



100 Years Of 4-H In Wisconsin

Celebrate 100 Years Of Wisconsin 4-H At The Fond du Lac County Fair

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The first 4-H club in Wisconsin was established in Linn County in 1914. The first 4-H clubs in Fond du Lac County were established in 1929. The focus of the 4-H program was to educate local youth. The mission of the 4-H program has not changed in 100 years. We are still educating and developing tomorrow's leaders.

See how 4-H has changed and grown. 4-H alumni are encouraged to return to the fair to watch the next generation of exhibitors. Special displays of famous 4-H alumni, of old 4-H projects and memorabilia, a looping slide show of past 4-H members and activities, and maps of

where 4-H alumni grew up and where they are today will be set up in the Recreation and Expo Buildings.

The fair will open with American and 4-H pledges on the morning of July 16.

Wear a 4-H or green shirt to create a sea of green on Friday, the 18th. At 4 p.m. the sea of green will meet at the horse show ring for a photograph forming the number 100. After that, a tug of war will be held.

All fairgoers are asked to bring in school supplies for the Back to School Program on Saturday, July 19. 4-H teen leaders will deliver the supplies as part of their community service effort, which is integral to the 4-H experience.

A special 4-H reunion will be held from 2 p.m.-

3:30 p.m. on the 19th in the Expo Building. A 4-H Family Feud competition with 4-H clubs' members and alumni will be sure to entertain. Also, 4-H alumni will be invited to share their 4-H memories and what 4-H meant to them. At 7 p.m. 4-H members will gather to make a simple item that will be passed out to fairgoers thanking them for their support of 4-H.

On Sunday, July 20, mint flavored cream puffs will be available for the first time ever. The cream puff eating contest will feature a round of 4-H alumni competitors. No matter what day you choose to come to the fair, there will be 4-H and alumni activities. Better yet come every day and be a part of a great celebration.