

The Lafayette Marquee

4-H Newsletter

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In communities across the country, 4-H programming is doing more than just teaching kids how to show livestock or build robots—it's helping young people discover who they are and what they're passionate about. At the heart of this transformation is a powerful concept known as “sparks.”

A spark is that special something—an interest, talent, skill, or passion—that lights a fire inside a young person and motivates them to learn, grow, and thrive. It could be anything from photography to animal care, from coding to cooking, from public speaking to social activism. Sparks give youth a sense of direction and purpose, and 4-H is one of the few youth programs designed to help them discover and develop those passions in meaningful ways.

In 4-H, sparks become visible in countless ways. A shy child gains confidence through presenting a project at the county fair. A curious teen finds her calling in veterinary science after working with animals through 4-H. A young leader learns the value of community service by organizing a local food drive.

These are not isolated stories—they're the natural outcome of an environment where youth are encouraged to pursue their interests and are supported by mentors who believe in their potential.

In a world where youth often face pressure to perform, conform, or simply keep up, 4-H offers something different: the freedom to explore, the support to grow, and the opportunity to spark something real.

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Calendar of Events

April 2025

- 11-16 National 4-H Conference - Washington D.C. (grades 10-12)
- 19 Karl Petersen Competitive Shoot ~ Augusta
- 26 Fill the Floral Hall—Leathercraft @ MPB 10:00 a.m.

MAY 2025

- 1-5 Space Camp—Huntsville, AL (grades 6-8)
- 03 State 4-H Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl, & Hippology Contest ~ UW Green Bay
- 10 Fill the Floral Hall
- 16 **4-H @ Johnson Public Library ~ Fairy Gardens @ 1:45 p.m.**
- 17 Western Gateway Statewide Shoot ~ River Falls
- 18 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl ~ Rothschild, WI
- 26 **Memorial Day—Office Closed**
- 27 Green County 4-H Horse Fun Show Registration **CLOSES**
- 31 **Diving into 4-H Discovery Day (5K-4th) - MPB @ 9:00 a.m.**
- 31 4-H Horse Fun Show ~ Green County Fairgrounds

June 2025

- 12 **4-H @ Johnson Public Library ~ Cookie Decorating @ 1:00 p.m.**
- 13 Area Animal Science Days—Pierce County
- 16-19 Summer Academy @ UW-Madison Campus
- 20-29 American Spirit East Travel
- 20-28 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Travel
- 27-29 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show ~ Sheboygan County Fairgrounds
- 29-July 2 4-H Summer Camp w/Grant County @ Upham Woods
- 30 Area Animal Science Days—Calumet County

July 2025

- 04 **Independence Day—Office Closed**
- 4-13 American Spirit East Travel
- 9-13 Lafayette County Fair
- 18-19 Triple Crown Statewide Invitational ~ Marshfield
- 20 Annual Triple Crown Summer Blast ~ Marshfield
- 20-28 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) ~ Washington D.C.
- 25-26 Air Gun Annual Dodge County 4-H Archery & Air Gun Invitational ~ Horicon
- 31-August 10 WI State Fair ~ West Allis, WI

AUGUST 2025

- 01 WI 4-H Leadership Council Applications **OPEN**—(grades 9-11)

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 01 **Labor Day—Office Closed**
- 01 2025-2026 4-H Registration **OPENS** in 4HOnline
- 06 State 4-H Gymkhana ~ State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

4-H Pledge & Creed

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.



HEAD



HEART




HANDS




HEALTH

... “and my **health** to better living, for my club, my community, my
country, and my world.”

Health stands for healthy lifestyles, character, ethics, stress management and disease



4-H Creed



I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.


I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my county, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.



THANK YOU!

Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers



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We want to extend our heartfelt
gratitude to all the amazing
volunteers who dedicate their time,
energy, and compassion to helping
4-H youth.

Library Collaborations @ Johnson Public Library

A colorful watercolor illustration of a fairy garden. In the center is a small, round, wooden fairy house with a purple, mushroom-shaped roof. The house has a red door and several windows with yellow panes. It is surrounded by various flowers, including pink cherry blossoms, yellow daisies, and orange poppies. A green four-leaf clover is in the upper left, and a pink lotus flower is in the upper right. The background is a soft, light pink wash.

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Fairy Garden

Friday, May 16th after school (2:00pm).
Come out make a fairy house and start a mini-garden.

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A pink poster with a white scalloped border. In the center is a large, stylized pink oval containing the word "COOKIES" in a bold, pink, bubbly font. Below the word are three cookies: one with pink frosting and red sprinkles, one with blue frosting and purple sprinkles, and one with yellow frosting and blue sprinkles. Above the word "COOKIES" are the 4-H logo and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension logo. At the bottom, the date and time are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, and the location is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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COOKIES

JUNE 12TH AT 2:00PM

AT JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Discovery Day/4-H Horse Project



Register : <https://forms.gle/RSA1v2DSSbRDgeB1A>

WITHOUT HORSES

HORSE PROJECT MEETING

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April 27, 2025 at 1:30 PM

Exploring horses from head to hoof—breeds, body parts, and the equipment they need.

Please RSVP and to earn credit for attending the Midwest Horse Fair, please write and send in two paragraphs about your experience ASAP.



Shooting Sports



**ARCHERY
CLINIC
4/27/2025**

**UPCOMING CLINICS:
MAY: 4**

Shooting Sports



*Clinics will continue into the spring.
Watch 4-H online, website and socials
for upcoming clinics.*

*** Shotgun/Trap starting in MAY ***

Fill the Floral Hall

A photograph of leather craft tools including a metal mallet, a wooden-handled knife, a needle, and a spool of brown thread, all resting on a piece of brown leather.

FILL THE FLORAL HALL

Leather Craft

Come learn the leather basics.
Products: coaster, key fob or bookmark
Date: TBD



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A green background with a repeating floral pattern. At the top are the 4-H and University of Wisconsin-Extension logos.

Fill the Floral Hall

Looking for a sweet Mother's Day surprise?
Come out for a fun-filled activity where kids
can decorate their own flower pot and plant a
flower.

May 10th at 10:00AM
Lafayette County Multipurpose Room
(11974 Ames Rd. Darlington)



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Local Opportunities

Richland County 4-H Rabbits R Us Spring Fun Show

Rabbit Show and Showmanship Contest



Sunday, May 4th 2025
Richland County Fairgrounds
Connection Building (next to fair office)
23630 Co Hwy AA
Richland Center, WI 53581



Registration: 9:00

Judging: 10:00

Show is open to all youth grade 3 through 13
You do not need to be a 4-H member to participate

There is no limit placed on the number of entries per class. Pre-registration is encouraged. Day of registration will be accepted. **Health checks will be performed and rabbits found to be unhealthy will be removed from the show.**

Animals are to be brought in their own cages. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up after their own animals. Richland County 4-H Rabbits R Us Club and Richland County Fairgrounds are not responsible for any losses due to fire, theft, or accident. Every precaution will be taken to prevent such occurrences.

Please include the tattoo number on the registration form. If your rabbit is not tattooed, putting a number in the ear with a black marker will be accepted.

Questions? Call Chris Harpin, 608-649-7412 (home), 608-513-7412 (cell), or email harpfam04@proton.me

There is **no** official registration form. To pre-register, email your name, rabbit entries, and indicate if you will be participating in showmanship to: buscherag@gmail.com

Entry Fees: \$3.00/rabbit

\$3.00 for showmanship

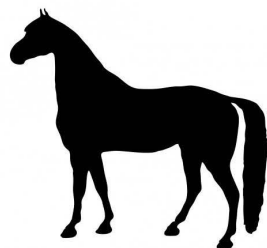
Payment will be accepted the day of show

Showmanship categories:

Jr. (grade 3-5) Int. (grade 6-8) Sr. (grade 9-12)

Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.
We will be having a silent auction table...Check it out!!

4-H Horse Project



2025 Green County 4-H Horse Fun Show

Saturday, May 31, 2025

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Location: Green County Fairgrounds
2600 10th Street, Monroe

Rain Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025



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This event is open to 4-H members and non-4-H members, in 3rd grade thru one year past high school, not to exceed age 19 as of 1/1/2025. All riders ride at their own risk.

A clear, color copy of Coggins for each horse brought, with the Premise ID written on top of where the horse is housed, must be turned in at the event, unless already submitted to the Green County Extension Office in 2025.

Youth under 18 must have a parent or guardian present. Youth and parent MUST agree to and sign the [4-H Horse Project Concussion Agreement](#), in order for the youth to participate.

Entry fee is \$5.00 per class, or a maximum of \$45.00 per person and maximum of \$75.00 per family. Entry fees will be paid at check-in on the day of the event. Checks made payable to: *Green County 4-H Adult Leaders*.

Register by **May 27, 2025** at this link: <https://go.wisc.edu/t2hf62>.

All attendees must also comply with WI 4-H Horse policy (<https://go.wisc.edu/3g98if>), which includes...

- SEI approved helmets, with harness fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted or driving. Close-toed shoes or boots are required when near a horse. Boots with a cut out heel must be worn when mounted.
- The handler, rider or driver must have control over their horse during 4-H sponsored activities or events.
- No bareback or riding double.
- No horse may be left unattended when out of the stall or trailer.
- Leave at least one horse/pony length between animals.
- When holding a horse in hand, make turns to the right when more than ninety degrees.

Show clothes are NOT expected for this Fun Show.

****Please note that some rules of these traditional horse games will be modified to promote safety and limit risk.**

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| • Halter | • Trail |
| • Showmanship, Grades 3-6 | • Lunch |
| • Showmanship, Grades 7-9 | • Costume |
| • Showmanship, Grades 10 & Up | • Egg & Spoon |
| • Showmanship, Championship Class | • **Ride-A-Buck (with a saddle) |
| | • **Dizzy Cowboy |
| • Walk Trot | • Plug Race |
| | • Speed & Action |
| • English Pleasure, Grades 3-6 | • **Boot Race |
| • English Pleasure, Grades 7-9 | • **Relay Race |
| • English Pleasure, Grades 10 & Up | • Flag Race |
| • English Pleasure, Championship Class | • Barrels, Gr. 3-6, Gr. 7-9, & Gr. 10 & up |
| | • Keyhole, Gr. 3-6, Gr. 7-9, & Gr. 10 & up |
| • Western Pleasure, Grades 3-6 | • Poles, Gr. 3-6, Gr. 7-9, & Gr. 10 & up |
| • Western Pleasure, Grades 7-9 | |
| • Western Pleasure, Grades 10 & Up | |
| • Western Pleasure, Championship Class | |

4-H Experience Series...the opportunities are endless!

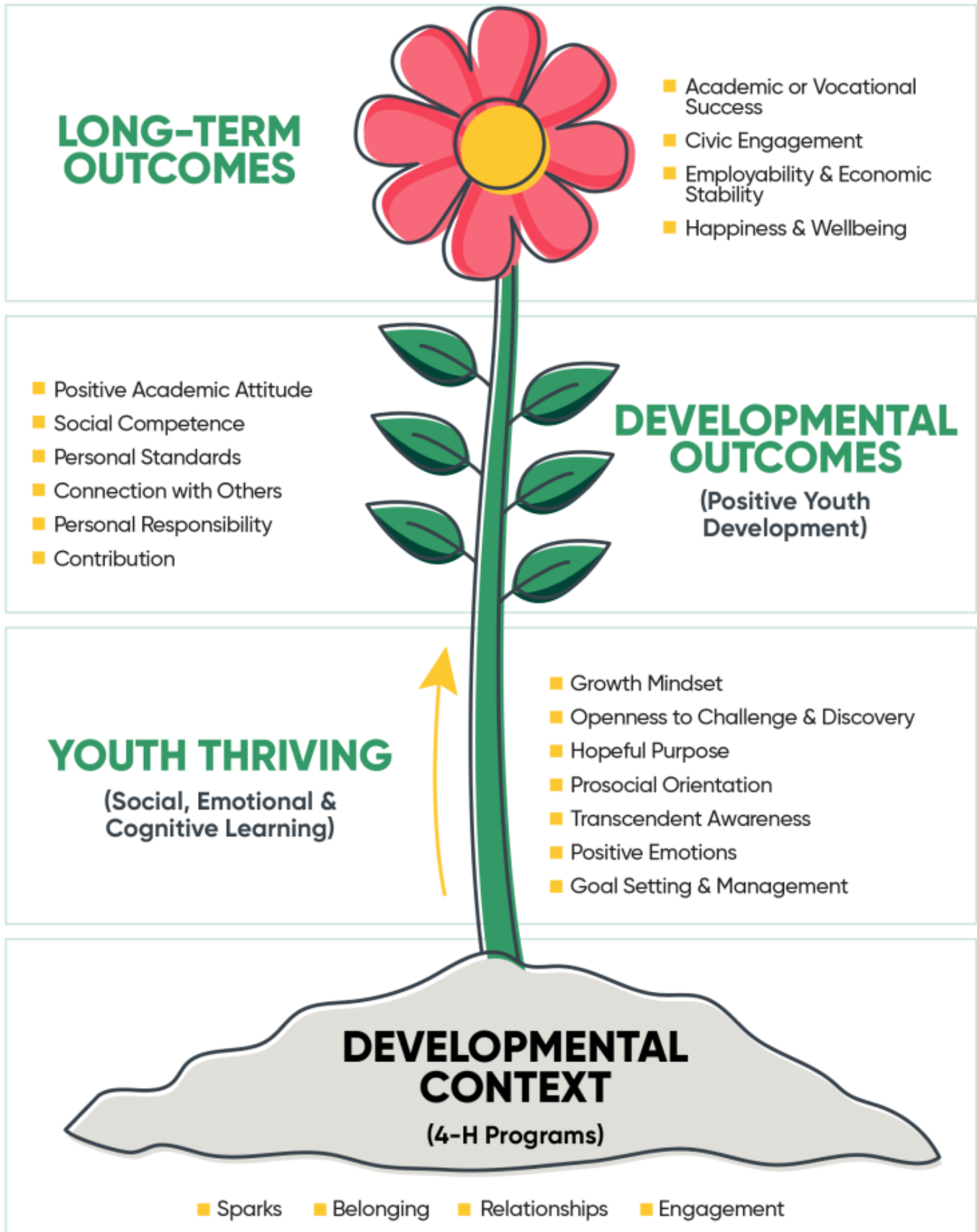


EXPERIENCE SERIES COMING SPRING 2025

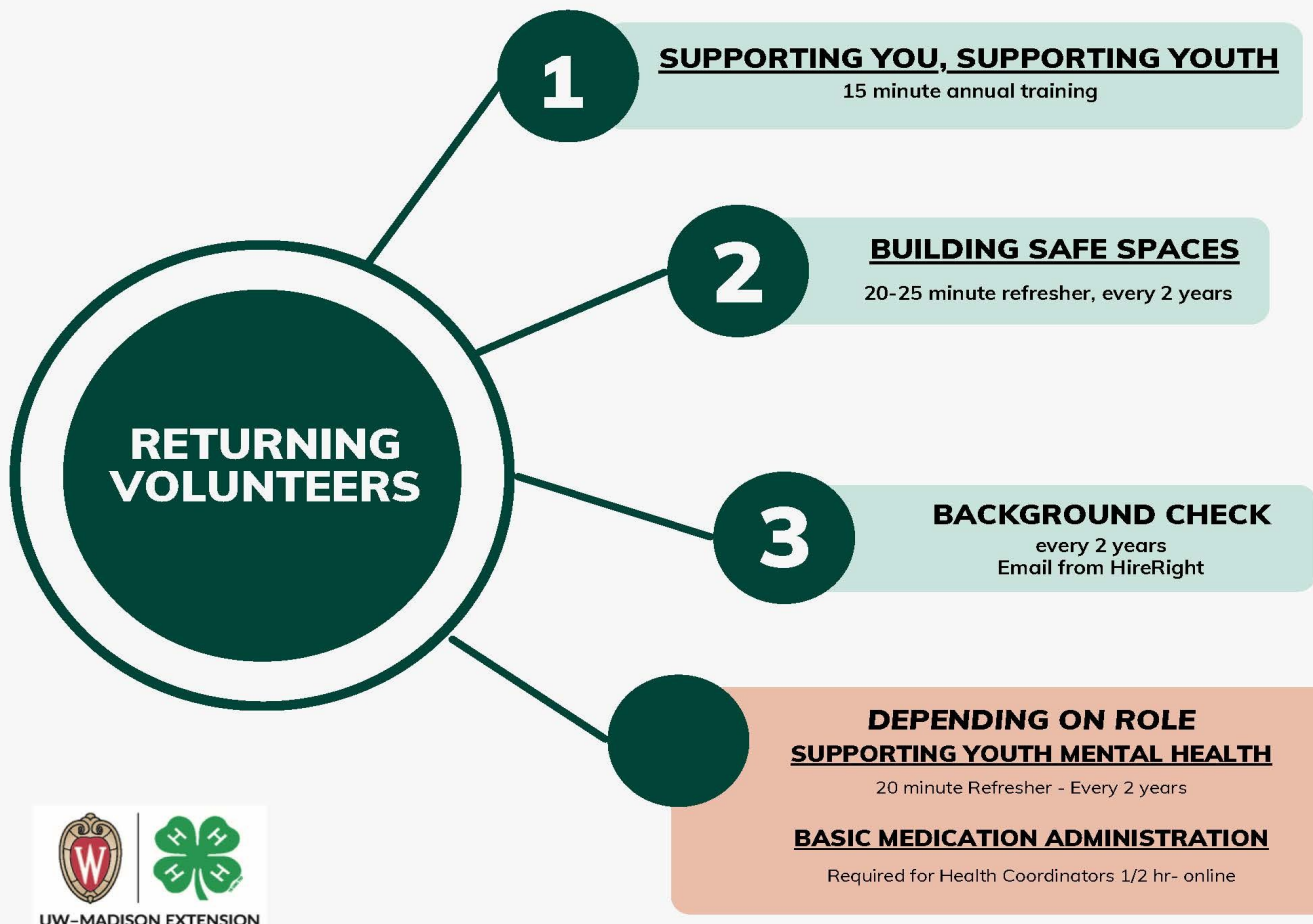
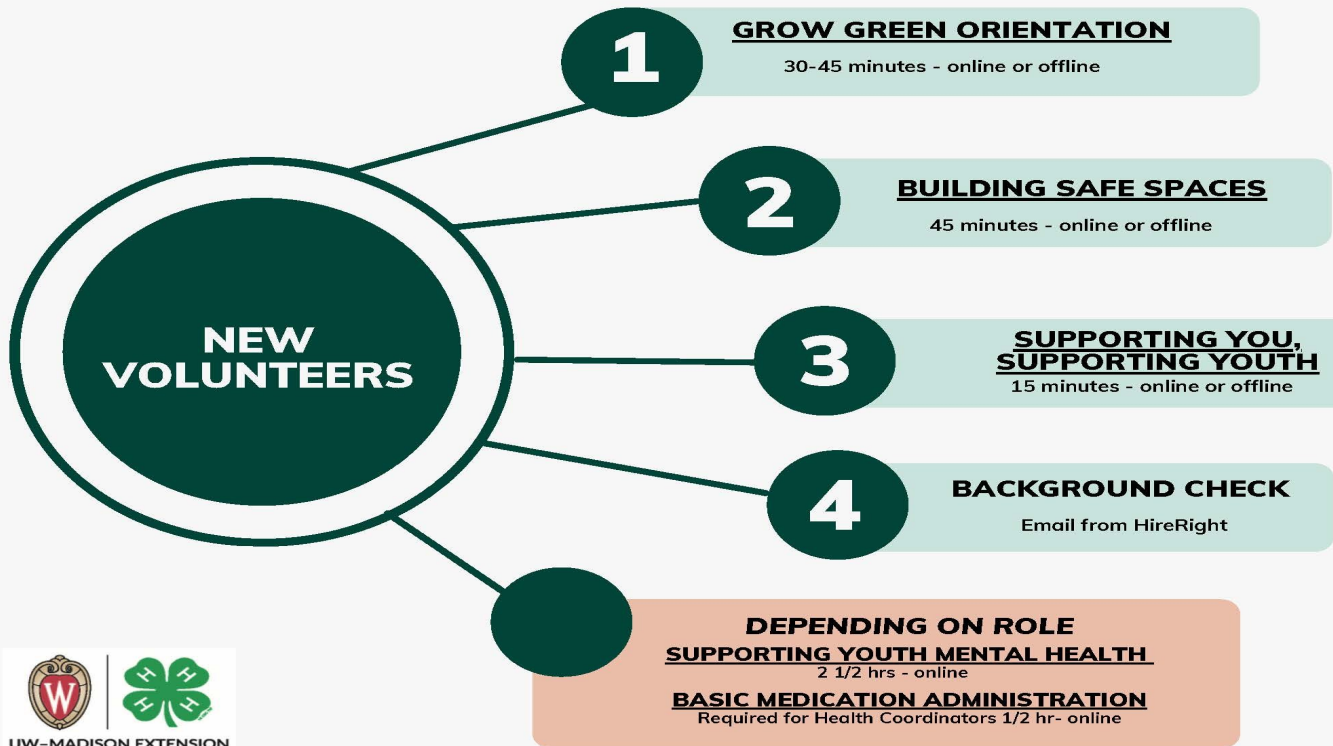
**DISCOVER HOW TO TURN
EVERYDAY ITEMS FROM
YOUR BACKYARD INTO
ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES.**



4-H Thriving Model



4-H Volunteers






WHY 4-H?

#wi4hmovement



The Wisconsin 4-H MOVEMENT

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In Wisconsin 4-H we value:

Being Yourself



Find and share your authentic sparks and interests;

Belonging Together



Recognize, understand, respect, and appreciate each other;

Building Connections



Grow positive relationships with peers and adults;

Discovering Skills



Develop skills through hands-on learning to help you succeed and thrive;

Exploring New Opportunities



Open the door to new experiences, projects and places;

Giving Back to Your Community



Make meaningful contributions through community service and leadership.

BELONGING

MASTERY

INDEPENDENCE

GENEROSITY

To Make The Best Better.



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What ELSE does 4-H have to offer?

WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors:

Dairy & Animal Science Program:

- * [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- * [Dairy Quiz Bowl](#)
- * [State Dairy Judging Contest](#)
- * [James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award](#)

Dog Program:

- * [State Dog Agility Show](#)
- * [State Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show](#)
- * [State Dog Quiz Bowl](#)

Horse Program:

- * [State 4-H Gymkhana -](#)
- * [State 4-H Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl, & Hippology Contest](#)
- * [State Horse Expo](#)
- * [State 4-H Horse Leader's Conference](#)
- * [4-H Hunt & Dressage Show](#)
- * [Midwest Horse Fair Tack Sale](#)

Leadership:

- * [WI 4-H Leadership Council](#)
- * [Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership](#)
- * [Restorative Justice Summit](#)
- * [Fall Forum](#)
- * [Summer Academy](#)

Livestock Program:

- * [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- * [State Livestock Judging Contest](#)
- * [Meats Judging Contest](#)
- * [Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-Thon Contest](#)

Global Citizenship:

- * [International Exchange](#)
- * [Summer Outbound Travel Program](#)
- * [Summer Inbound Hosting Program](#)

Shooting Sports:

- * [Competitive Shoots](#)

Travel Experiences:

- * [American Spirit East](#)
- * [Citizenship Washington Focus](#)
- * [Space Camp](#)
- * [National 4-H Conference](#)
- * [National 4-H Congress](#)

Awards & Scholarships:

- * [Key Awards](#)
- * [Crowley Dairy Leadership Award](#)
- * [WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship](#)



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