



Major 4-H Event Guide

This guide contains a list of most major county, state, and national 4-H events that members and their families can participate in. Watch for current details about each of them in the *Newsclip* as the year progresses.

- 4-H Camp:** Held at Upham Woods, near Wisconsin Dells, this four-day camping experience provides opportunities for 4-H members in 3rd-8th grade to interact with others, develop independent living skills, and have fun in the outdoors. Trained 4-H teens serve as counselors. Campers live in cabins and participate in a variety of activities. Walworth County youth travel to camp in a bus. Costs of the camping program are partially offset by the Junior and Senior Leaders' Associations. This event is usually held in June or July.
- Area Animal Science Day:** An event in which 4-H and FFA youth can participate to increase their knowledge of animals through workshops and contests. This event is usually held in June, and rotates locations throughout the state.
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF):** An award trip to Washington, D.C. for members in grades 10-12 that offers citizenship development for teens. Selection is based on 4-H Teen Portfolios, which are due in the fall each year. The weeklong event takes place in the summer. Scholarships are available from the Walworth County 4-H Junior and Senior Leaders' Associations to offset trip costs.
- Cloverbud/ Explorer Day Camp:** This workshop is the perfect opportunity for Cloverbuds or Explorers (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) to learn more about what 4-H has to offer. Youth will get a taste of many 4-H projects while having FUN with their friends at this day camp!
- Communication Arts Festival & Real World Fair:** A county event that provides youth opportunities to participate in public speaking, creative writing, photography, and art; along with consumer education, workforce development, and entrepreneurship contests. A judge gives evaluative comments. This event is held in the spring each year. This is a pre-fair activity for members enrolled in communications or consumer savvy projects. Anyone, regardless of projects, can participate.
- County Project Meetings:** Held periodically to provide information and assist members in successfully completing their projects. Not all project areas hold countywide meetings. Check the *4-H Newsclip* for more information. Some county projects REQUIRE participation in a certain number of meetings in order for youth to show at the fair. These required meetings are called "mandatory meetings."
- County Shoot-Off:** A shooting competition, coordinated by the Environmental Sciences Project area and Shooting Sports Committee. Competitions include: shotgun, .22 rifle, air rifle, muzzle loading, .22 pistol, air pistol, wildlife, and archery. This event is usually held in July.
- Dairy Window Display Contest:** 4-H clubs create a dairy promotion display in a local business window. This contest is Sponsored by the Walworth County Farm Bureau Women. This event is held in June.
- Drama Fest:** 4-H clubs from throughout the county present adapted and/or original plays. Humor and good times are always present in this activity. A judge awards ribbons to honor participants for their performances.
- Farm Bureau Dairy Breakfast:** The breakfast is a dairy promotion event, which is open to the public. It is sponsored and coordinated by the Walworth County Farm Bureau. Held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, the event annually recognizes a Walworth County dairy family.

Fur & Feather Sale:	The Sale is an opportunity for goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors at the Walworth County Fair to sell their blue ribbon exhibits. This is an annual sale conducted and promoted by a 4-H partner organization, the Fur and Feather Committee.
Horse & Pony Show:	The event is an annual qualifying show for members to exhibit their horse or pony. This show is held in August, prior to the Walworth County Fair. This is a qualifying show for the Wisconsin State Horse Expo that takes place in September.
House of Pork:	A familiar sight at the fair and flea markets at the fairgrounds, this food booth is the 4-H program's primary fundraiser. All clubs are expected to help in the House of Pork during the fair and at other events as needed. The funds raised by the House of Pork help both the Junior and Senior Leaders' Associations meet their financial commitments to the county's 4-H members and programs.
Junior Leaders' Association:	This association is open to ANY 4-H member in 6 th grade or higher. Members elect officers, help with annual fundraisers such as the House of Pork, sponsor a variety of Walworth County 4-H events and opportunities for 4-H teens, and provide funding in support of teen participation in out-of-county events and opportunities. The group meets the 4th Monday of every month (except August and December) at 7:00pm in the Government Center, Elkhorn.
Junior/Senior Leaders Banquet:	The banquet is held annually to recognize the outstanding achievements of our youth and adult leaders. County 4-H officers are installed at this event. This event is held in November.
Kids' College:	A day of workshops, held in winter, which offers a variety of hands-on classes and activities. The event is open to all 4-H members and the public. Kids' College is an opportunity for teen members, adult volunteers, and community partners to teach.
Meat Animal Sale:	This is an opportunity for Walworth County Fair beef, sheep, and swine exhibitors to sell their project animals. It is sponsored by a 4-H partner organization, the Walworth County Meat Animal Sale Committee.
Music Fest:	Music Fest is an annual, countywide event in which clubs present minute musical performances before an audience and receive valuable feedback from a judge. Ribbons are awarded. Any kind of musical talent may be displayed like: singing, playing an instrument, or dancing.
National 4-H Week:	This is the first full week in October when clubs recognize, promote, and encourage 4-H enrollment for the upcoming year.
Officers' School:	An opportunity for club officers to receive county training designed to help them more effectively complete their roles. Roles can include, but are not limited to: President, Vice-President, Historian, Treasurer, and Secretary.
Out-of-State Exchange:	An opportunity for members in middle school and high school to travel with other 4-Hers to various U.S. destinations. Trips happen each summer.
Pre-Fair Judging:	This is Walworth County Fair judging that is done prior to the beginning of the Fair so youth can be present and receive valuable feedback from judges to improve their non-animal project work. Pre-fair week is typically <u>TWO WEEKS PRIOR</u> to the start of the actual fair. After judging, exhibits are left for display throughout Fair week.



- Senior Leaders' Association:** All enrolled 4-H adult volunteers are members of this group which meets on the 4th Monday of the month (except August and December) at 7:00pm in the Government Center, Elkhorn. Members elect officers, help with annual fundraisers such as the House of Pork, sponsor a variety of Walworth County 4-H events and opportunities, and provide funding in support of member participation in out-of-county events and opportunities.
- Softball Program:** 4-H member softball teams compete within a 4-H county league. Youth have the opportunity to participate in season, tournament, and a just-for-fun game. The County 4-H Softball Commission coordinates this early summer program. Annual structure depends on interest.
- State 4-H Conference:** WI State 4-H Conference is an opportunity for youth in 8th grade and higher to participate in educational/cultural events and exchange ideas with 4-H members from around the state. It is held in Madison each June.
- State Dog Show:** An opportunity for project members to show their dogs at a statewide event.
- State Fair:** State Fair provides opportunities for youth throughout the state to participate in activities and exhibit in many project areas. The state fair is held in Milwaukee for 10 days in early August.
- Walworth County Fair:** 4-H members can elect to exhibit their project work at this event. Participating members receive feedback from judges, premium money, and opportunities to have their accomplishments recognized. Members should refer to the *Walworth County Fair Junior Department Premium List* for entry requirements and judging details. Participating members must meet fair eligibility requirements and respect fair entry deadlines and rules. Entry to the fair must be done on-line on the Walworth County Fair website.

Note: to be eligible to participate in the Junior Department of the Walworth County Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-Online.com by May 1 in the project for which they seek to enter an exhibit. Other deadlines or requirements may apply. Where possible, these are indicated in the project description section of this guide.



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