



Oconto County 4-H Committee List

2011— 2012

Oconto County 4-H Program



According to National 4-H, the 4-H youth development movement brings young people and their families together with volunteers, community members, and professionals in a powerful partnership through which all involved learn and grow. There are clear expectations that 4-H will create a culture in which youth are equal partners in decision-making and governance. 4-H youth will be full partners, resources, and contributors in developing, delivering, and evaluating our educational experiences.

As such, 4-H committees need to be deliberate in their partnership with youth on 4-H committees. This includes the following requirements:

- 4-H Youth Development programs are public and inclusive.
- The principle outcome of the 4-H program is youth development.
- Youth voice is respected and encouraged.
- 4-H committees will meet during out-of-school times that are respectful of youth schedules. Adults will organize their schedules around youth schedules.

Additional guidelines for Oconto County 4-H Committees:

- Committees will consist of at least three members; youth will be represented on each committee.
- Committees will meet at least once annually, more if required by bylaws or necessity.
- Committee meeting dates will be made public.
- Committees will annually elect a chair.
- Committees will annually review event guidelines, participation guidelines, etc. and annually communicate those guidelines to the 4-H membership.
- Committees will seek input from the 4-H community relative to their committee work.
- Committees will allow for rotation of members and chair to encourage the involvement of new members.

New members are welcomed at any time of the year to all 4-H Committees. Please call Paula at 920-834-6845 or email paula.huff@ces.uwex.edu to sign-up.

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4-H Program/Activity Committees

Project Development Committee– Approximately 20 hours per year

Plan, promote, coordinate, and provide support for 4-H projects. This committee annually plans 4-H Fall Project Kick-off, reviews criteria for project awards including goal-setting (record books), and plans and conducts the 4-H Recognition Banquet. This committee communicates their request for awards to the Leaders Association's Awards and Recognition committee. In addition, this committee handles the finances for 4-H projects that have fund-raising proceeds or received donations.

Arts and Communication Committee – Approximately 20 hours per year

Plan, promote, coordinate, and provide leadership for the annual Cultural Arts events including: 4-H Community Arts Review, 4-H Speaking Fest, and 4-H Demonstration Committee.

Home, Health and Family Committee– Approximately 20 hours per year

Plan, promote, coordinate, and provide leadership for annual Home, Health and Family activities including: Quilt Camp, Home and Family Fest, and various preserving workshops.

Horse Project Committee– Approximately 30 hours per year

Plan, promote, coordinate, and provide leadership for the Horse project including a variety of annual workshops that provide opportunities for youth to obtain educational points.

June Dairy Month Promotion Committee – Approximately 5 hours per year

Plan, promote, coordinate, and provide leadership for annual June Dairy Month activities that highlight the dairy industry.

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4-H Leaders Association Committees

The following committees report directly to the 4-H Leaders Association.

Archives – Approximately 5 hours per year

The Archive committee records the history and events of the 4-H Leaders Association.

Awards & Recognition Committee – Approximately 15 hours per year

This committee develops a list of all awards and recognition activities, orders awards for those activities as needed, and provides leadership in planning for, promoting and conducting these events including member and leader recognition. This committee regularly communicates with the Project Development Committee.

Bylaws Committee/Policy Committee – Approximately 10 hours per year

This committee reviews the Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association Bylaws and Policies for the purpose of ensuring compliance with National 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H policies, and to ensure organizational functioning. Members may propose bylaw changes by completing the Proposed Bylaw Amendment form and submitting it to a committee member.

Advisor: Paula Huff

Finance Committee - Approximately 10 hours per year

Develop the annual budget proposal of the Oconto County 4-H program; annually evaluate record keeping procedures and make recommendations as needed to improve accountability.

Advisor: Paula Huff

Fundraising Committee – Approximately 40 hours per year

Develops an annual comprehensive fundraising plan to insure the goals and obligations of the Oconto County 4-H program, as determined by the Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association (Annual Plan Goals and Annual Budget,) are achieved. Research and make recommendations on potential fundraising activities, coordinate planned fundraisers, and communicate with Oconto County 4-H families about these fundraisers.

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Food Stand Activity Committee – Approximately 20 hours per year

Provides leadership in recruiting, hiring, and training the 4-H Food Stand Manager and Assistant Managers; develops 4-H Food Stand policies and procedures; makes recommendations for menu items, prices, and equipment purchases; and helps to evaluate the food quality, service, and profitability of the 4-H Food Stand.

Nominating Committee – Approximately 10 hours per year

Responsible for identifying Oconto County 4-H volunteers who are willing to be nominated, and if elected, serve in a leadership position on the Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board. This committee is staffed by the out-going Leaders Association Board members.

Promotion and Member Outreach – Approximately 15 hours per year

Create a comprehensive plan for promoting 4-H throughout the year that includes media (newspaper, radio, and television), online (web site, community calendars & bulletin boards, social networking, etc.), community events (presentations, displays, participation in local activities), and 4-H events (National 4-H Week, etc.). This committee also recruits members for committees, both for the 4-H program and the 4-H Leaders Association.

Trips Committee – Approximately 10 hours per year

*Provide leadership in promotion of 4-H trips; conduct annual application workshop; interview and select applicants; communicate results to Extension office and to 4-H Leaders Association (for those trips that are funded by LA). **NOTE: This is a joint committee of the 4-H Program and the 4-H Leaders Association.***

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