Crowley Dairy Leadership Award**

The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. Eligibility for this award includes: Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership, must be in 10th-13th grades as of January 1, and should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

Fifteen (15) state-level awards are to be presented annually to outstanding 4-H Dairy Project members. Award plaques will be given to the top fifteen and the top three youth will each receive \$1000 cash awards. Youth that have received a plaque only are encouraged to apply again. Additionally, the top 4-H member that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2022 will be offered a \$5000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences.

## Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals. Applicants who are awarded scholarships were notified by postal letter and email in May.

# WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION

## ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

To volunteer, you don't need previous experience working with youth. The most important qualifications are:

- a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills
- · wanteding to provide youth with positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment

To find out more about volunteering in your area, contact your local county 4-H Educator.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Activity/Event Volunteer
- Adult Advisor/Chaperone
- Club Enrollment Coordinator
- Club Leader
- Committee Volunteer
- Project Leader
- Many More!

For additional information on volunteering, click <u>here</u> to visit our website.





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