

Taylor County 4-H Youth Development



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UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development integrates research, education, and community-based partnerships, enabling youth to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens

4-H Pledge

I pledge:
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my club,
my community,
My country and my world.

Strengthening 4-H Community Clubs:

We have 11 Community Clubs in Taylor County serving 242 youth.

Charter Renewal: Each club has to complete the charter renewal process to maintain membership.

Training and Advising Events:

- ◆ Charter Renewal Trainings (mandatory for all clubs)
- ◆ Youth club officer trainings
- ◆ New Volunteer Training (Youth Protection)
- ◆ Visited clubs to ensure that there is a welcoming environment
- ◆ Advisor for Fair Board, working to implement committee structure
- ◆ Advisor 4-H Leaders Federation
- ◆ Facilitate the making of Taylor County plat books, a fundraiser for the 4-H Leaders Federation

Educational Events:

- ◆ 300 youth attended 5th grade skills day at the fairgrounds
- ◆ 160 youth learned about outdoor survival
- ◆ 21 youth trained at camp counselor training
- ◆ 55 youth and counselors attended 4-H summer camp
- ◆ 40 youth participated in Cultural Arts Festival
- ◆ 17 youth attended Gear-Tech 21 summer day robotics camps
- ◆ 42 youth attended American Spirit Trip that Taylor County coordinated

Afterschool:

There is a 4-H Afterschool program in all 4 elementary schools. The 4-H agent hires, trains and supervises an AmeriCorps member to conduct the 4-H afterschool program and other 4-H events. WNEP and AmeriCorps partnered in both Rib Lake and Gilman afterschool program. Each lesson concentrates on three different areas, physical activity, nutrition and a 4-H project. This fall we have had 443 contacts with these youth, with over 100 youth regularly attending Afterschool programming. This program reaches an underserved population.

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STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering + Math

The goal of STEM is to encourage students to consider science-related careers by offering 4-H projects that build technical problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Taylor County has built a strong STEM program.

Taylor County took the following steps in 2010 to increase STEM programming:

- ◆ Co-wrote a Innovation grant to share 10 Lego Robotics kits with Marquette County and the Central District.
- ◆ Hosted a Gear-Tech 21 train-the-trainer to prepare for the Gear-Tech 21 summer camp. 11 adults attended the training. Gear-Tech 21 is a 4-H curriculum used to teach robotics and GPS.
- ◆ Hosted two Gear-Tech 21 summer day camp for 17 youth. The youth built and programmed a robot, learn how to read and use maps and GPS units.
- ◆ On the third Monday of each month we host STEM (Science, technology, engineering and math) night and invite youth to participate in a science experiment.
- ◆ Science, technology, engineering and math topics are part of the afterschool and 4-H summer camp programs.

Youth Leadership: Trained and worked with 20 youth leaders to conduct, to plan events and service learning opportunities to build leadership skills. Worked with the Alternative High School youth to write, plan, and implement a Community Rain Garden grant worth \$1,200.

Professional Development:

- ◆ Joint Council of Extension Professionals (UW Extension Conference)
- ◆ Conflict Management
- ◆ Gear-Tech 21 (STEM) Training
- ◆ Connection and Engagement Statewide Conference
- ◆ Everyone Ready (Monthly Volunteer Wisline)
- ◆ Real Colors Training (Temperament Tool for Leadership)