

Walworth County 4-H

4-H: The Great Beyond

4-H Kids College



4-H Kids' College is an event where 4-Hers and their non-4-H friends can go to participate in a HUGE variety of hands-on workshops. These workshops are based on 4-H projects of all kinds – everything from arts and crafts and flower arranging to electricity, robotics, and food preservation. 4-Hers of all ages can participate in the workshops to expand their skills in projects they've enrolled in OR explore a brand new project area they are thinking about for the future.

Kids' College is held each winter in the County Government Center in Elkhorn. Classes are taught by youth and adult volunteers! So, it is an awesome place for moms, dads, and older 4-Hers to share project-related expertise, or volunteer their time as a workshop helper or event photographer!

4-H Camp

For many kids, 4-H Camp is one of THE biggest highlights of the entire 4-H year. Walworth County camp is at Upham Woods at the Wisconsin Dells. Participating 4-H members are bussed to and from the Dells as a unit for a 3-day, 3-night residential camp experience each summer. Campers stay in rustic cabins under the supervision of trained 4-H camp counselors and chaperones. During the week, they enjoy outdoor activities ranging from canoeing and hiking to games, campfires, arts and crafts, swimming, and more! There's also a lot of singing and time to hang out with both long-time and brand new friends. Camp is open to 4-Hers who are completing grades 3-8. 4-Hers who will be 15 years old or older by the start of camp can apply to be camp counselors. This is always a lot of hard work, but also one of the most fun and rewarding experiences a 4-Her can have during their career. Camp registration materials are available after the first of the year each winter at <http://walworth.uwex.edu>.



Junior Leaders' Association

The Walworth County Junior Leaders' Association is a group just for older members – grades 6-13. This group meets the 4th Monday of every month at the County Government Center at 7 p.m. to conduct business and enjoy fun programs chosen by the members. During the meetings, and through activities they help with at the county level, the Junior Leaders grow their **leadership** and **communication** skills and develop awesome **friendships** with 4-Hers from all over the county! Participation in Junior Leaders' is free, and you can attend as many or as few meetings each year as you would like!



In 2013, a Walworth County Girls' Science Outreach Team was formed. The youth and adults on this team are committed to providing opportunities for girls in our county to **have fun and learn about careers in science-related fields**. During the summers of 2013 and 2014, they conducted their first Girls' Science Explorers day camps. Girls entering grades 4-7 were invited to participate in 12-hour events during which they learned all about a variety of science-topics, enjoyed pertinent arts and crafts, interacted with female scientists, and engaged in recreational activities. In late 2014, a mini-workshop series was also initiated allowing girls to engage in site-based science activities for 2-4 hour time periods. If you are a young lady currently completing grades 3-6, keep an eye out for this year's Girls' Science Explorers opportunities! Female teens and moms are also invited to join the planning team!

Space Camp



Space Camp® launched in 1982 to inspire and motivate young people from around the country to join the ranks of space pioneers who persevere to push the boundaries of human exploration. Today, with attendees from all 50 states, territories and more than 60 foreign countries, the immersive program continues to challenge young people to dream of a future in space. Each April, Wisconsin 4-Hers in grades 6-8 travel to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama for an “out-of-this-world” experience! Historic space, aviation and defense hardware, along with exhibits that highlight current and future programs, **help Space Camp trainees transcend from, “What if?” to “Can do!” thinking and actions.** Static displays and unique settings provide excellent areas for classroom instruction while hands-on training, high fidelity simulations and enthusiastic counselors ignite the singular sizzle of Space Camp. From mission control to space transport to space station, trainees gain personal and professional insights that profoundly impact their futures.

State Conference

Wisconsin State Conference is an inspiring event for 4-Hers completing grades 7-10. This annual event happens in late June at the UW-Madison Campus. It is THE place where 4-Hers from across the state come together for **fun, project-related learning and leadership development.** The event combines a blend of workshops and social activities that participating 4-Hers rave about for months to come! In Walworth County, State Conference is also a stepping-stone activity for 4-Hers wishing to pursue national activities. 4-Hers must participate in State Conference (at least once) in order to be eligible for CWF, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference (all described below).

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Are you a strong civic leader for your community, country and world? Find out how you’re doing and what you can do better at Citizenship Washington Focus. CWF is an incredible week-long program that’s open to Wisconsin 4-Hers completing grades 10-12. It takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center and gives youth the chance to strengthen their **communication, leadership, and citizenship skills** on a national level. CWF participants get a behind-the-scenes look at our nation’s capital, meet members of Congress, enjoy motivational speakers and workshops, and visit historical locations such as the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Smithsonian Museums. Walworth County 4-Hers who wish to be considered for this trip must 1) have attended State Conference (at least once), 2) create a 4-H Portfolio, and 3) complete an interview. Portfolio trainings are held each summer/fall to provide interested youth with guidelines.



National 4-H Congress

Held in Atlanta, Georgia the weekend after Thanksgiving each year, National 4-H Congress is one of the premier experiences for 4-H members across the country. National 4-H Congress provides a life-changing experience for youth completing grades 10-12 to meet other 4-H members from across America, as they participate in educational workshops focusing on **diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, team development, community service,** and of course **having fun!** To be considered for a delegate spot for this event, Walworth County 4-Hers must do the same things as for CWF consideration: 1) attend State Conference (at least once); 2) create a 4-H Portfolio (portfolio trainings are held each summer/fall); 3) participate in a selection interview.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is THE PREMIER civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members (15-19 yrs.) who are very actively engaged in 4-H programs across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by 4-H National Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.).

Unlike State Conference and National 4-H Congress, this event is very focused on **empowering delegates to make an impact on their community** through development and execution of an action plan.

4-Hers in grades 10-12 are invited to apply for delegate spots each year. In Walworth County, the process is similar to that for CWF and National Congress (past participation in State Conference, creation of a 4-H portfolio, and participation in an interview). However, once delegates have been nominated from the county, they must complete a state application and interview process, as well. Only 6-8 Wisconsin 4-Hers have the honor of serving on this delegation annually!

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International Exchanges



If you are a 4-Her who would like to see the world, the Wisconsin International Exchange program may be the perfect fit for you!

Wisconsin 4-H promotes intercultural awareness and understanding and challenges youth and families to become better global citizens by providing opportunities to establish close relationships with people from different cultures through international home-stay and hosting experiences.

Month-long TRAVEL and HOSTING opportunities are available through Wisconsin 4-H and our partnering organizations in Japan, Korea, Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina, Finland, Norway and Australia, as well as opportunities to host year-long high school students from Japan, Korea, or Eurasia. Youth travel as participants, while adults can travel as adult advisors.

Most travel applications are due in December each year, so if you are thinking about traveling, be sure to start exploring your options early! ...And keep an eye on your *4-H Newsclip* for details about hosting opportunities—both long and short-term.

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The activities and events highlighted in this handout were hand chosen by the 2014 county 4-H Ambassador Team as opportunities “not-to-be-missed.” There are many more opportunities available at the county, state, and national levels. You can learn more about these opportunities as they become available in the *4-H Newsclip* and *Major County 4-H Event Guide*, both of which are available at the website above.

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