

100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H

Celebrating Centuries: Past, Present, and Future

This year's continuing Special Emphasis is designed to help members, parents and leaders focus on connecting with the past, present, and future of Wisconsin 4-H.



4-H was established in Wisconsin in 1914. Currently, 35,680 young people belong to 1,336 4-H community clubs in the state of Wisconsin. 17,761 adults participate as 4-H volunteer leaders. Participating in the Special Emphasis theme this year will bring us closer together in spirit with these youth and adults across the state.

Our hope is that through participation in the Special Emphasis Program over the next year, knowledge will be gained in:

- The origins of the 4-H program and how it is connected to the university system and the community
- The unique history of 4-H clubs in Washington County
- The many ways in which 4-H can support positive development in young people and families

Participants will reach a better understanding of:

- How 4-H has grown and evolved over the past 100 years
- How 4-H impacts the community
- How 4-H has affected their lives and how they have grown through their 4-H experiences

There will be opportunities to:

- Revisit the past
- Celebrate the present
- Imagine the future

Our hope is that you...

Open your head to new ideas to learn about our history and heritage as a program. That your thinking will be stretched and knowledge will be gained.

Open your heart to the people in your club, county, and community as you celebrate the great things we do in 4-H's present.

Open your hands to help others who need assistance through service learning opportunities that honor the past, present, and future of 4-H as a community engaged organization.

Open your eyes to make healthy choices that empower you to positively impact others for your club, community, country and world.

PLEASE NOTE: As exciting Centennial opportunities come up during the year, we would like to stay in touch with your club's Special Emphasis team. Please make sure your Special Emphasis Committee Chair has provided their e-mail and telephone number to the UW-Extension Office.

COUNTYWIDE & STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Visit 100years.wi4h.org for Centennial updates throughout the year!

“100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H: Celebrating Centuries Past, Present, and Future”

Thursday, November 21

An introductory program exploring the many ways you can celebrate the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial with your club, presented on November 21 for adult and youth leader club teams.

Special Emphasis Early Report: Due February 15

All club team members submitting a report will receive a fun and useful prize related to the Special Emphasis theme.

Washington County Historical Society Workshop – “Collecting Oral History”:

March 13, 2014

Mark your calendars for this workshop at the Washington County Historical Society on Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. You will learn how to conduct an effective interview with someone who can tell you stories about the past. Experts from the Historical Society staff will share tips for helping your interview subject feel comfortable and share detailed memories. The workshop will take place in the classroom on the 2nd floor at the Historical Society in West Bend. The workshop costs \$2 per participant. Please register using the form in this binder by Friday, March 7, 2014.

Washington County Communication & Arts Festival: March 16, 2014

Members are encouraged to use the theme “100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H” for the **Communication & Arts Festival** in the categories where it applies (**creative writing, posters, etc.**). Specific guidelines will be printed in the January newsletter. **Entries are due February 28th.**

4-H Day at the Capitol in Madison: March 19, 2014

This is Wisconsin’s largest and most exciting state-wide Centennial event! This event is open to 4-H youth, leaders, educators, volunteers, and friends of 4-H. The day will run from approximately 10:00 am until 2:00 pm and will include the following:

- Legislative visits
- 4-Hers making music in the capitol rotunda
- 4-H exhibits on the second floor of the rotunda

Contact Jackie Askins at jackie.askins@uwex.edu or Christina Rencontre at christina.rencontre@uwex.edu if you would like to participate in this event.

Celebrate 100 Years of 4-H Fiber Arts: April 9-June 22, 2014

The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts in Cedarburg, Wisconsin will be displaying an exhibition called "Fiber Arts for a Reason" from April 9 –June 22, 2014. A special part of the exhibit will include "100 Years of 4-H Fiber Arts" that will showcase the skills developed by 4-H members as they learned sewing, quilting, needlework, knitting & crocheting, macramé, weaving, and more. If you have questions about the exhibit, please contact Kay Buelke Schroeder at (262) 242-6586 or kschroeder36@wi.rr.com. For information on how to arrange a visit to the museum, go to www.wiquiltmuseum.com or call (262) 546-0300.

Club Booths at the Washington County Fair: July 22-27, 2014

Clubs may enter a booth under Jr. Dept. 132, Class No. 1 in the Washington County Fair. The booth should explore the theme of "100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H". Booths must be in place by 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 22. Face to face judging will take place on Wednesday, July 23. Clubs who have entered booths will be asked to have a team of 3-5 members meet with judges to answer questions about their booth. Clubs will be assigned a time for judging and will be notified about that time prior to the 2014 Washington County Fair.

4-H Scavenger Hunt at the Washington County Fair: July 22-27, 2014

Search for 4-H clues throughout the fair! Stop at the 4-H Action Center in the Ziegler Building to pick up your Scavenger Hunt clues. When you have completed the Scavenger Hunt, return your card to the 4-H Action Center to pick up a prize. Spread the word to friends and family that the Scavenger Hunt is open to everybody, not just those in 4-H!

Birthday Party at the Fair: Date TBD (during the 2014 Washington County Fair)

Get ready for Washington County 4-H's biggest birthday party ever! We will be celebrating the past, present, and future at the county fair and singing a rousing rendition of the "Happy Birthday" song for Wisconsin 4-H. All are welcome – current 4-H members and their families, future 4-H members, and 4-H alumni. Check the Cloverline for more information and an invitation letter that can be shared with 4-H alumni.

Washington County Historical Society Workshop "Preparing an Exhibit": Date TBD

Don't miss this workshop at the Washington County Historical Society on (date TBD). You will learn how to assemble a historical exhibit using artifacts, historical research, and photographs. Experts from the Historical Society staff will teach you how to create an exhibit that effectively tells a story. This would be a great workshop for any 4-H members working on their club history displays! It would also be an excellent opportunity for club historians to learn more about effective storytelling through historical memorabilia. The workshop will take place in the classroom on the 2nd floor at the Historical Society in West Bend. The workshop costs \$2 per participant. A registration form will be sent to clubs as soon as a date is finalized.

Special Emphasis Final Report: Due September 15

Please include pictures with your report if possible. Washington County 4-H Clubs submitting a report will receive \$25 from the Washington County 4-H Leaders Association. Each club team that submits a final report will be recognized at the 2014 4-H Achievement & Recognition Night.

4-H Week Window Displays: October 5-11, 2014

Clubs may enter Window Displays to celebrate National 4-H Week, and are encouraged to use the theme "100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H" for their displays.

4-H Historical Exhibit at the Old Courthouse Museum: Dates TBD

Stop by the Old Courthouse Museum in West Bend to see this 4-H history exhibit on display. The museum is open during the following hours:

Wednesday – Friday: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Admission fees are:

Adults (17-61): \$5.00

Children (6-16) & Seniors (62+): \$4.00

Children (5 & under): Free

Cloverbud Activities:

- **TBD Date in April** – The Cloverbud Mini Lock-in will feature a "crafting throughout the century" theme to honor the past 100 years of 4-H. Watch the Cloverline for registration.

Club Activities

Listed below is a series of activities that clubs can use at their meetings to explore the “100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H” theme. The program has been divided into sections based on the type of the activity.

Materials can be checked out from the UW-Extension Office. Please request any photocopies you need for activities at least one week in advance.

Exploring the Concept of 100 Years (Introductory Activities)

The activities in this section of the binder make great discussion starters. These activities are perfect for beginning your club’s learning in the Special Emphasis theme.

- 1. What Does the 4-H Pledge Really Mean?:** We say the 4-H Pledge to start off every club meeting – but do we ever stop to think about what the words mean? In this activity, youth will learn the history of the 4-H pledge and discuss the deeper meaning of the pledge’s message. Time needed: 10 minutes.
- 2. Inspirations to Celebrate “100”:** One hundred is a big number! This is a list of ideas for your club’s Special Emphasis team to explore the concept of “one hundred” in many fun ways. Think about how big one hundred really is while you get to know each other better. Time needed: Varies depending on the activity you choose.
- 3. How Do You Spell Centennial?:** What is a centennial anyway? Learn to spell the word “centennial” with your club and introduce this special occasion in Wisconsin 4-H history. Centennial letter cards for this activity are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 10-15 minutes.
- 4. 100 Reasons and Lessons:** If you are a member or leader in 4-H, we hope that 4-H has made a positive impact on your life. This activity encourages clubs to collect 100 things they have learned from 4-H or 100 great 4-H experiences. These would be great additions to your club historian’s scrapbook! Time needed: 15-20 minutes.



Shake Up Your Club Meeting with the 4-H Centennial:

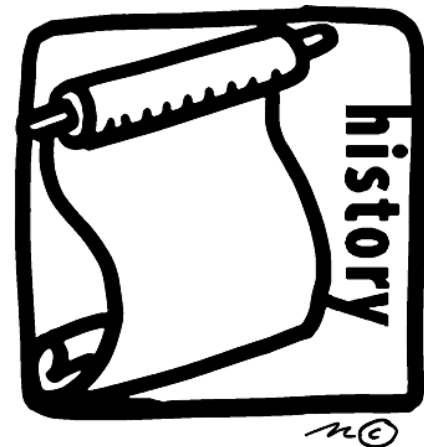
These activities make great energizers, icebreakers, time fillers, or team builders during 4-H club meetings – and they'll help you learn about 4-H history, too!

1. **4-H Mad Libs:** Do you know the story of how 4-H began? Your club can create your own wild and wacky version of the 4-H origin story with a fun Mad Libs format. Time needed: 10-15 minutes.
2. **100 4-H Words to Alphabetize:** There are so many great things about 4-H. Take this list of 100 of them and put it in alphabetical order! This is a brain-bending challenge for 4-H members that could be used before, during, or after a club meeting. Time needed: 10-15 minutes.
3. **A Century of Wisconsin 4-H Crossword Puzzle:** Learn facts about the history of 4-H while completing this crossword puzzle. This activity could keep club members occupied as they are waiting for the meeting to begin. Time needed: 10 minutes.
4. **100 Cup Structure:** Have you ever seen 100 of something all at once? This game challenges two teams of 4-Hers to build a structure using 100 cups. Sets of cups are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 10-15 minutes.
5. **"Who's Who In Our Club" Scavenger Hunt:** Use this scavenger hunt template to get to know your fellow club members better. This activity celebrates all of the personalities and talents that your club has in 4-H's present.

Exploring 4-H History

These activities will allow you to delve into the past and experience life as a 4-H member may have lived it 100 years ago. You will also learn some of the historical facts about 4-H's organizational history.

1. **Games from the Past:** Try three old fashioned games to learn how 4-H members amused themselves in years past. Game supplies are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 15-20 minutes.
2. **Guess that 4-H Artifact:** Using your sense of touch, try to guess the object in the artifact box and see if you can figure out how it relates to 4-H history. Artifact boxes are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 10-15 minutes.



3. **Celebration Jeopardy:** Test your knowledge of 4-H history facts and trivia with this jeopardy game. The Celebration Jeopardy Game Board is available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: Up to 1 hour.
4. **The Cost of Food Now (2014) and Then (1914):** How much do you think it cost to purchase groceries in 1914? Step back in time to the year when 4-H began and use this game to see how accurately you can guess the prices of common food items then and now. Food price cards are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 20 minutes.
5. **4-H Heritage Relay:** Learn what items 4-Hers may have used for projects years ago in this fast-paced, interactive relay race. Relay supply bags are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 15-20 minutes.
6. **Then and Now Card Matching Game:** This game can be played in teams to identify similarities and differences in Wisconsin 4-H past and present. "Then and Now" game cards are available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: 5-15 minutes.
7. **Where Can 4-H Take You?:** Your 4-H accomplishments build a foundation for a promising future. In this game, participants match pictures of notable 4-H alumni with their names and careers.
8. **4-H Timeline: How Major Events Affected 4-H:** This activity helps youth explore significant events in 4-H. Time needed: 10-20 minutes.

Ongoing Projects

The following activities are projects that your club can work on throughout the year to strengthen your club unity and explore the unique history of your club.

1. **Alumni Postcards:** A letter and accompanying postcard is being developed as a tool for connecting with 4-H alumni and collecting stories from their 4-H experiences. These postcards will be exhibited at the Washington County Fair in a showcase of 4-H stories. Watch for more information in the Cloverline on how to assist with making alumni connections.
2. **Voices from the Past:** Conduct oral history interviews with 4-H alumni. Learn tips and tricks for effective interviewing and help to capture the stories of 4-H's history. A digital video camera for filming interviews is available for check-out from the UW-Extension Office. Time needed: approximately 1 hour per interview.
3. **Where is Clover the Cow?:** Clover the Cow (a 4-H mascot) loves to attend all kinds of 4-H activities. Take photos with Clover the Cow throughout our Centennial year and submit your photos to be included in a "Where is Clover the Cow?" slide show at the

2014 Achievement & Recognition Night. Extra Clover the Cow cutouts are available from the UW-Extension Office.

- 4. Washington County 4-H Club History Displays:** Create a display board that tells your club's unique story. Tri-fold display boards will be provided for each club. Research club history and create an engaging display that can be shared at the 2014 Washington County Fair and at other 4-H events.
- 6. 4-H Time Capsules:** Collect club memorabilia and pack it into a time capsule that will tell the story of your 4-H experience this year to 4-H members in the future. Time needed: 10-20 minutes.

Service Project Opportunities:

- 1. The Cookie Club:** Honor 100 years of 4-H serving the community with a sweet treat that supports the hard work of community members working in emergency services. Bake 100 cookies or cupcakes and donate them to local police, fire, or ambulance workers. Time needed: 30-60 minutes.
- 2. Cloverbuds/Explorers and Service:** Even the youngest 4-H members can honor the 4-H centennial with a service project! In this activity, Cloverbuds or Explorers make a pine cone bird feeder and donate it to a local organization such as a nature center or senior housing facility. Time needed: About 30 minutes.
- 3. Super Centennial Service Club:** Does your club do community service activities throughout the year? It's time to start counting up those hours! Inspire members to reach out and serve their communities while celebrating 4-H. Members or clubs that complete 100 hours of service will join the Super Centennial Service Club. Benchmark prizes will be offered along the way to clubs that document 20, 40, 80, or 100 hours of service. Time needed: 100 hours.
- 4. 4-H Flashback:** Try out one of the many activities or service projects that your club has done in years past. Use an action plan template to plan it out! Time needed: varies depending on type of activity selected.



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