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CLOVER DISPATCH FLYER

Official Newsletter of Trempealeau County 4-H

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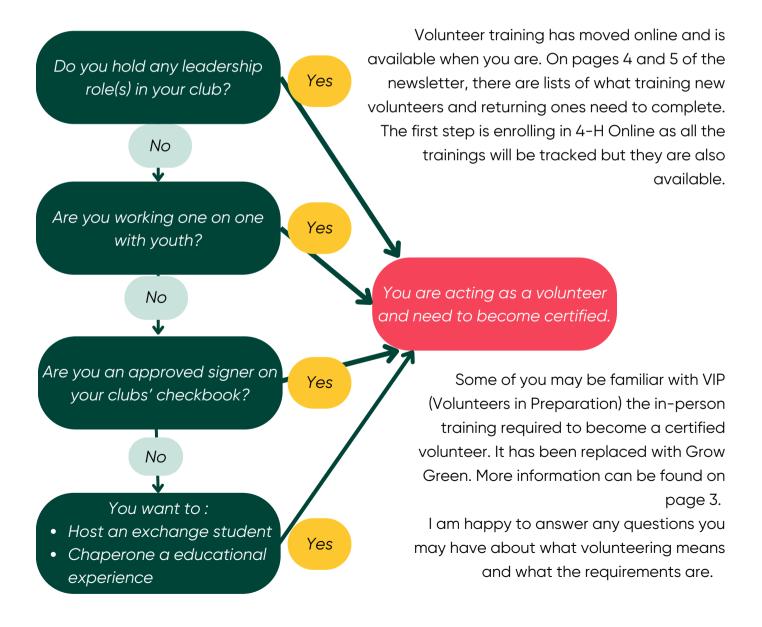
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Am I a volunteer Leader? :

Do you know if you are acting as a 4-H volunteer and need to start training to become a certified volunteer? Look at the decision chart below to help determine if you are acting in the role of a volunteer. If you answered yes to any of these questions you are on track to be a volunteer and should enroll as a volunteer in 4-H Online and start training.



Fall Club Visits

I am opening up my calendar to fall club visits! I plan to visit each club and project group during the fall and winter months. Here is a list of programming options that I can bring to the meetings:

- Bylaw Review
 - Time: 2 hours
 - Youth leaders review the current club bylaws and help shape them to the current needs of the club.
- Officer Training
 - Time: 40 minutes
 - Officer training for new and current officers. This can happen before a club meeting. Topics covered would be job responsibilities, parliamentary procedure, and how to run a meeting.
- Get to Know you Activities
 - Time: 20 minutes- 1 hour
 - These activities can take as much time as you want. I will bring activities that can be added to any meeting to help club members get to know other club members.
- Team Building
 - Time: 20 minutes 1 hour
 - These activities can help your officer team build better connections and work together. The whole club can participate too!

New Family Handbook

With the start of the new 4-H year, new families are joining our groups. Here is a resource: the New Family Handbook. This handbook has everything new members and families need to get a great start in our program. Copies will be mailed out to club leaders in October for any new members.

The handbook includes:

- A general calendar of when to expect specific programs throughout the year.
- 4-H terminology to help explain different parts of the program.
- How to stay connected.
- Policies and what they mean for members.

Mailing List Update

With the new enrollment year I am creating a new newsletter mailing list. Please fill out the <u>Google Form</u> to be included in the list. I will also send out a separate email in the next week. Please fill out the google form before **January 1st**.

Financial Policy Updates

With the start of a new 4-H year keeping up with <u>financial policies</u> will start your club off on the right foot. Some of the policies you should pay attention to are:

- Bank Accounts and Online Payments Systems
- Membership Dues and Participation Fees
- and Planning and Fundraising

The Online Payments Systems has updated so if your club used PayPal, Venmo, or Zelle you can not use personal accounts. You will have to open an account that can go directly into the club account.



Re-enrollment for the 4-H Year

The 4-H year runs from September 1st to August 31st. Each year, members are encouraged to re-enroll in 4-H Online to stay connected and receive updates. **Important Dates:**

- **Soft Deadline**: November 1st. After this date, the old mailing list will be discontinued to avoid contacting members who have aged out or are not re-enrolling.
- Final Enrollment and Project Deadline: April 1st. Current members should be enrolled and have their projects finalized by this date.

Why Enroll?

- Stay Connected: Ensure you and your family remain part of the great opportunities 4-H offers.
- Update Information: Use this opportunity to update your contact information. Make sure to use the email address you check most frequently for your family email. This email will be used for the 4-H newsletter and club lists shared with leaders.

For Adult Volunteers:

• Ensure you have completed all required training. Visit the <u>State 4-H website</u> for training details and requirements.

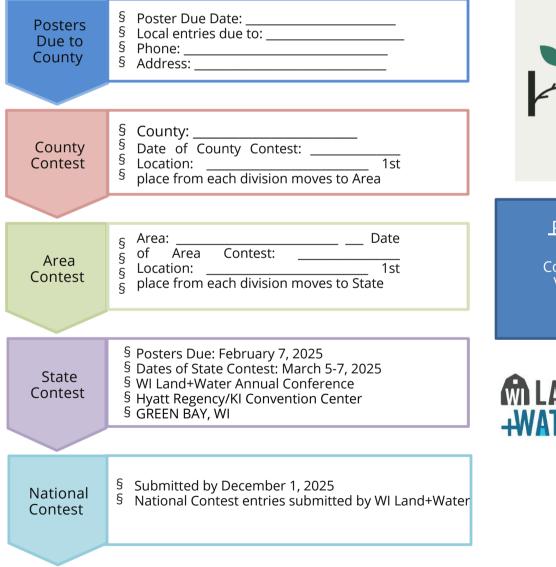
2025 Conservation Poster Contest Guidelines "Home is where the Habitat is"

Details.

- Open to grades K-12; public, private or home school students §
- § Each poster must go through the following contest process: Local/County, Area, State, Nationals.
- ξ The National Poster Contest theme is: "Home is where the Habitat is"

Contest Rules

- Poster size must be 12" x 18" or 14" x 22".
- § The 2025 National Contest Theme, "Home is where the Habitat is" must be written on each poster.
- § All posters shall be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students.
- § Any media may be used: paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other
- materials on regular posters. (Computer-generated posters will not be accepted) ξ
- To be eligible for judging, each entry must have a completed and signed entry form attached to back.





Poster Evaluations

Conservation Message 50% Visual Effectiveness 30% Originality 10% Universal Appeal 10%







Contact your County Land/Water Conservation Department for details on how to get started and/or: https://wisconsinlandwater.org/our-work/youth-education/poster-speaking-contest/contest-dates



2025 Conservation Awareness

Poster Contest

	County	Entries Due:		
STUDENT				
First Name	Middle	Last		Please
Address				
City	State	Zip	County	Appropriate
Phone ()	E-mail			_ grade level
GradeAge	Parent/guardian	name (printed)		Grades K-1
				Grades 2-3
allows local land conser	vation departments, WI La		tion provided is accurate and ACD to utilize the photos for	Grades 4-6
educational or promotio			Data	Grades 7-9
^			Date	Grades 10-12
LOCAL MEDIA				
Name of your local new	spaper:			
Newspaper Telephone	Number:			
				+WATER
SCHOOL				WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
Public School	Private School	Home School		Public
Teacher Name				Instruction
Address				
City	StateN	VI Zip		
				National Association of
				Conservation Districts
COUNTY LAND/W	ATER CONSERVATIO	N DEPARTMI	ENT (to be filled out by local	rep)
County	Area	_		
Contact		Title		
Address				
City	StateZi	p		
E-mail Address		Phone ()		



Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Do you have something you want in the following newsletter? Club Leaders, did you do something remarkable? Add it to the newsletter! Have your information typed and sent to <u>andrea.rippley@wisc.edu</u> by the 15th of the month! I want you to know that getting knowledge in by the 15th will ensure your addition is added. I will not type something up for you, so please have everything ready.

Charter Applications are now Open

The 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized by the objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes by laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, the 4-H Charter Application provides:

- Documentation of educational activities of the 4-H Club or Group/Committee needed for liability coverage for 4-H volunteers and members
- Program impact evaluation and educational planning
- Documentation of compliance by 4-H Clubs and Groups with EEO, ADA guidelines, and Civil Rights laws.

Wisconsin 4-H Club and Group Charter Application will be posted on September 1 and must be completed online by November 1.

- <u>2024–2025 Charter Application</u> (online application form) Will open on September 1, 2024
- <u>2024-2025 Printable Charter Worksheet</u>(Printable PDF) a resource you can use with your club or group before completing the online application.
- If you need to submit a paper Charter Application instead of the online version, please contact the Extension office.

More information is available on the State 4-H Website at THIS link.



Horse Project Updates:

The 4-H Horse shows wrapped up in September with the State Gymkhana on September 7th and State Horse Expo on September 14th.

The State Gymkhana saw two Trempealeau County Horse Project members make their way to West Allis to compete. Jocelyn Perry attended her last State Gymkhana and Madison Grotjahn, daughter of Derik & Jessica, competed at her first. Jocelyn and Chance competed in all 6 events, earning two Top 10s, three Top 10's, and Reserve Champions in the Flag Race. Madison and Reno, earned two Top 10's and four Top 5's.

Halle Fitzmaurice, daughter of Doyle and Dawn, competed at the State Expo the following weekend with her mare, Two-Eyed Ivory Lena. They competed in English, Western, Trail, and Showmanship. With a busy schedule showing all three days, Halle and Lena were awarded five Top 10's and Reserve Champions in English Showmanship.





Thriving Survey:

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youths who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card! For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, visit the 4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H.

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.



Educational Experiences

Fall is a time to explore <u>Educational Experiences</u>! The next couple of pages have information about all of the opportunities that 4-H has to offer at the state and national levels. Each session included estimated prices, and when the program takes place along with the age of the participants. This post is from 2023 but has relevant information about each educational experience and what they are.

Scholarships are available at both the county and state levels for youth who are interested in participating.

Educational Experiences:

As the 4-H new year is starting back up again here is a reminder about all of the cool travel programs that the state 4-H Program has to offer. Here is a short list of some popular programs that your child should definitely look into. Below is a link to the State Website so you can explore these opportunities more.

American Spirit:

Who can go: youth in grades 8-10 Cost \$1,900

Youth get to experience historical sights on the East Coast firsthand! This 10-day bus journey will stop at some amazing places like Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York, New York, Boston, Massachusetts, and Niagara Falls Canada!

Citizenship Washington Focus: Who

can go: 4-H Members in 10-12th grades Minimum age 15 during the experience Cost\$1750 Citizen Washington Focus or CWF is a great opportunity for youth who want to experience our national government in action. Youth from all over the nation come together in Washington D.C. to learn more about our Senators and representatives and how they come together to make laws. They will also participate in workshops about citizenship, Congressional Issues, Bill writing, and Action Planning.





National 4-H Conference

Who can go: 8-10 4-H youth in 10-12th grade. Cost \$1,500

This Educational experience included selected youth from the nation who came together in Washington D.C. to help strengthen the national 4-H program. Ideas that come from this program are shared with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture after each conference.

Space Camp Who can go: 6-8th Grades with a Maximum age of 15 at the time of the trip. Cost \$900 This educational Experience is out of this world! Participants get to experience a simulated Space Mission, building and launching their own rocket, accommodations simulating real space training experience, and learning all about space exploration and astronaut life.

Summer Academy

Who can go: 7-up Grades Cost \$350

Formally Wisconsin Youth Conference, this educational experience is held at UW-Madison during June. The difference between this and the youth conference is the focus on post-secondary education. Youth pick one of 7 tracks to explore during the experience like Agriculture & and animal sciences, Art and communication, Culinary and health, Human Services, Leadership and Civic Engagement, Trades, and STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering, and math).



and Taiwan. Counties are on a rotating cycle and change every couple of years.





Art Beat Who can go: 3-5th Grades, parents welcome. Cost \$125 for youth, \$75 for Chaperones **4-H Art Beat** is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents, and leaders. Art Beat! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Art Beat! track leaders are older 4-H Youth, 4-H Leaders, and staff.

Arts Camp

Who can go: 6-8th Grades Cost \$100 Youth \$55 Chaperones

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- Encouraging expression and participation in the arts with middle school-age youth
- Supporting youth teaching opportunities where they learn to incorporate education,
- creativity, and reflection on the creative process
- Increasing awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level

Fall Forum

Who can go: 7-13th Grade and adult chaperones. The cost depends on how you spend the night and how many meals you will eat.

Use the link below to explore the Fall Forum Website

OCTOBER 19TH From4-7 PM



Where

Harvest Home Farm W16303 Simonson Rd, Whitehall, WI 54773 ...

REMPEALEAU COUNTY 4-H Open House



Who

Current 4-H members and people who want to learn more about the program are welcome to attend.



What

Members will have animal project posters, Llama Project demonstrations, a kickball tournament, 9 Square, fall crafts, Dog agility demonstrations, and club leader networking. There will be a free hotdog dinner and a sweet treat for later!





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Parents and Leaders Meeting Minutes:

August Meeting Minutes September Meeting Minutes October Meeting Minutes March Meeting Minutes April Meeting Minutes June Meeting Minutes September Minutes

Bylaws Updates:

The Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Board has its annual review of their bylaws. Please take a moment to review the changes to the <u>bylaws</u>. These will be voted on at the October 28th meeting. This will be at 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Government Center. If you want to attend but are not able to attend in person email Andrea for a Zoom link.

Budget Workshop:

The Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders <u>August will be on the 26th at</u> <u>6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Government Center</u>. Here is the <u>AGENDA</u>. Some important topics will be discussed at this meeting:

- the 2024-2025 budget
- Fair wrap up
- Re-enrollment
- National 4-H week
- Officer Elections

Hale and Hardy September Meeting Minutes:

Hale and Hardy's September meeting was a potluck! We had amazing food, desserts, and discussions with friends.

We started our meeting by talking about the dairy breakfast this coming Saturday. We discussed starting record books for fun references to look back on and for new members that are interested in a certain project to have something to look at. We also talked about the big flavor of ice cream for CEDAR Crest Ice cream the 4-H groups get to come up with their icecream flavor and that will be their new flavor of ice cream. So Cool! Last we discussed details about kids and cows family day at Barron County fairgrounds in Rice Lake WI.

After our meeting, we all played kickball and enjoyed our beautiful night in the park.

Thank you

Lexus Solberg

Sunny Side September Meeting Minutes:

The September Sunnyside 4-H meeting was held on September 8. We talked about our new 4-H year and what we'd like to do in the next few months. We talked about some community service for Christmas. And maybe a Halloween party in October. We then worked on a small STEM project we could enter for the fair this year - wood-walking dinosaur robots! Our moms thought they were hard! Well, we did too! But once they got made they were fun. They have little motors and their feet make them walk. It was cool. Now it's up to each of us to decorate them.

We ended the meeting with cookies and juice. Everyone had a nice meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Barczak, Club Reporter - Sunnyside 4-H











Upcoming Programs

Trempealeau County Programs

State Programs

October 2024:

- 1st- Deadline for Horse project t-shirt contest.
- 5-6th- State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship, Jefferson County
- 6th-Horse Project Meeting, Arcadia Town Hall noon.
- 6-12th-National 4-H Week
- 12th- State 4-H Dog Agility- Oshkosh
- 19th-Trick or Trot Speed Show @ fairgrounds 11am
- 19th- Fall Open House at Harvest Home Farm 4-7 pm
- 22nd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm



November 2024:

- 1st-Wisconsin 4-H Charter due online or to the Extension Office.
- 1st- Enrollment due for returning 4-H members.
- 3rd- Bronco Bux and Business Meeting- Maliszewski Home, noon
- 2-3rd- Fall Forum
- 9-10th- Horse Leadership Conference at UW River Falls
- 27th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders 6:30 pm
- 29th-December 3rd- National 4-H Congress



December 2024:



January 2025:

- 12th-Horse Project Business Meeting, Ettrick Town Hall @ 11:30
- 27th-Horse Project Business Meeting at the Ettrick Town Hall 11:30 pm



February 2025:

- 9th-Horse Project Business meeting, Ettrick Town Hall @ noon
- 15-22nd- Advanced Space Camp
- 24th- Parents and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm at the Trepemaelau County Government Center



March 2025:

- 9th-Horse Project Business Meeting Ettrick Town Hall, noon
- 14-16th- Arts Beat, Upham Woods
- 24th- Parents and Leaders meeting, 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Government Center



April 2025:

- 1st- Horse ID Forms Due to Becky
- 1st- Postmark Deadline for Education Days Competition Entries
- 5th- Vet, Chiro, Equine Massage & Farrier Clinic at the fairgrounds 10-noon. Meeting noon to 1 pm.
- 11-16th- National 4-H Confrerence, Atlanta Georgia.
- 11-13th- Midwest Horse Fair, Madison
- 25-27th- Minnesota Horse Expo
- 28th- Parents and Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Government Center



May 2025:

- 1-5th- Space Camp, Alabama
- 3rd-Work Day at the fairgrounds, Horse project, 9 am to 4 pm
- 9-10 am- Education Days at UW Green Bay
- 15th-Postmark Deadline for Hunt & Dressage Show Entries
- 25th-Broiler Day Parade, Horse Project
- 26th- Parents and Leaders meeting 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Government Center
- 27th- Speed Show, at the fairgrounds 6 pm



June 2025:

- 10th- Speed Show at the Fairgrounds, 6 pm
- 12-14th- Horse Camp
- 14th- Speed Show at the fairgrounds at 11 am
- 16-19th- Summer Academy
- 23rd- Parents and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Government Center
- 24th- Speedshow at the fairgrounds, 6 pm
- 27-29th- State hunt, Dressage Show and Clinic, Sheboygan



July 2025:

- 8th- Speed Show at the Fairgrounds, 6 pm
- 9th- Horse Project Business meeting & Fair brush up ALL FAIR REQUIREMENTS DUE 6 pm
- 15-20th- Trempealeau County Fair
- 22nd- Speedshow at the fairgrounds 6 pm
- 28th-Parents and leaders meeting, 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County



August 2025:

- 16th- Country Classic Speed Show, Trempealeau County Fair Grounds
- 25th- Parents and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm, Trempealeau County Government Center

September 2025:

- 1st- Record Book Due to the Extension Office
- 1st- Annual Financial Report due to the Extension Office

October 2025:

October Birthday List:

If you see one of these members, wish them a happy birthday!

Anessa P. 10/03 Kylynne B. 10/03 Jackson E. 10/03 Rubee P. 10/05 Maggy J. 10/06 Addison C. 10/09 Ivan S. 10/12 Cali D. 10/13 Kinley G. 10/16 Perrin C. 10/17 Emma L. 10/17 Cheyenne C. 10/19 James M. 10/19 Jonnalyn H. 10/21 Waylon F. 10/22 Mariah T. 10/26 David O. 10/27

Funding Request Form:

Are you planning on participating in an educational experience and would like to apply for possible reimbursement? Here is the form you would need!

https://trempealeau.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/04/2019-Funding-Request-Form.pdf

Club	Leader/s	Contact Information	Location
Arcadia Hummingbirds	Rosa Mooney	608-863-3482	Arcadia
Coulee Clovers	Cindy Peterson	608-989-2249	Blair
Ettrick Eagles	Emily Osborn	eosborn234@g mail.com	Ettrick
Frenchville Cloverleaves	Heather Olson	608-484-0447	Frenchville
Glascow/Hardies Creek Busy Bees	Heidi Johnson	608-865-8841 oakridgecanna@ outlook.com	Galesville
Groupo Folklorico	Noemi Hernandez	milymaya2516@g mail.com	Arcadia
Hale and Hardy	Lindsey Nelson	nelson.lindseya82 @gmail.com	Plesentville
Lincoln Pioneers	Kim Pryzbylla	715-530-1443	Independence
Sunnyside	Nicole Borreson Bridget Barczak	608-797-3213 608-386-0564	Blair

Trempealeau Trusty Workers	Jenny Hilton Laura Roessler	608-539-2299 608-385-6710	Centerville
Whitehall Happy Hustler	Sharon Pederson	715-538-4856	Whitehall
Dog Project	Judy Betker Sandy Sygulla	608-989-2386 715-538-2331	Trempealeau County
Horse Project	Becky Hynes	608-865-1038	Trempealeau County
Parents and Leaders	Open Position		Trempealeau County
Llama Project	Becky Poulos	715-538-1444	Trempealeau County
Shooting Sports	Open Position		Trempealeau County



Exploring 4-H for New Families

4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in project-based education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their interests and passions, ultimately mastering new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be hands-on to create a memorable learning experience.

What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that sparks a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

Animal Sciences

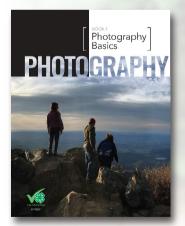
Cultural Projects

- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Outdoor Education
- (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences

• Family, Home, & Health

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as Cloverbuds. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects</u>/



What resources are available?

Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

STEM

What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from <u>shop4-h.org</u> or your local Extension office.



What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this <u>5-question survey</u>



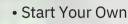


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Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rock <mark>ets</mark>
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like pupp <mark>ets</mark>
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about t <mark>he en</mark> vironment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H: I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H: I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G: I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H: I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H: I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

Totals: A:___ B:___ C:___ D:___ E:___ F:___ G:___ H:

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

D: Cultural Projects

C: Community Involvement

F: Outdoor Education G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension

E: Family, Home, & Health

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