



Educator Program Report

4-H Washington County Programming: May 2025



4-H Educator Ron Jakubisin serves as the chartering authority to 4-H clubs, countywide projects and Leaders Association in Wash. Co.

Responsibilities include:

- Club development
- Volunteer management
- Youth & adult leadership development
- Guide best practices set forth by state & national 4-H mission

Needs Assessment

Identified needs were a result of focus groups conducted in April 2024 and August 2024 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 policies, forms, announcements, etc.

Completed Projects

- Interviewed 22 4-H high-school teens for camp counselor volunteer positions.
- April Teen Connect with 19 High School-age 4-H youth for socializing and countywide connectedness.
- Washington County 4-H Summer Camp registration is now closed with 59 campers (3rd-8th grade); 11 campers 7th & 8th grade); 22 High School-aged camp counselors; and 15 adults for a total of 107 Registered.
- Summer Camp training held in April included New Camp Counselor training for 1st time volunteers (high schoolers & adults). Training #2 & #3 will be in May
- Attended County Club/Project meetings during this quarter to provide assistance to club/project leaders with 4-H resources. Evening visits to Clubs/Projects include: Dog Project; Leaders Association Board Meeting; Trust Fund Board Meeting; Crocheting/Knitting, Talking Turkey Tuesday; Tri-County Shoot Sports Tournament; Basketry and 4-H Camp Planning Meetings.

Current Projects

- Planning for Summer Camp Volunteer training #2 & #3 will be in May.
- Planning for Family Orientation for Campers for May 29th.
- Co-planning with 4-H Educator, Kelly Dione, for 4-H Summer Day Camps (3)
- Manage AmeriCorps member for Spring & Summer programming
- Office logistics and organization for office downsizing and eventual relocation.
- 4-H Action & Promotion Booth planning for County Fair
- Fall 2025 4-H calendar planning

2024-2025 Enrollment

689 youth

↑ 16.4%

Testimony: "I wanted to thank you so very much for organizing the 4-H Teen Connect event (as well as other ones). Our son had a blast and would love to repeat the experience. I also wanted to give the great thumbs up to all the youth cheering one another on. It was awesome to see the participation."

~ father of 4-H Youth