

Taylor County 4-H Youth Development



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
- ◆ Advisor 4-H Leaders Federation

Educational Events:

- ◆ 300 youth attended 5th grade skills day at the fairgrounds
- ◆ 160 youth learned about outdoor survival
- ◆ 10 youth trained at camp counselor training
- ◆ 55 youth and counselors attended 4-H summer camp
- ◆ 12 youth attended Cloverbud summer day camp
- ◆ 75 4-H member participated in the Day of Learning

EYSC (Engaging Youth, Serving Communities Grant)

Receive this grant renewable for five years to build on youth and adult partnerships, service learning and leadership.

Youth attended a training, planned a project, invited the community.

The results: 15 alternative high school and 22 youth and members from the community work on trail maintenance of the Campus Woods Trail.

20 community member also made Aldo Leopold Benches for the trail.

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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 these steps to in 2010 to increase STEM programming:

- ◆ Co-wrote a challenge for the Wisconsin Robotics Rally used through the State.
- ◆ Hosted a Robotics Rally Summer Day Camp.
- ◆ 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.

Afterschool:

There is a 4-H Afterschool program in all 4 elementary schools. The 4-H agent hires, trains and supervise a limited time employee 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 STEM project. This fall we have had 554 contacts 100 more then last year at this time. There are 100 different youth the regularly attend afterschool many of these youth come from an underserved population.

Professional Development:

- ◆ Joint Council of Extension Professionals (UW Extension Conference)
- ◆ Conflict Management
- ◆ Strategic Planning and facilitation
- ◆ Multicultural Awareness
- ◆ EYSC (Engaging Youth Serving Communities Grant Training)