

Positive Youth Development: 4-H Programming Update



**Extension 4-H Program
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**connects and develops youth
and engagement in 4-H** to
enhance youth development
in Manitowoc County.

Needs Assessment:

- Discussions with Club Leaders and members to find out areas of need for each particular Club and improvements that can be made within the Manitowoc County 4-H Program.
- Connections with local programs/schools to connect youth with 4-H at their location.
- Leadership in supporting volunteers throughout the county.
- Increase enrollment in 4-H for Manitowoc County.

Completed Projects:

- Project Days
 - Youth choose three projects at each project day session. Four separate project days were offered.
- Creative Arts Festival
 - Youth presented different demonstrations, music, dance, and speeches
- Winter Leadership Camp
 - Youth in grades 6 and up came together to work on their leadership skills over a weekend.
- Awards Celebration
 - Youth and adults came together to share 4-H achievements and milestones.
- Pinewood Derby
 - Over 75 youth competed in the Pinewood Derby Race
 - Over 25 youth took part in the Pinewood Derby Build and Physics Day prior to the competition.

Current Projects:

- Cloverbud Day Camp
 - Bringing youth in grades K-2 together to explore 4-H activities.
- Exploring 4-H Day Camp
 - Youth in grades 3-6 are brought together to explore 4-H projects.
- Summer Base Camp
 - Four fun-filled summer activities located at Upham Woods in WI Dells for youth in grades 3-7.
- Washington D.C.
 - Youth in grades 7 and up taking a week-long trip to our nation's capital to learn about American history and government.
- Annual Volunteer Training
 - Adult and youth leaders come together to enhance their leadership skills.
- Library Literacy Series
 - Cooking and Reading Adventures at the Manitowoc Public Library

Ongoing Efforts:

- In School Club
 - Jackson Elementary Classroom participate in 4-H once a month during the school year.
- Cloverbud Club
 - Youth in grades K-2 come together each month to explore 4-H and parents learn about 4-H opportunities
- Boys and Girls Club
 - Manitowoc Boys and Girls Club participate in 4-H once a month during the school year.
 - During the summer, youth will take part in 4-H twice a week.