

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

Where: UW Wisconsin- Madison
When: June 22-25, 2015

Approximately 600 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

Qualifications:

- Be in 7th-10th grade at the time of selection. (Art Team, Drama Company, Press Team, Showcase Singers and Youth Leader Council members may be 9th-13th grade);
- be a 4-H member or member of another Extension program;
- carry county approval through time of award trip.

Costs:

- The registration cost for Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is approx. \$235.
- Some counties offer local sponsorships.



Check with your County 4-H Youth Agent for the application and possible scholarships. Some counties require additional interviews. Deadlines vary across the state.

Purpose of Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Programs

- To recognize the accomplishments of outstanding 4-H members in projects, activities, community contributions, and leadership.
- To encourage youth participation in high quality educational programs.
- To demonstrate publicly the quality of the 4-H Program.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

Where: UW-Madison Campus
When: Sept. 27-30, 2015* (*dates tentative)

About 200 youth from 4-H dairy projects around the U.S. and Canada congregate in Madison for the National 4-H Dairy Conference held annually in conjunction with World Dairy Expo. Participants learn about production, processing, marketing and use of dairy products, and develop a broader understanding of careers available in dairy production, biotechnology, genetics, marketing and other selected areas. The conference consists of participatory workshops on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, speakers, tours and visiting the World Dairy Expo.

Qualifications:

- Must have participated in the 4-H dairy project for at least three years;
- be in 10th-12th grade during the program. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2015;
- have outstanding dairy accomplishment records;
- may not exhibit animals at World Dairy Expo or participate in National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest while at National 4-H Dairy Conference.

Costs:

- The total cost is approx. \$300. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation supports a portion of the cost. The remainder is the responsibility of the delegate.

CO-OP Y.E.S. (Youth Educational Summit)

Where: To Be Determined for 2015
When: To Be Determined for 2015
(Was in Eau Claire March 17-18 in 2014)

Participants will learn the purpose, operation and scope of cooperative business and economy in a fun and educational environment. Participants also explore career possibilities and meet youth leaders from across Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Qualifications:

- 10th-12th grade;
- have not previously attended this conference.

Costs:

Minimal. Local sponsors are typically secured by the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives office.

For more information, contact:

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Citizenship Washington Focus

Where: Washington D.C.

When: June 13-21; July 4-12; or July 11-19, 2015

Approximately 175 Wisconsin 4-H Youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

Qualifications:

- 10th-12th grade at time of selection. Minimum age 15 during trip;
- be selected at the county level;
- carry county approval through time of award trip.

Costs:

The total cost for the trip is approx. \$1,200. Some counties offer partial local sponsorships.

National 4-H Conference

Where: Washington D.C.

When: April 10-16, 2015

Six to eight (6-8) youth are selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming.

Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring.

Youth may request to be considered to attend the agricultural focused Canadian National 4-H Conference. Dates and location to be determined.

<http://www.4-h-canada.ca/>.

Qualifications:

- Be in 10th-12th grade during the program. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2015;
- be selected at the county level;
- carry county approval through time of award trip.

Costs:

- The total cost of the National 4-H Conference trip is approximately \$1,100.
- The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of the cost.
- The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.



National 4-H Congress

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

When: Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 2015

Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country.

Qualifications:

- Be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2015;
- be selected at the county level;
- carry county approval through time of award trip.

Costs:

- The total cost of the National 4-H Congress is approximately \$1,100.
- The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of the cost.
- The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.

Space Camp

Where: Huntsville, Alabama

When: April 16-20, 2015

Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin.

Qualifications:

- Be in 6th-8th grade at time of trip. Maximum age 15 at time of trip;
- carry county approval through time of trip;
- delegate selection process varies by county, check with your county office.

Costs:

- The total cost of Space Camp is approximately \$525.
- Some counties offer local sponsorships.

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