



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:

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:

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:

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:

Bicycling	Small Engines
Computers	Electricity
Tractors	Scale Models
Woodworking	

Natural Resources & Environmental Education:

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

Plant & Soil Sciences:

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

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math):

Aerospace	Robotics
Geospatial	Wind Energy

Miscellaneous:

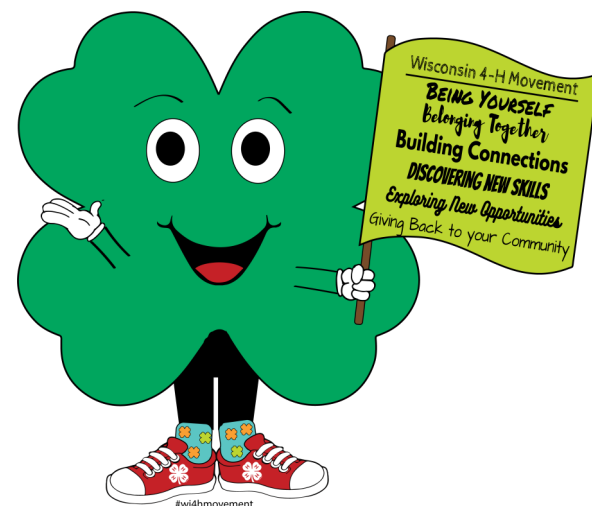
Youth Leadership
Service Learning & Citizenship
Self-Determined
International Programs

Younger Members:

Cloverbuds	Exploring
(Grades K-2)	Grade 3

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NEW DIRECTIONS



Columbia County 4-H
UW-Madison, Division of Extension
Columbia County
112 E. Edgewater Street, Room 212
Portage, WI 53901
Phone: (608) 742-9680

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**ear to greater loyalty...

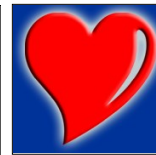
My **H**ands to larger service...

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

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



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

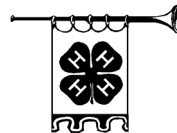


clear thinking (*head*)

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.

General Leaders:

Jen Martens.....(608) 340-2146
martensj@portage.k12.wi.us

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.