



There are projects on just about any topic you'd like to study and explore. You will learn many "life" skills that you will use everyday of your life, such as understanding yourself, communicating, problem solving, decision making and working

Projects

Animal Sciences:

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| Beef | Meat Goat |
| Cats | Pets |
| Clothes Horse | Poultry |
| Dairy | Rabbits |
| Dairy Goat | Sheep |
| Dogs | Small Animal |
| Draft Horse | Swine |
| Horse | Vet Science |
| Horseless Horse | |

Arts & Communication:

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| Arts & Crafts | Metal Enameling |
| Block Printing | Music |
| Clowning | Photography |
| Communications | Posters |
| Computers | Public Speaking |
| Creative Writing | Theatre Arts |
| Drawing & Painting | Leathercraft |
| | Videography |

Family, Home & Health:

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| Breads | Foods & Nutrition |
| Cake Decorating | Health |
| Child Development | Home Environment |
| Clothing | Intergenerational Programs |
| Consumer Savvy | Knitting |
| Crocheting | Personal Finance |
| Entrepreneurship | Quilting |
| Food Preservation | Workforce Readiness |

Mechanical Sciences:

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| Bicycling | Small Engines |
| Computers | Electricity |
| Tractors | Scale Models |
| Woodworking | |

Natural Resources & Environmental Education:

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| Adventures | Fishing |
| Backpacking & Hiking | Forestry |
| Bicycling | Recycling |
| Birds | Shooting Sports |
| Canoeing | Wildflowers |
| Entomology | Winter Travel |
| Exploring Your Environment | |

Plant & Soil Sciences:

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|--------------|--------------|
| Corn | House Plants |
| Flowers | Plant Crafts |
| Forage | Small Grains |
| Fruits | Vegetables |
| Home Grounds | |

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math):

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| Aerospace | Robotics |
| Geospatial | Wind Energy |

Miscellaneous:

- Youth Leadership**
- Service Learning & Citizenship**
- Self-Determined**
- International Programs**

Younger Members:

- | | |
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| Cloverbuds | Exploring |
| (Grades K-2) | Grade 3 |

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NEW DIRECTIONS







Columbia County 4-H
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Homepage:

[4-H & Youth – Extension Columbia County \(wisc.edu\)](http://4-H & Youth - Extension Columbia County (wisc.edu))

4-H IS . . .

-  ...groups of boys and girls meeting together to try out new ideas with the help from parents, interested adults and older youth leaders. 4-H takes place in meetings, project groups and special activities and events.
-  ...about life skills. 4-H helps youth develop life skills such as communicating, decision making, problem solving, interpersonal relationships and citizenship.
-  ...helping kids become better members of their families and communities.
-  ...happening everywhere. It is in the city, suburbs, small towns and on farms and ranches. The 4-H program is open to all who wish to participate without regard to race, creed, sex, marital status, handicaps or disadvantages, economic or ethnic backgrounds.

There are many exciting 4-H events and activities you can get involved in throughout the year, including projects, drama festivals, style revue, animal judging, camps, fairs, community services, exchanges, speeches & demonstrations.

4-H'ers can stay involved for years because there are many things for older members. Teens are counselors at 4-H camp; teens exchange ideas and make new friends each June during State 4-H Congress at UW-Madison; teens enjoy 4-H educational trips to Washington D.C. and leadership camps. Some even travel overseas for 4-H international.

THE 4-H PLEDGE:

"I pledge...

My **H**ead to clearer thinking...

My **H**eart to greater loyalty...

My **H**ands to larger service...

My **H**ealth to better living...

For my club, my community, my country and my world."



clear thinking (*head*)

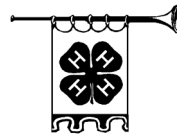
The four H's represent the four points of the pledge:



greater loyalty (*heart*)



larger service (*hands*)



better living (*health*)

WHO CAN JOIN 4-H?

Any youth Kindergarten through one year after High School Graduation.

In the early years, 4-H was a program just for farm kids. Not so today...4-H is for everyone! Boys and girls in town can enjoy 4-H as much as youth in the country. Over one-half of the 4-H participants now live in larger cities, one-fourth live in towns and rural areas, and less than one-fourth live on farms!

4-H is open to anyone regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin or handicap.

HOW DO I JOIN 4-H?

New Directions 4-H Club...

...meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at the Portage Presbyterian Church.



Club Activities Include:

- Potlucks & Club Summer Events
- Holiday Float
- Various Fundraisers
- Community Service Projects
- Annual Fun Event (i.e. ice skating, bowling or other fun outing)

If you would like more information about this 4-H club or would like to join another Columbia County 4-H Club, contact:

**Extension—Columbia County at
(608) 742-9680**

You will be referred to a 4-H Club or group in your neighborhood or community. Most members join 4-H in the fall. Returning members re-enroll by November 30th and New members will be accepted at any time; however, NEW members must be enrolled by March 1st of the current 4-H year to be eligible to exhibit as a 4-H member in the Columbia County Junior Fair.

