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## BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H FAMILY GUIDE

Find your **SPARK**  
with **4-H!**



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
BUFFALO COUNTY







# 4X

more likely to make  
contributions to their  
communities



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Welcome to 4-H Family Guide

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# WHAT IS 4-H?



4-H is a non-profit youth development organization delivered by Extension professionals across the United States and around the world. Youth complete hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement, guided by adult mentors. Youth are encouraged to take on leadership roles, developing self confidence and communication skills. 4-H gives youth the opportunity to explore passions, or “sparks.”

***4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.***

**The mission of 4-H** is to provide meaningful opportunities for all youth and adults to work together to create sustainable community change. This is accomplished within three primary content areas, or mission areas – civic engagement and leadership, healthy living, and science.



# OUR PURPOSE

## 4-H with a Purpose

**THE PURPOSE OF A 4-H CLUB IS TO PROVIDE POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE BELONGING, MASTERY, INDEPENDENCE, AND GENEROSITY.**

### **A 4-H member will:**

- Develop “sparks” that encourage youth to learn, make or do things that appeal and are meaningful to them.
- Make friends, belong to a group, and give and receive acceptance and affirmation.
- Have fun! This makes learning more appealing and enjoyable.

### **4-H Members learn to:**

- Develop an inquiring mind and desire to learn.
- Make decisions and solve problems.
- Relate to and work with other people.
- Develop a concern for their community and the people within.
- Build self-confidence.
- Accept responsibility.
- Communicate effectively without fear or criticism.
- Develop lifelong friendships.
- Develop leadership and life skills.

**4X**

more likely to make contributions to their communities

**2X**

more likely to be civically active

**2X**

more likely to participate in out-of-school science programs

**2X**

more likely to make healthier choices



### MOTTO

**"To Make the Best Better",**  
is the national 4-H Motto.  
The objective of every 4-H  
member and leader.

### SLOGAN

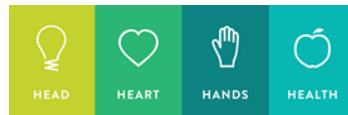
**"Learn by Doing"** is the 4-H  
member's way of growing  
new skills and learning how  
to get along with others.

### EMBLEM

The national 4-H emblem is a  
four-leaf clover with the  
letter "H" on each leaf. The  
four-H's stand for **Head,**  
**Heart, Hands and Health.**  
These four H's represent the  
four-fold training and  
development offered in the  
program.

### COLORS

Green and white are the 4-H  
colors. The white  
background of the flag  
symbolizes purity. The  
green, nature's most  
common color, represents  
life, growth, and youth



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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living.  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



# BASICS

# Wisconsin 4-H Buffalo County

## BY THE NUMBERS

### 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa



### Top 10 Enrolled 4-H Projects

PROJECT	MEMBERS
Art	135
Photography	126
Cloverbuds	122
Foods and Nutrition	96
Swine	75
Woodworking	71
Beef	61
Archery	31
Poultry	29



**73% increase**

in membership  
since 2021



**326**

4-H members and  
volunteers in 4-H  
community clubs



**107**

4-H members in  
after-school and  
in-school clubs

Information about

# MEMBERSHIP



## ENROLLMENT

All 4-H members and 4-H volunteers must enroll online to join or re-enroll in 4-H annually. Enrollment begins September 1st. Enroll in 4-H Online at: [4honline.com](https://4honline.com) Visit <https://buffalo.extension.wisc.edu/> for enrollment instructions.

## CLOVERBUD

Youth in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are enrolled as a Cloverbud and can partake in most 4-H club and county events and activities. Cloverbud youth are younger members who are not eligible to show animals at the fair.

## 4-H MEMBER

4-H members are youth 3rd grade through one year beyond high school (grade 13) and enrolled in 4-H.

## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers contribute their skills, talents, and experiences to strengthen the 4-H program and support its mission. Volunteer resources are available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

## VOLUNTEERS ROLES

**Club Leader:** Provides leadership to the club or group organization.

**Project Leader:** An adult volunteer with knowledge in a specific area who helps 4-H members as they learn, and develop skills on a specific topic.

**Activity/Event Volunteer:** Provides leadership for a club activity or event.

# What is a 4-H CLUB?

**4-H Clubs are the foundation of the Wisconsin 4-H program. A 4-H Club is made up of five or more youth guided by adult volunteer leaders, partner organization staff, or University of Wisconsin Extension Educators. 4-H clubs follow a proven program model and offer learning opportunities that are youth-directed.**

## 4-H CLUB

A **4-H Community Club** is a group of youth and adults who meet on a regular basis and together practice positive youth development and cooperative learning. Youth officers are elected to guide the activities of the club. For more club information and a list of clubs in Buffalo County visit: <https://buffalo.extension.wisc.edu/>

**4-H Classroom Clubs** are offered during the school day to specific grade/s in partnership with the school. Students explore interest areas with support from an Extension Educator, 4-H youth or adult volunteer, or school staff.

**4-H Afterschool Clubs** are a program offered to youth following the school day. Trained staff provide a safe and supportive environment for youth after school.

**4-H Military Clubs** have been established worldwide. 4-H Extension Educators support military staff and adult volunteers as they provide strong educational programs so that military members can pursue their critical, high risk assignments knowing that their children are in safe and nurturing environments.

## 4-H CLUB MEETING

A 4-H club meeting is led by youth officers. The meetings are held regularly and usually include three types of activities; business, recreation and education. Youth can present demonstrations at club meetings to teach skills to others. Clubs may also host guest speakers and perform service learning activities.

## 4-H PROJECTS

4-H Projects are specific areas of interest for 4-H members. There are projects on a variety of topics to study and explore, from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from clothing to small engines.

Check out the 4-H project pages on the Wisconsin 4-H website at:

**<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hprojects/>**

On these pages, you'll find descriptions for statewide projects, links of interest, county fair exhibit suggestions, state specialist contacts and other suggested 4-H resources.



## EXHIBITS

4-H members have the opportunity to exhibit and display their 4-H project work at the fair. Judges provide valuable evaluation to exhibitors helping them learn and grow in their 4-H project area.



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# PROJECTS

# 4-H EXTRAS

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## 4-H RECORDS

The 4-H Record is a portfolio of the 4-Her's accomplishments in projects and activities throughout the 4-H year. The 4-H Record gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, set goals, and develop plans to meet those goals.



*4-H Records*

*Due September 15th*



4-H Record Guidelines and format options are found at:

<https://buffalo.extension.wisc.edu/>

## 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

4-H Leaders Organizations are chartered 4-H groups that provide opportunities for 4-H volunteers and youth leaders to support the local 4-H program. Open to all 4-H youth grades 6 and older, 4-H parents and leaders. Business is conducted at bi-monthly meetings.

## 4-H ACTIVE MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H members who are active at the 4-H county level are eligible to receive one Active Member 4-H Program Scholarship per 4-H club year from the Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association. Scholarships help defray some costs of a 4-H program or activity in which active Buffalo County 4-H members participate.

## 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association gives up to three \$500 scholarships and three \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors enrolled in Buffalo County 4-H.



## 4-H Festival of Arts

4-H Festival of Arts gives youth an opportunity to demonstrate their creative talents in communication and expressive arts. Grades K-13

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## 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa

A two day, one night camp where youth experience the outdoors and build leadership skills while practicing independence under the care of trained counselors and volunteers. Camp includes swimming canoeing, teambuilding, and cabin time with friends. Grades 3-8

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## 4-H Clover College

A half day of hands-on learning from volunteers and community members. An opportunity to develop 4-H project skills or try out a new "Spark". Grades K-13

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## 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Younger members discover, learn, explore, and have fun at this summer day camp close to home. Grades K-2

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## STEAM Discovery Days

Youth build critical thinking skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math while having fun at this day camp held each July. Grades K-6

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## National 4-H Week

The first full week in October is set aside each year to recognize and promote 4-H across the country. A theme highlights the week and many 4-H clubs create displays or special promotion of 4-H in their community.

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## 4-H Fall Forum

4-H youth and adult leaders come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. Grades 7-13

Opportunities, Activities &  
**EVENTS**





## Space Camp Travel Experience

Participants explore the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Grades 6-10

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## American Spirit Travel Experience

This bus travel experience through historic US cities helps youth gain better understanding of America's heritage. Grades 9-10

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## 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Travel Experience

Youth join delegates from the state in Washington D.C. to study citizenship and government, along with touring the nation's historical sites. Grades 10-12

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## National 4-H Conference Travel Experience

At this working conference in Washington D.C., participants select issues and develop plans for future 4-H programming. Grades 10-12

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## 4-H Art Beat!

Provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience different art forms in a camping environment at the Upham Wood Outdoor Learning Center. Grades 3-5

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## 4-H Arts Camp

Encourages youth to explore different forms of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance and photography while making new friends, developing skills and enjoying new experiences. Grades 6-8

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## 4-H Summer Academy

Discover pathways to your future on the UW-Madison campus. 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. A fun opportunity to build networks and friendships with people from all over the state of WI. Grades 6-10





# BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

As of October 2024

4-H CLUB	ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER(S)	EMAIL	PHONE	MEETING DAY/LOCATION
BBC 4-H	Stephanie Foust	<a href="mailto:mfoust6@hotmail.com">mfoust6@hotmail.com</a>	608.687.3172	First Sunday, 5:00pm Buffalo City Building Buffalo City, WI
BEAR CREEK 4-H	Wendy Kleinschmidt	<a href="mailto:battlehyme22@gmail.com">battlehyme22@gmail.com</a>	715.926.3704	Second Sunday Marten Center Mondovi, WI
CHEERFUL WORKERS 4-H	Laurie Bauer	<a href="mailto:labdab77@gmail.com">labdab77@gmail.com</a>	715.673.4870	First Sunday, 5:00pm
	Linda Larson	<a href="mailto:larsen.linda1@gmail.com">larsen.linda1@gmail.com</a>	715-673-4873	Lyster Parish Hall Urne, WI
CLOVER 4-H	Kathy Noll	<a href="mailto:horsenoll@gmail.com">horsenoll@gmail.com</a>	608.685.3531	First Sunday, 6:00pm Alma American Legion Alma, WI
GLENCOE HUSTLERS 4-H	Angela Berg	<a href="mailto:angelaberg12@gmail.com">angelaberg12@gmail.com</a>	608.323.2396	First Sunday, 6:00pm
	Elizabeth Pehler	<a href="mailto:bethpehler@gmail.com">bethpehler@gmail.com</a>	608.863.3256	Glencoe Town Hall Glencoe, WI
GOLDEN HORNETS 4-H	Don Dittrich	<a href="mailto:dittrich@mwt.net">dittrich@mwt.net</a>	608.626.3991	First Sunday, 1:00pm Milton Town Hall Fountain City, WI
HILL & HOLLOW HELPING HANDS 4-H	Nicole Hunger	<a href="mailto:njhungerfamily@gmail.com">njhungerfamily@gmail.com</a>	608.484.1882	Third Sunday, 5:00pm
	Jason Bork	<a href="mailto:jbork98@gmail.com">jbork98@gmail.com</a>	507.429.7030	Cross Town Hall Cross, WI
HILLTOP CLIMBERS 4-H	Patty & Doug George	<a href="mailto:pattygeorge69@gmail.co">pattygeorge69@gmail.co</a>	715-279-4554	Second Sunday, 4:00pm Marten Center Mondovi, WI
LOOKOUT LEGENDS 4-H	Jennifer Serum	<a href="mailto:jschultz50@yahoo.com">jschultz50@yahoo.com</a>	715.495.6535	Second Sunday, 4:00pm Gilmanton Legion Gilmanton, WI
LUCKY 16 4-H	Jennifer Sandberg	<a href="mailto:lucky16club@gmail.com">lucky16club@gmail.com</a>	715.926.3704	Sunday, 6:00pm
	Shelby Meier	<a href="mailto:lucky16club@gmail.com">lucky16club@gmail.com</a>	507.456.7979	Mondovi School Mondovi, WI
MONTANA PIONEERS 4-H	Ashley Ellis	<a href="mailto:ashleyannellis@hotmail.co">ashleyannellis@hotmail.co</a>	507.459.7133	Sunday, 4:30pm Montana Town Hall Montana, WI
	Whitney Ellis	<a href="mailto:wrahn09@winona.edu">wrahn09@winona.edu</a>	507.995.5903	
	Gennah Bremer	<a href="mailto:gib1486@gmail.com">gib1486@gmail.com</a>	715.495.9775	

## 4-H Afterschool Clubs

Mondovi Community Youth Center (MCYC) - Annie Lisowski - [annie.lisowski@wisc.edu](mailto:annie.lisowski@wisc.edu)

Cochrane-Fountain City 4-H Afterschool - Annie Lisowski - [annie.lisowski@wisc.edu](mailto:annie.lisowski@wisc.edu)





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## ANNIE LISOWSKI

### 4-H Youth Development Educator

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Alma, WI 54610

**Hours:** 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday

**Phone:** 608.685.6256

**Wisconsin Relay:** 711

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