



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
WASHINGTON COUNTY

4-H Programming for Washington County: January 2025



Extension 4-H Educator Ron Jakubisin serves as the chartering authority over 4-H clubs, countywide projects and the Leaders Association in Washington County.

Responsibilities include:

- 4-H club development
- Volunteer management
- Youth & adult leadership development
- Youth in public leadership and civic engagement
- Guide best practices set forth by state & national 4-H mission

Needs Assessment (Identified Needs)

Focus Groups conducted in April and August with the sixteen 4-H Club adult leaders focused on emerging needs specific to Washington County 4-H. Highlights include:

- Increase youth voice in Leaders Association, increase engagement of high school-aged youth members, create opportunities for countywide connectedness for youth members through workshops and social events.
- Increase support to adult leaders with program materials, and strategies to orient new families more quickly into 4-H.
- Redesigning 4-H webpage for a simplified look in order to find needed policies, forms, announcements, etc.

Completed Projects

- Countywide Project Leader (Adults) Training (Nov.)
- Summer Camp Planning Committee Mtgs. (Nov., Dec.)
- 4-H Teen Connect (high school) event (Nov.)
- Overnight Camp Counselor Training (Nov.)
- 4-H Leaders Association By-Law Restructure (Dec.)
- Development of Youth Camp Counselor Application (Dec.)

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Current Projects

Assistance to 4-H Club Leadership

- Attend monthly 4-H Club meetings
- Ongoing individual meetings with Club Leaders to identify specific needs for their clubs (i.e. volunteer training, teaching resources, community engagement)

Increase Youth Leadership Skills

- Youth Officer Training Part 2—Jan. 16th, 2025
- Applications for Teen Camp Leaders currently open Jan. 3– Feb. 14, 2025
- Summer Camp Planning Committee Meeting begin in January
- 4-H Teen Connect Series (high school-aged leadership event) planning in progress for January event (leadership, team-building, countywide engagement)

4-H Volunteer Engagement

- Providing strategic leadership in 4-H Leaders Association Board restructuring including one youth from each club to join the Board for youth input, engagement in Board governance, and promote their club's 4-H activities, events and civic engagement

4-H Volunteer Management

- Strategic planning with board members in 4-H Leaders Association Board restructuring. This will include adding one youth from each club to join the Board for youth input, engagement in Board governance, and promote their club's 4-H activities, events and civic engagement

WI 4-H AmeriCorps in Washington County

- Managing the AmeriCorps member who is engaged in 4-H programming in the county. Specifically, club development with Casa Guadalupe and Youth and Family Project Inc. and programs at Boys & Girls Club. The AmeriCorps position runs until May, averaging 28 hours a week in the Wash. Co. 4-H program.