

4-H Re-enrollment

4-H Online Re-enrollment now open

Re-enrollment will end on November 1. If you need help, please call or come to the Extension Office.

GETTING STARTED

To get started with the re-enrollment process, log into 4HOnline at <https://wi.4honline.com> with your family email and password. If you forgot your password, select **I forgot my password** and follow the prompts to have a new password emailed to you. You can also call the UW Extension Office for assistance.

On the family home screen, click on the orange button labeled **Continue to Family**.

On your Member/Volunteer list, find the family member you wish to re-enroll and click on Edit next to their name.

RE-ENROLL

At the bottom of the next screen, click on the button for **Enroll for 2017-2018**.

If the youth is over 17 years old, a box will appear asking if you wish to enroll as a youth or an adult. If the youth is graduating from 4-H and wants to continue as an adult leader, then choose **Enroll As Adult**, otherwise select **Enroll as Youth**.

You will now see the Personal Information that you entered when you first enrolled. Look over the information and make any corrections. If the youth was in 12th grade last year, you must select the grade for this year, either **Post High School Education** or **Not in School**. When you are done, click on **Continue**.

Next is the Additional Information screen where you will need to accept the agreements and answer the Photo Release and Accommodations questions. Click **Continue** when done.

The Health Form for members is optional at enrollment, but you could be asked to complete it in the future if you attend any events that require one. Click **Continue** when done.

If you are an adult volunteer and see the Volunteer Screening page, then it has been 4 years since the last time a background check has been completed. You need to check over the answers to the questions and correct as needed. This page will only appear every 4 years. Click **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Club screen, confirm the correct club is listed. If you serve in a volunteer role (but not as a project leader) click on **Edit** and select the volunteer type. Click on **Update** to save the change. Click on **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Projects screen, confirm all the projects you are enrolled in are listed. Add any missing projects. If you are dropping a project, click on **Edit** for that project and then click on **Delete**. After making sure all your projects are listed correctly, click on **Submit Enrollment**.

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Rusk County 4-H Newsletter

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Mission of the Rusk County 4-H Program

Rusk County 4-H Program will provide many learning experiences through the cooperation and leadership of both the youth members and adult leaders.

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Greetings Everyone!

Fall is a busy time in 4-H land! This newsletter is full of important dates and upcoming events. If I missed anything, please let me know and I can send it out in an email blast.

Frank Ginther is the 4H Liason and will be helping out until a new agent can be hired. He can be reached at 715-273-6781 or francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu. For the new position there will be 2 different job descriptions but it will be for one full-time position (.50 Youth and Families Educator and .50 4H Program Coordinator). Rusk County is on the priority hiring list so now we're waiting for it to be posted.

As we review our last year's successes by completing record books, we also have lots to look forward to with the new 4H year. Those that complete record books have the ability to apply for trips. This is your chance to travel the nation and expand your horizons. Trip applications are due Nov. 1st.

If you need any help re-enrolling please don't hesitate to call me. Most things we can do right over the phone. Any while you're add it, why not ask a friend to join as well!



Sincerely,

Charmaine



"4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills."

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National 4-H Week						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Parent/Leader Banquet
15 Achievement Day	16 Charters Due to UWEX	17	18	19	20	21
22 JLO Meeting 6:30 LEC	23	24	25 VIP 6:30 UWEX	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Re-enrollment <u>deadline</u> Trip Applications Due	2	3	4
5	6 VIP 6:30 UWEX	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Annual Leader Training 6:30	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Don't forget to Re-enroll in 4-H.

See page 12 for instructions.

Rusk County Jr Fair

August 9-12, 2018



New in 2018!

Hopefully you are all rested up from the fair. Don't forget to cash your fair checks! Here is a recent reflection from a Wisconsin 4-H alumni now working in the Agribusiness field that I thought you would enjoy:

Ribbons and Awards...What do they mean? Sure, they mean that you have a specific placing, but is there another meaning behind them? When I look back at all of my ribbons and special awards I think about many things. Right now they are all on piles and in boxes in my room. It was a great honor at the time I got them because I was recognized for all of my hard work and effort put into the project. Looking back, I realize many more things about these ribbons and awards. I see how far I have come as individual and all the skills I have gained by exhibiting projects. One of the first things my parent taught me before I took a project to the fair was "winning isn't everything". Yes, it's nice to win, but perhaps by not winning you gain more knowledge. Not everyone can be a winner, but we can always be a learner and take back something to improve on or change for next year. We are able to develop confidence, responsibility and communication skills from being in a project. This year at the fair, don't look at what ribbon you got, but rather what you gained from taking the project.

Project Events & Activities

DAIRY

Dairy Committee Meeting

Monday, November 6
7:30 p.m. at LEC

New Board Members

Serenity Hetke, Chair
Brittany Mateski, Vice-Chair
Lenore Krajewski, Secretary
Lori Applebee, Treasurer

SHOOTING SPORTS

Monday, Nov. 6
6:00 pm

Fun Shoot & Snacks
Flambeau River Outfitters

New Board Members

Ryan LaPorte, President
Megan vanDoorn, Vice-President
Hannah Hecker, Secretary
Charmaine Johnson, Treasurer

HORSE

Sunday, October 15
6 pm @ Senior/Youth Center

- ★ Bylaw Revisions
- ★ Charter & Calendar
- ★ Community Service Project

New Board Members

Brent Evjen, President
Jennifer Soltis, Vice-President
Ann Emmons, Secretary
Karee Dean, Treasurer
Cassie Emmons, Youth Rep
McKenzie Evjen, Youth Rep

LIVESTOCK

Livestock Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 25 @ 7 pm
Law Enforcement Center

This will be a planning meeting for the new year!

New Board Members

Judy Srp, President
Darryl Doughty, Vice-President
Jessica Wiles & Tammy Loomis, Secretary/Treas.

Junior Leader's

Sunday, October 22 @ 6:30 pm in LEC

Like the Leader's Council, this group makes decisions about and plans activities for the county! Young people, grade 8 and above, are welcome to join! Great way to enhance your leadership skills!

Leader's Council Meetings

Thursday, October 19 @ 6:30 pm in UWEX

Each club is encouraged to send a representative to Council meetings. Attendance at Council meetings helps **clubs understand the total 4-H program.**

4-H News

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

Members and leaders re-enrolling for the coming year should complete re-enrollment as soon as possible. After August 31 you **will not** receive weekly email blasts or any other email communication until you have re-enrolled.

Re-enrollment will end on November 1. **Old members will not be able to re-enroll after November 1.** Note: this is a change from previous years and will be strictly enforced. This change will put us in line with state reporting guidelines.

New members will continue to be accepted until April 1.



TRIP APPLICATIONS

Trip Applications (formerly called M.E. forms) have been revised and are available in the Extension Office or online at: <http://rusk.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-important-forms/>. Trips are open to all 6-12 graders enrolled in 4H. If you are interested in any of the 4-H trips, you must complete an application form. You should complete this form even if you are just considering a 4-H trip for next year. The forms are due November 1. See the following pages for opportunities.

WI 4-H & Youth Conference

American Spirit East & West



Space Camp

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

National 4-H Congress & Conference

4-H Trip Opportunities & Awards

Local:

Winter Camp is a local trip held in January in northern Wisconsin. Activities are based on the theme picked for camp. You will also have an opportunity to participate in free time activities including snowshoeing, broom ball, ping pong, air hockey, etc.

State & National Trips:

Badger Dairy Camp is a 3 day camp held in June and is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 18. This camp, held on the University of Wisconsin Madison campus, provides an excellent opportunity for youth to get hands on experience learning how to fit and show animals. Youth also learn about the purebred cattle industry and attend workshops including “Roaming through the Rumen”. Instructors for the camp include dairy industry leaders, graduate students, and UW professors.

Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders

Connect the county, regional and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan that annual event, along with the State Youth Leader Conference and UW-Extension Day and Meat Products Auction at Wisconsin State Fair. Must be in grades 9 – 11 and in good standing at time of application. MUST APPLY BY OCT. 8.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, UW Wisconsin-Madison, June 25-28, 2018. Approximately 600 youth attend this pre-college program in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community. <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/Wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>. Must be in 7th – 10th grade at the time of selection. (Wisconsin Leadership Council, State Art Team, State Communications Teams, and Drama Company members may be 9th-13th grade); be a 4-H member or member of another Extension program; and carry county approval throughout program. Cost \$250

4-H Arts Lab provides youth in grade 9 and older an in-depth a focused experiences in their “art-track” of choice. Tracks include Back to Basics Photography, Tae Kwon Do, Altered Clocks, Intermediate Photography, Film-Making and Creative Writing. Each participant will choose one art track for the entire weekend. Typically occurs in January at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells.

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an experience with five different art tracks including: photography, communication, theatre, visual art and music. 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 the arts. Typically occurs in October at Upham Woods in the WI Dells.

American Spirit-East Experience usually 2nd and 3rd week of June. 8-10 grades

This 10 day bus trip explores United States history and heritage by visiting points of interest in the Eastern states. Stops include an Amish village, Valley Forge, Philadelphia, New York, Plymouth Rock, and Boston. Cost is about \$1200.

American Spirit – West Experience This trip will be an experience that will begin with transportation to St. Croix Falls and head West from there. A partnership with the National Park Service and will visit- St. Croix Falls National Scenic Riverway, the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Devil’s Tower. Activities will include ranger-led educational programs, service learning projects, hiking, some camping and FUN! Tentative date is June 20-30. Cost is ???

Fall Forum

What: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

When: November 3-5, 2017 (starting with registration at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 3 and ending 10:30 a.m. November 5)

Where: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake WI

Who: Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7th – 13th grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff

Cost:

See the Fall Forum webpage for more information on cost, registration fees, and lodging fees. The webpage is located here: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/fall-forum/>. You will also find a draft schedule and list of Saturday workshops on the menu to the right of the page.

The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where 12 laureates will be inducted in to the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level.

Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council elections will take place over the weekend on Sunday November 5. Please consider applying to take part in this wonderful opportunity to serve as 4-H leaders and work together as youth and adult partners to enrich Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development programs.

For more information and application materials please visit the [WLC web page](#).

This program is partially funded by the WI 4-H Foundation.

I want to thank the youth and adult leaders from the Wisconsin Leadership Council for their work in helping to plan this conference. There are sessions taught by youth leaders, adult volunteers and staff. Special thanks to our co-chairs of this year’s conference: Adam Riley, Grant County Youth Leader, Libby Willkomm, Washington County Youth Leader, Michele Kempfer, Sauk County Adult Leader, and Tammi Shaffer, Green Lake County Adult Leader.

Ask your county Extension Staff about registering today. Register through 4HOnline beginning September 6. Registration will end October 1.

- Remember all youth need to have an adult chaperone that needs to be identified when registering. The chaperone needs to be an enrolled 4-H Volunteer Leader. County staff must review and approve chaperones.
- Youth will have the option to select roommates while registering. If roommates are not selected (or not enough roommates are selected), youth will be assigned roommates based on age and gender. That way we can keep cost down and ensure we have enough rooms for all registrants.
- What needs to be completed for your registration to be accepted?
 - Payment needs to be received. (Check with your county 4-H Youth Development Staff to see if the county 4-H Leaders Association is offering any funding to assist with registration. This will vary from county to county.)
 - Required health form for youth
 - Adults are encouraged to use the adult health form – but not required.
 - Registrations will be reviewed by county staff before they are accepted.

Last year over 300 youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff participated. We hope over to increase that to 400 this year.

Leader Information

Charter Renewals

All clubs and chartered committees need to complete a charter. Forms have changed a bit this year and require you to develop a S.M.A.R.T. goal.

CHARTER RENEWALS DUE OCTOBER 1

Charter forms are available on line at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/charters/>

Nominations for Leader of the Year & Friend of 4-H or Business

Please stop at the Extension Office to place your nomination in the box on Charmaine's desk or call, email or fax your nomination.



VIP Training

October 25 @ 6:30 pm

or

November 6 @ 6:30 pm

UWEX Conference Room

If you are a new leader and haven't taken a VIP training, it is mandatory you do so. You only need to take it once. Leaders are always welcome to take it again. If you know of anyone that is interested in becoming a new 4H Leader, then please tell them about this training.

The training will last an hour.

4-H Trip Opportunities & Awards

Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C. June 16-24; June 23 –July 1; or July 7-15, 2018. Approximately 120 Wisconsin 4-H Youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events. <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/citizenship-washington-focus/>. Must be 10th– 12th grade at time of selection, minimum age 15 during program, be selected at the county level, and carry county approval throughout program. Cost \$1400.

PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) conference is held in the spring in Arlington, Virginia. A limited number of youth are selected at the State level for this intensive leadership conference. Interested youth should contact the 4-H Youth Development Agent for more information.

National 4-H Dairy Conference is held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison. Participants learn about production, processing, marketing and use of dairy products, and develop a broader understanding of careers available in dairy production, biotechnology, genetics, marketing and other selected areas. The conference consists of participatory workshops on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, speakers, tours and visiting the World Dairy Expo. Youth must have been a 4-H dairy project member for at least three years and between the ages of 15-18.

National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C., April 6-12, 2018. 6-8 youth are selected to attend this working civic engagement conference held at the National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue and collaborates with youth from across the country in an effort to help better direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with Wisconsin legislators. <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/national-4-h-conference/>. Must be 10th– 12th grade at time of selection, maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2018, be nominated at the county level, and carry county approval throughout program. Cost \$1300.

National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia, November 23-27, 2018. Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and community service, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the national. <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/national-4-h-congress/>. Must be 10th– 12th grade at time of selection, maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2018, be selected at the county level, carry county approval throughout program, and attend only one time as a youth. Cost \$1200.

Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama, April 26-30, 2018. Delegates team up for hands-on mock space missions and other STEM activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with 4-H youth from across Wisconsin. <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp/>. Must be in 6th– 8th grade at time of program, maximum age 15 at time of program (camp counselors may be in 7th– 10th grade), and carry county approval throughout program. Cost \$625.

International Trips:

International 4-H Youth Exchange(IFYE) .The IFYE program is an in-depth learning experience in which young adults live with host families in other countries to increase global awareness, develop independent study interests, and improve language skills. Programs vary from country to country, with some emphasizing an agricultural work experience, volunteering at an adult training center, or working with local youth development programs. See the website: <http://ifyeusa.org/>.

Others: Canadian National Dairy Conference

State & National Opportunitites

STATE & NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Wisconsin State 4-H Teams provide leadership and support at Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Conference. The teams are: Art Team, Drama Team/Company, Press Team and Showcase Singers.

YPCL Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership is usually held in October/November at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Teams of high school age youth (ages 14-18) and adults (21 or older) sharing decision-making roles in communities, schools, and organizations may attend this event. Groups are limited to 10 people with a preferred ration of four youth to each adult. Information is available at the website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hcitizenship/ypcl/>. Team registration is due October 2.

The Key Award is the most prestigious award that a 4-H member can receive. This state-sponsored 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. The award evaluates the candidate's total 4-H record including membership, activities, leadership, person development and county 4-H and community involvement. The Key Award is given to youth in 9th grade or older who have completed at least 3 years as a 4-H member and one year of youth leadership.

Annual Leader Training

Wednesday, November 15 @ 6:30

UW Extension Conference Room

Every year as a charter requirement, one leader from every chartered group or club **MUST** attend a training. It does not need to be the Club leader. Any leader in the chartered group or club can attend. More are welcome to come. Please note that you can only represent one club or group. Frank Ginther will be the presenter.



Upcoming Events

National 4-H Week will be held October 1-7

What will your club do to celebrate National 4-H Week? This is a great time to promote 4-H and recruit new members. Put up a display at school or in your local community, visit elementary classrooms with promotional items and 4-H projects, talk to other groups about 4-H. Be creative! Don't forget to get your locker poster from your club leader so you can show your 4H pride during this week of celebration.



Achievement Day

Sunday, October 15

4:00 p.m.

Senior/Youth Building

Plan to bring a snack to share.



Parent/Leader's Banquet

Saturday, October 14

7 pm

Pickled Gill

- ★ Will eat at 7:00 pm
- ★ Need new members for Leader's Council
- ★ \$10 per person

Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.

~John Maxwell

Trip Presentations

If you went on the following trips, you need to do a trip presentation at either the Parent/Leader banquet or at Achievement Day:

- ⇒ American Spirit
- ⇒ CWF
- ⇒ Space Camp
- ⇒ National 4H Conference
- ⇒ WI 4-H & Youth Conference

There will be a laptop, screen & projector to use (not compatible with Mac). If in doubt, give or email your presentation to Charmaine so it can be loaded.

