

Door County 4-H Enrollment Guide 2025-2026

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Welcome back to a new 4-H year! In this Enrollment Guide, you will find a lot of great information about how to enroll in Door County 4-H as a member or a volunteer. There are some changes this year related to projects – please be sure to look over all of the information! And don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

New 4-H Family Enrollment

Welcome to Door County 4-H! We are so excited that you are joining us! If you have questions along the way, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Extension Office. Follow these steps below to join Door County 4-H!

Door County 4-H is open to all youth in grades 5K – 13 (first year after high school).

1. Decide which 4-H club to enroll in. You can find a list of clubs and leader contact information on our website: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>. Families often choose a club based on location, meeting date/time, or knowing someone already in the Club. If you need help finding a club that is right for you, please contact the Extension Office or reach out to Club Leaders. We encourage you to talk to the Club Leader before enrolling so that they can help direct you to the next steps.
 - If you are unsure which club would be the best fit for your family, contact the Door County Extension Office and we can help pair you with a 4-H Club.
2. Enrollment in 4-H is done through an online system called 4-H Online. Visit <http://wi.4honline.com/> to sign up. A detailed 4-H Online enrollment guide can be found on our website at: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>.
3. See the below section on information for new and re-enrolling members for additional information. We know that starting something new can sometimes be confusing or overwhelming. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions! We are here to help!

Re-Enrollment Information & Details

Contact your Club Leader or the Extension Door County Office with any questions.

1. All enrollments will be completed in 4-H Online. Visit <http://wi.4honline.com/> to sign up. Please use the email and password from previous years to log in. If you can't remember your password, there is a "Reset Password" button.
 - A detailed 4-H Online enrollment guide can be found on our website at: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>

Information & Details for New and Re-Enrolling Members

1. **Dues:** Once you have submitted your online enrollment, make sure to pay your dues! Membership dues are **\$3.50 per member or \$10.00 per family** (with 3+ members). Check with your club leader to see how dues are handled in your club. Some Clubs choose to collect the dues and then pay the Extension Office; others may choose to have families pay the Extension Office directly.
 - Please note, if your family is facing hardship circumstances, financial assistance is available to pay dues. Please contact the Extension Door County Office at (920)746-2260 or your Club Leader.
2. **Enrollment Deadlines:** The following deadlines are the County deadlines when enrollments are due online.
 - **November 1st:** Re-enrollments should be submitted before **November 1st** (especially those in animal projects/QMAS), so you don't miss out on any important information! Clubs begin meeting in the Fall and cannot send information to families who are not enrolled. After November 1st, your family will stop receiving 4-H information and updates from the Extension Office if enrollment is not complete.
 - **May 15th:** Members can enroll at any time during the year, but **May 15th** is the deadline for enrollment in order to exhibit at the Door County Fair. Early enrollment is encouraged to receive the most benefit from the 4-H year.
3. **Projects:** 4-H Projects are specific areas of interest for 4-H members and volunteers. Projects cover a wide variety of topics from animals, science, arts, and beyond. 4-H projects help youth find joy, energy, and purpose – their Sparks!
 - ***NEW IN 2025*** - Check out the new, easy to use 4-H Project Guide and helpful information and videos on the 4-H website:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>.
 - The new 4-H Project Guide groups projects into seven streamlined categories. There is even a key in the back that shows how the new project areas line up with the previous ones.
 - Expressive Arts
 - Leadership and Communication
 - Family, Home, and Health
 - Agriculture and Animal Science
 - Environmental/Outdoor Education
 - Plant and Soil Science
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
 - Youth may explore a project independently or with other youth. There are several ways that youth can explore a project area (although not all projects have volunteers available to lead youth in hands-on learning):
 - Club Project Meetings
 - County-wide Project Meetings
 - Statewide Project Area Learning Events
 - Individual Learning
 - Self-Determined Projects

- Children in 5-year old Kindergarten through Second Grade may only enroll in the Cloverbud project. Once in 3rd grade, members can enroll in any of the projects (age appropriate) in 4HOnline. Youth may enroll in 4-H for one year after their graduation from high school.
- To find the list of projects that are offered in Wisconsin 4-H, visit our Door County 4-H website: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/> and click on the 2025 Wisconsin 4-H Project Guide.
- We will not be providing project literature for every member. If you are interested in purchasing project literature on your own, some resource literature can be found: <https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/> and <https://shop4-h.org/>. We also have some project literature available for borrowing at the Extension Office.

Leaders and Volunteers

Door County 4-H would not be possible without our amazing Leaders and Volunteers! We appreciate all that our volunteers do throughout the year to support Door County 4-H, but there are some required steps to become an approved 4-H volunteer.

1. Leader and Volunteer enrollment is also done through the 4HOnline system, <http://wi.4honline.com/>.
2. **Re-Enrollment Deadline - November 1st** : All returning 4-H volunteer re-enrollments need to be completed by this date. All trainings and background checks need to be completed by December 1st.
3. When enrolling, select Volunteer Types to indicate how you are planning to participate in the program throughout the year. At least one Volunteer Type is required to complete the volunteer enrollment process.
4. New adult volunteers are not considered approved 4-H volunteers until they have completed the required trainings and background screening. Information for volunteers can be found on our website: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/> and on the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/>.
5. Re-enrolling volunteers will also have trainings and screenings that are required. Enrollment will not be approved until these trainings are complete. These will be listed in your 4HOnline account.
 - Background checks are required every two years. If you are due, 4HOnline will prompt you to start the process when you re-enroll. After you submit your enrollment, keep an eye on your inbox for an email from HireRight to complete your background check (Be sure to check your spam folder).
6. Volunteers will not be allowed to lead programming with 4-H youth until everything is complete and approved by the 4-H Educator.

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