



# CELEBRATE THE WISCONSIN 4-H CENTENNIAL WITH SERVICE!

*April is the Wisconsin 4-H Service Month and a great time to give back to your community! Below you will find a list of ideas for service projects and resource links, but these aren't the only possibilities. Take some time to reflect on your community, identify needs and plan a service project that will make a difference AND celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Wisconsin!*

1. 100 letters challenge-write letters to soldiers letting them know you appreciate their service
2. Make Hero Packs for OMK: Operation Military kids to support Wisconsin military families
3. Trick or Treat for UNICEF
4. Make cards and decorations to celebrate holidays in Senior Centers, extended care facilities, hospitals or nursing homes
5. Collect, repair and donate used bikes to a community agency
6. Help elders in your communities mow, pull weeds, shovel snow, paint
7. Present special talents (music, dance, etc.) to nursing homes
8. Organize a food drive for a local food bank. 100 cans (or 100 pounds) challenge depending on the size of the club
9. Organize winter clothing drive in your community
10. Read 100 books to children in a library program
11. Collect used magazines and take them to preschools for arts and crafts
12. 100 bag challenge-100 bags of trash collected. Could be done in highway clean up or park clean up
13. Organize a community Arbor Day celebration-plant trees in public areas
14. Build bird feeders to give to senior citizens or aviary societies
15. 100 mile challenge-organize active wellness events such as bike rides or hikes
16. 100 Blue Ribbon Recipes-collect 4-H recipes from the past and present
17. Collaborate with local homeless services organizations to help cook and serve a meal
18. Volunteer 100 hours at the food bank/food pantry

19. Volunteer with Meals on Wheels
20. Volunteer to give age-appropriate after-school safety tips at daycare centers and grade schools
21. Collect 100 children's books or toys; donate to Head Start, a shelter, or other non-profit organization
22. Work with the fire department to promote safety awareness programs in your community
23. Volunteer to read to seniors at local nursing homes
24. Give 100 potted plants or flowers to nursing home residents [check with facility to find out what plants are allowed]
25. Volunteer at an animal shelter
26. 100 kids explore science challenge-conduct a National 4-H Science Day experiment in your community
27. Interview elderly alumni to preserve their 4-H stories in a video you create
28. Host a county-wide "safety day" camp
29. Revitalize an old playground
30. Create a Little Free Library ([littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org))
31. Make a wooden sign or banner for display at the town's entrance, or other highly visible area, to let people know Wisconsin 4-H is 100 years old
32. Work with nearby Project Linus chapters to make blankets for critically ill children
33. Collect or knit 100 pairs of new socks and donate to Socks for Seniors or other community organization
34. Make 100 party favors for a local daycare or nursery school to celebrate a holiday or the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial
35. Give out 100 balloons, pencils, or pins at your local county fair
36. Bake 100 4-H cookies or cupcakes and give them to the local police, fire, and ambulance workers to say thank you for their service to the community
37. Sew 100 hats, neck warmers, pairs of mittens and donate them to a local agency or elementary school
38. Sew 100 lap robes for nursing home residents
39. Paint a moveable mural about the history of 4-H that can be placed at community events.
40. Host an ice cream social and invite people in your town to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of 4-H
41. Build and distribute 100 bat houses or bird feeders [work with your local DNR to see if you can build bird houses for specific local birds]

42. Donate 100 hours of service at a local agency
43. In conjunction of “friends of a local trail organization” renovate a hiking trail and put up a sign dedicating your efforts in honor of the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial
44. Work with local Master Gardener volunteers to plan and plant a 4-H garden at the local county Extension office, local school, community center or church
45. Do face painting at a local event
46. Collaborate with a community organization’s “adopt a family program,” for the holidays
47. Collaborate with local schools to serve as reading and writing mentors to young elementary students
48. Collect 100 pounds of food or 100 pet care items for the local humane society
49. Conduct an Easter Egg Hunt in your community—place special prizes inside of plastic, green eggs
50. Make 100 Halloween Safety Kits for youth in local elementary schools
51. Raise money for Braille or large print books for blind or visually impaired people
52. Read books or the newspaper for blind or visually impaired people
53. Make 100 quilts to donate to an organization providing services for homeless individuals
54. Host a drive to fill suitcases with personal care items to assist local women’s’ shelters or other assistance organizations
55. Create decorative shoeboxes filled with stationery items for children of offenders to write his/her incarcerated parent
56. Plan several Make It-Take It crafts and let children do them for free at the fair, mall, or similar event
57. For more community services resources see the following:
58.
  - a. <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/ServiceLearning.cfm#desc>
  - b. <http://www.serve.gov/>
  - c. <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/>
  - d. <https://www.nationalserviceresources.org/>
  - e. <http://www.teenink.com/Resources/CommunityR.php>