

Wisconsin 4-H celebrated 100 years of growing leaders with 4-H Day at the Capitol



Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development will celebrate 100 years of positive youth development programming with several events in 2014. Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped youth grow the leadership, critical thinking and communications skills necessary to be successful in a constantly changing world.

To kick off the Centennial year, more than 800 4-H members and volunteers came to Madison for 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 19. 4-H'ers met with legislators,



shared displays in the Capitol Rotunda and celebrated with a noon rally.

Four 4-H youth and adults from Lincoln County visited Madison for 4-H Day at the Capitol to discuss the positive impacts of 4-H with their local legislature members.

4-H Day at the Capitol was a valuable opportunity for 4-H youth and adults to visit Madison and participate in the democratic process. Youth and adults who attended from Lincoln County included Caroline Lemke, Lori Lemke, Colleen Schult and Katelyn Schult.

Katelyn a youth member from the Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club said about the day, "It was fun and the building was big! There were lots of people wearing 4-H shirts at the capitol." Her mom and club leader for the Ham-

burg Hawks 4-H Club said "I enjoyed seeing so many youth from around the state representing 4-H and actively learning about citizenship."

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development will celebrate the Centennial with a few more statewide events throughout the year: April will be Wisconsin 4-H Statewide Service Month; and Aug. 5, 2014 is Wisconsin 4-H Day at the State Fair. Check out <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hcentennial/> to learn more about the last 100 years of Wisconsin 4-H and statewide events.

In addition to participating in these statewide events, a committee of older youth and adults has been planning for local events to celebrate. Events and projects include each 4-H club creating a club history.