

100 WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE WISCONSIN 4-H CENTENNIAL



1. Honor the 4-H leader who has the most continuous years of service
2. Put together a time capsule that will be buried and then reopened on the 150th anniversary of 4-H in your county
3. Have an ice cream social in your county courthouse and invite the town/county to celebrate 4-H's birthday
4. Create a float for a local parade and pass out centennial balloons or tattoos
5. Decorate trash barrels at the county fair with the centennial theme and logo
6. Have a 4-H party at a long-term care facility. Create games and decorate, provide refreshments using a 4-H theme. Have seniors share what life was like when they were ages 8-18
7. Make, document and track a club pledge of 100 things each member will do to be healthy in 2014. This could involve exploring substance abuse prevention issues, eating healthier snacks at 4-H club meetings, exercising 100 times, individually or as a club... etc.
8. Have a 4-H Centennial display at local libraries, public buildings or?
9. Have a "remember when" radio spot featuring 4-H memories from our oldest alumni

10. Create a digital slide show to illustrate the history of 4-H in your county
11. Hold a 4-H alumni day at county fair
12. Have volunteers staff a water station at a local fun run
13. Publicize 4-H activities in the local newspaper
14. Host a 4-H alumni dinner
15. Write letters to the editor describing what a difference 4-H has made in your life
16. Display a timeline of 4-H in your county and have clubs add information to it
17. Involve your local historical society in learning about the history of 4-H and work on a county 4-H centennial display together
18. Hold a “wear green” day to promote 4-H
19. Make a quilt that celebrates your county or club’s 4-H history
20. Sponsor a 4-H treasure hunt or scavenger hunt of 4-H history at the county fair or in your community/county sometime during the year.
21. Create a scrapbook of past and present 4-H activities
22. Host a run/walk/stroll (5K, 10K etc.) to celebrate Wisconsin 4-H
23. Host a club challenge to collect 100 items for a canned food drive
24. Hold a Clover Cow photo contest—the best Clover Cow photo will be selected by the county and sent to the State 4-H office. The top five will be selected by State Staff for use on the Centennial website
25. Host a PSA contest in your county. Youth will write and perform their 4-H PSAs in a contest. Judges will choose 5 winners to record their radio spots for 4-H and air them on the local radio station

26. Partner with local restaurants to create placemats to promote 4-H
27. Host a 4-H trivia contest and use 4-H tee shirts and other memorabilia as the prizes
28. Create 4-H promotional exhibits at businesses, fairs, schools, banks, supermarkets
29. Create 4-H survival kits [green life savers, 4-H pencil, 4-H calendar, etc) for teachers, leaders, school principals, county board members, etc.
30. Have a 4-H cookie baking marathon and distribute the cookies to police departments, fire stations, teachers, school boards, and other community services
31. Have a contest for best essay or feature stories about 4-H in your county
32. Host a 4-H family hay ride
33. Give a clover sticker to everyone you see smiling
34. Make clover shaped cookies and deliver to shut-ins
35. Decorate a bulletin board at your school or county courthouse with a 4-H fun fact for the week
36. Get a centennial proclamation from your county board and have the 4-H flag flown at the courthouse during service week
37. Compare the projects done in 4-H 100 years ago to the ones that are done now by searching your archives for local photos, talking to alumni or reviewing old record books
38. Host a 4-H history quiz bowl

39. While doing a grocery bagging service project [see service project ideas list]
Put a 4-H message in grocery bags at a local grocery store
40. Host a photo display of the last 100 years of 4-H in your county
41. Have a centennial exhibit at your fair so 4-H alumni can bring back their 4-H exhibits such as an apron, wood working project, poster, etc.
42. Honor families in your county with 4 or more generations in 4-H. Write an article for the local paper and share it with the state office. Make photo display for the 2014 fair booth to honor families with long-term commitments to 4-H
43. Partner with your Chamber of Commerce to host a clean-up day of your community's down-town area
44. Post a world map with pins to designate home towns of 100 international exchange 4-H participants
45. Run 100 miles with the 4-H centennial logo or the clover over the year
46. Plant 100 plants or flowers in your community
47. Hold a 4-H presentation for your local school board
48. Host a "green" recipe contest
49. Have youth do 4-H Centennial sidewalk art throughout the community
50. Interview 100 alumni asking, " How did 4-H make you the person you are today?" Share locally in newspapers and with the State office
51. Sell clover shaped cookies at concession stands
52. Make a weatherproof 4-H display for the local Farmer's market

53. Write an article about your 4-H Club or group and share it with your local newspaper
54. Do a genealogy project with the oldest 4-H family in your club/county
55. Do club activities that involve 100 of something, i.e., reading 100 books to young children at the library over the year, volunteering 100 hours to a cause in your community, etc.
56. Create a display of old projects/books/materials by 4-H alumni
57. Have your club create a list of 100 ways 4-H has positively influenced their lives
58. Have a 4-H centennial cake decorating contest
59. Have a goal for 2014 to increase the number of 4-H participants in your county by 100
60. Host a 4-H talent show
61. Have outfits at the Fair's Fashion Review contest to represent each decade that 4-H has been in Wisconsin
62. Create a video depicting the history of 4-H in your county
63. Host a 4-H birthday party at your local county fair
64. Have a display for "old" record books submitted from 4-H alumni (can't have been entered in 4-H competition during the past five years)
65. Make arts and crafts during 4-H club meetings that reflect the past, present and future of 4-H. Display them at local centennial celebrations and at the county fair

66. Make a wooden sign or banner display at your town's entrance or other highly visible area to let people know Wisconsin 4-H is 100 years old and still going strong!
67. Create a 4-H centennial float for a local parade
68. Place the Wisconsin Centennial logo on all 4-H printed materials in 2014 (newsletters, recognition certificates, banners, etc.)
69. Collect and display past county 4-H photographs
70. Organize a 100 year fashion show and present it at a local nursing home or senior center
71. Display a time-line at the fair with the history of 4-H in your county. Have clubs add information to the timeline
72. Conduct a 4-H themed coloring contest for Cloverbuds
73. Sponsor indoor winter walks with your local school district
74. Create a county 4-H history book highlighting 4-H's contributions to the county over the years
75. Create a 4-H speakers bureau to share centennial and other 4-H programming with local service groups
76. Give a new family in your area a welcome basket of items, including 4-H membership information
77. Plant a centennial flowerbed or community garden
78. Make Centennial buttons and pass them out at public events
79. Invite all friends of 4-H to participate in a community parade/march
80. Conduct a centennial beautification project in your community

81. Work with your local chamber of commerce to declare a local 4-H day of service during our centennial service month
82. Host a business after-hours with 4-H presentations on their contributions to the community/county
83. Sponsor a cook-off contest featuring locally grown products
84. Ask 4-H Centennial trivia questions before each major event and provide prizes for winners
85. Host a 4-H heritage day where old projects, brochures, newsletters and etc., are brought in for display
86. Sponsor a 4-H radio trivia contest with your local radio station
87. Include centennial information or fun facts about 4-H in your county in newsletters, on county websites and social media outlets
88. Hold a fun competition [hula hoop, juggling, etc.,] where contestants have to do 100 turns, 100 seconds, or similar without making mistakes. Award prizes
89. Invite 4-H ambassadors to hand out clover stickers at the county fair, every 100th recipient wins a prize
90. Organize a supply drive for local schools: gather 100 items such as mittens, hats, personal sized Kleenex, notebooks, pencils, or crayons, etc.
91. Organize a clover face-painting booth at your county fair
92. Create a drama event celebrating the growth of 4-H in your county
93. Create a centennial-themed series of geocaches in your county
94. Paint a 4-H mural in your community
95. Plant a centennial garden and donate produce to the local food pantry

96. Plant a tree (or trees) in your county in honor of the centennial
97. Host teaching nights to showcase the broad range of 4-H activities, such as cooking, sewing, animal care, computer basics or other projects your club specializes in
98. Host a music event at a local nursing home, Head Start program or other community location
99. Hold a Centennial carwash fund raiser
100. Host a STEM demonstration day and lead community members through robotics and other STEM-related projects your club does