

Door County 4-H Enrollment Guide 2026-2027

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Welcome to a new 4-H year! In this Enrollment Guide, you will find a lot of great information about enrolling in Door County 4-H as a member or a volunteer, as well as additional information. 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!

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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. We want to make your 4-H journey as easy and exciting as possible!

Door County 4-H is open to all youth in grades 5K – 13 (first year after high school). Youth can enroll in Door County 4-H at any time throughout the year, but early enrollment is encouraged to get the most out of your 4-H experience.

1. **Choose a 4-H Club:** You can find a list of 4-H Clubs and Leader contact information on our website: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>.
 - a. Families often choose a 4-H Club based on:
 - Location
 - Meeting date/time
 - Knowing someone already in the Club.
 - b. If you need help finding a 4-H 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.
 - c. 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. **Enroll in 4HOnline:** 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. **Additional Information:** 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 4-H Club Leader or the Extension Door County Office with any questions.

1. **Enroll in 4HOnline:** 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. A detailed 4-H Online Enrollment Guide can be found on our website at: <https://door.extension.wisc.edu/joining-4-h/>
 - b. Ensure that your contact information (email, phone, address) is up to date on both the Member profile and the Family profile.
2. **Changing 4-H Clubs:** Sometimes families may wish to change 4-H Clubs for a variety of reasons. This may be done at enrollment by selecting the new 4-H Club. If you would like to change 4-H Clubs after enrollment is complete, please reach out to Candis Dart, 4-H Program Educator, and she can assist with this process.

Information & Details for New and Re-Enrolling Members

1. **Dues:** Once you have submitted your online enrollment, make sure to pay your dues!
 - a. Membership dues are **\$3.50 per member or \$10.00 per family** (with 3+ members).
 - b. 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.
 - c. ***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.
 - a. **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.
 - b. **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.
 - c. 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!
- a. **4-H Project Guide:** Check out the 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 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
- b. 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
- c. **Cloverbud Project:** Youth in grades 5K-2 may only sign up for the Cloverbud project, which is a chance for them to explore all 4-H has to offer at an age-appropriate level while having fun with hands-on, engaging activities.
- We encourage youth and families to use Cloverbuds as a way to find out what is possible in 4-H and to get to know their 4-H Club and Community!
- d. **Project Literature:** 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.

Curious about why to volunteer or 4-H volunteer roles? Check out the information on the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

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 - b. Ensure that your contact information (email, phone, address) is up to date on both the Member profile and the Family profile.
2. **Complete Required Volunteer Training & Background Check Process**
 - a. Training is one way that 4-H invests in you, the volunteers who support young people who participate in the program. In the same way that 4-H youth strive to “make the best better,” we as adults can continue to learn and grow throughout our lives.
 - b. Volunteers complete a training each year at enrollment time that covers safety in our programs, best practices for working with youth, and policy updates. This training is completed in 4HOnline.
 - c. At the beginning of volunteer service, and every 2 years after, volunteers complete a background check to ensure the safety of the youth we serve. 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).
3. **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**.
4. **New Volunteers:** 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. 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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