



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Educator Program Report

4-H Washington County Programming: January 2026



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

Fall Focus:

The 4-H year begins with enrollment every September, usually right after the holiday. Enrollment applies to youth and volunteers previously in 4-H the year before, or if they are first-timers and are new to 4-H. Adult volunteer enrollment includes a one mandated training on child protection laws and a background check every two years. Club leaders also have the responsibility of setting up their Club's goals for the year with projected activities, the process is called 'Club Chartering'.

Completed Projects

- October - Club's Annual Financial Reports are reviewed by the educator and submitted to the state 4-H office
- October - 4-H TWEEN Connect - held for 5th-7th graders with high school youth as leaders
- Oct./Nov./Dec. - 1st Tues of Month, attend 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting working with youth and adult volunteers in meeting program policies and 4-H program guidelines
- August Camp Debrief Meeting for successfully completed June camp. 21 High School-aged camp counselors and 14 adults with evaluation feedback of teen and adult counselor; goal setting for 2026 camp
- October 31-Nov. 2- Attend statewide 4-H Fall Forum with 11 Wash Co 4-H members. Presented workshop at conference on youth leadership.

- Nov. 13th - Coordinated Youth Club Officer training w/45 in attendance. Taught Robert's Rule of Order, breakout sessions on officer position responsibilities and team building
- November - First Summer Camp planning meeting with volunteers, youth teen counselor applications out Nov. 11-Dec. Interviews for teen counselors on Dec. 9th and 11th with New Counselor training on Dec. 16th.
- Attend Club meetings to work on meeting structure, recruitment, and 4-H policies including Horse and Pony Club and Addison Achievers.
- On-going: work with Extension staff and 4-H volunteers to pack the Extension office, volunteers assisting in moving 4-H club items to off site storage unit for Dec. move to MPTC

Current Projects

- Summer Camp trainings begin with a full Saturday training on January 17th, with training in Feb., March and April. A May orientation will take place for new families with camp taking place June 11-13th.
- Coordinate a Quarter 3 Club Leader/Project Leader meeting to disseminate lesson resources, facilitation tips and reminders.
- There will be a Family Connect, modeled after the Teen Connect, held in January that will have family activities and challenges. All of the 16 county clubs will be invited.



(Officer Training held Nov. 13 taught officer position roles and Robert's Rule of Order to youth officers 4th grade and older)