

# 4-H Flyer



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Jackson County 4-H Newsletter

June/July 2025

Jackson County 4-H has four photography minicamps planned for the summer Jackson County UW-Extension office. Sessions are open to youth in grades three through seven. Youth can sign up for all sessions or just the ones that interest them. Each session is limited to fifteen youth.

Sessions are planned for:

- June 17 Nature Photography
- July 1 Portraits
- July 15 Still Life
- August 12 Candid

Each session goes from 10:00 AM to noon.

Interested families should call the Extension office at 715-284-4257 or email [alex.galston@wisc.edu](mailto:alex.galston@wisc.edu) to register.



The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.

## Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Share all the great stuff you are doing in your club with other Jackson County Clubs!

Share projects your club has enjoyed, pictures of your club doing community service activities or having fun at an outing, upcoming events you have planned that you want to invite other clubs to. Whatever you think other Jackson County clubs might want to know about what your club has been doing.

Club reporters send typed articles and pictures to [alex.galston@wisc.edu](mailto:alex.galston@wisc.edu) by the **15th of the month!** Getting information in by the 15th will ensure your addition is added.



## Cloverbud Project Looking for Adult Leaders

The Cloverbud Project is looking for Adult Volunteers to lead the project. Project leader responsibilities include planning and leading one county Cloverbud activity once a month.

The Cloverbuds Project is for youth in grades kindergarten through second. Project activities are tailored to the youth's developmental age and interests and only limited by the leaders' imaginations.

If you have interest becoming the Cloverbud project leader, interested in co-leading, or have questions contact Alex Galston at

[Alex.galston@wisc.edu](mailto:Alex.galston@wisc.edu)

## Upcoming 4-H Leader Shooting Sports Certification Events

Shooting Sports is an incredibly popular project in Jackson County. The Shooting Sports Project is looking for more volunteers to help with the increased interest in the program. If your youth enjoys participating in Shooting Sports or you are interested in becoming a certified Shooting Sports volunteer please consider attending the training

This link will provide registration details on all certification workshops currently scheduled. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>



## Planter Barrels to Lend at the UW-Extension Office

The Fair Board has a limited number of flower barrels available for clubs, projects, or individual youth to check out. These flower barrels can be obtained at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office, 227 S 11th St Black River Falls.

Youth groups and individuals are encouraged to show off their eyes for design and green thumbs by entering in the Junior Class flower barrel competition. Entries will be displayed around the fairgrounds during the fair.

More information about the flower barrel competition can be found on page 34 of the fair book or at [www.jacksoncountyfairwi.com](http://www.jacksoncountyfairwi.com)

## Registration Open for 2025 National 4-H Congress

Are you looking for your next leadership and travel opportunity? Look no further than National 4-H Congress! This educational experience is set to take place from **November 28-December 2, 2025!** National 4-H Congress is an excellent opportunity for older youth to come together with other youth from across the Country to learn about a wide variety of topics and celebrate their 4-H careers!

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Highlights include educational workshops, exploring the city, international events, community service, educational tours, and the National Congress Gala. You can learn more on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-congress/>.

The registration fee is approximately \$1,500 per participant, dependent on flight costs. Scholarships are available at the state level, contact your local 4-H educator for County scholarship information.

Questions regarding National 4-H Congress? Reach out to [justin.lieck@wisc.edu](mailto:justin.lieck@wisc.edu)

## Come attend a 4-H Garden Club Session this Summer!

4-H will have gardening activities every other Wednesday this summer at the Jackson County UW-Extension office.

Learn how to plan a garden, setting up a flower barrel for the fair, pollinators, pests, and what to do with all that produce! Youth can attend all sessions or just sign up for what interests them.

Sessions are planned for:

- June 11
- June 25
- July 9
- July 23
- August 6
- August 20

There will be a 10:00 AM—11:30AM session for youth in grades three through seven and a 1:30PM to 3:00 PM session for Cloverbuds on activity days

Cloverbud and regular 4-H sessions are limited to fifteen youth each.

Interested families should call the Extension office at 715-284-4257 or email [alex.galston@wisc.edu](mailto:alex.galston@wisc.edu) to register





# Summer Gardening Club

Every other Wednesday  
10 to 11:30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> graders  
1:30 to 3:00pm for K to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

Jackson County 4-H is hosting Summer Gardening club. Each session will cover a different topic; from planning a garden layout to cooking and preserving produce.

Our first session is June 11<sup>th</sup> on planning garden beds and designing flower barrels. Our learners will learn how to use Thrillers, Fillers, and Spillers to create exciting flower Barrels.



Each session will be at the Jackson County UW Extension, 227 S 11<sup>th</sup> Black River Falls.

Our sessions are limited to 15 learners.

Please call 715-284-4257 or email [alex.galston@wisc.edu](mailto:alex.galston@wisc.edu) to reserve your spot.



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Registration opens soon for

# 2025 National 4-H Congress

Nov 28 - Dec 2,  
2025  
Atlanta, GA



An Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Educational Workshops & Tours
- City Exploration
- International Events
- Community Service
- World-Renowned Speakers
- State and Congress-wide meetings
- National 4-H Congress Gala

Estimated cost: \$1,500 per participant



Registration open in 4HOnline from  
June 1-30th!



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## Wisconsin 4-H Policy Updates for 2025-26

Wisconsin 4-H is continually reviewing and updating policies to provide clarification and guidance to clubs and volunteers. A full list of 4-H policies and updates can be found at:

[Wisconsin 4-H Policies – Wisconsin 4-H](#)

### **4-H Leader Organizations (New Policy)** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-leader-organizations/>

Although not required for county-based 4-H programs, 4-H Leaders Organizations are chartered 4-H groups that provide opportunities for 4-H volunteers and youth leaders to support the local 4-H program. Much like a school PTO/PTA (Parent Teacher Organization/Association), 4-H Leader Organizations activities include:

- Fundraising for 4-H programs and activities
- Supplemental recognition for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers including awards and scholarships
- County-wide 4-H programming
- 4-H Promotion

As with all chartered 4-H clubs and groups, 4-H Leader Organizations are accountable to the local 4-H Program Educator and must submit an annual Charter Application and Annual Financial Report.

### **4-H Alumni Groups (New Policy)**

4-H Leader Organizations may establish 4-H Alumni Committees focused on fostering networking opportunities for 4-H alumni, promoting alumni involvement in the 4-H program through roles such as guest

speakers or volunteers, and supporting fundraising efforts for the Leader Organization. These committees will consist of approved 4-H volunteers; however, the committee could plan events open exclusively to 4-H Alumni with 4-H Program Educator approval.

### **Wisconsin 4-H Membership Policies (Updated Policy)**

Youth who have disabilities, and are enrolled in a public or private high school special education services, may ask for an exemption from the enrollment age requirement by completing the [Disability Accommodation Request Form](#). All requests must be approved by the Wisconsin 4-H State Program Leader.

### **Record Books (New Policy)**

Wisconsin 4-H does not require a record book for membership. Individual 4-H clubs and groups cannot mandate that youth submit a record book to maintain their membership status. However, 4-H Program Educators, 4-H Clubs and/or 4-H Groups may create recognition programs where record books are considered as part of the criteria for selection of awards, scholarships or participation in specific activities.

### **Dual 4-H Membership Policy (New Policy)**

Youth who live with different family members in two separate counties during a Wisconsin 4-H program year (October 1 – September 30) may request dual membership in both counties. This unique situation allows youth to participate in 4-H activities in both counties, but it comes with specific guidelines and requirements.

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The following steps must be followed:

1. Collaboration with 4-H Program Educators: Families must work closely with 4-H Program Educators in both counties to seek approval for dual county membership. This step is essential to ensure that both counties are aware of the membership request, and to gain clarity on the responsibilities and expectations associated with dual membership.
2. Understanding the Implications: Families should fully understand what dual membership entails, including the potential impact on participation in county, state and national 4-H programs, events, and opportunities. It's important to clarify how the youth's involvement will be managed across both counties, including how attendance, leadership roles, and project work will be coordinated. Wisconsin 4-H does not support participation by the same 4-H member in similar competitive 4-H events across two different counties.

By following these steps, families can ensure a smooth process for requesting dual membership while adhering to Wisconsin 4-H policies. The goal is to support youth in their 4-H experience while maintaining fairness and consistency across county programs.

### **4-H Volunteers**

All new and updated Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Policies can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H Policy website:

[4-H Volunteers – Wisconsin 4-H](#)

### **Re-Enrollment (New Policy)**

All returning Wisconsin 4-H volunteers are required to re-enroll annually between September 1 and November 1. All required trainings and background checks must be completed by December 1. The 4-H Program Educator or their designee has until December 15 to approve all eligible returning 4-H volunteers. IMPORTANT: A submitted application/enrollment form does not mean that an individual is an approved volunteer. Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers cannot be in custodial care of youth.

### **Supervision Ratios (Updated Policy)**

Many Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities welcome—and often encourage—parent or guardian participation to enhance their child(ren)'s experience. When a parent or guardian is present, they retain custodial responsibility for their child(ren), and those youth will not be included in staff or volunteer supervision ratios. It's important to note that both the parent/guardian and their child(ren) are expected to follow the Wisconsin 4-H Code of Conduct. Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers are not permitted to assume custodial responsibility for youth other than their own.