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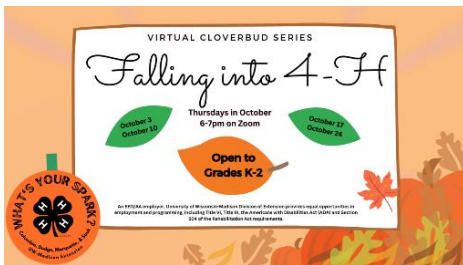
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Area Focus: 4-H and Youth Development

UW Extension offers many great resources for you, your family, and your community in many helpful ways! Check out these great opportunities and tips from the area of 4-H and Youth Development:



Falling into 4-H Cloverbud Activities



Do you have a Kindergartener through 2nd Grader in your life? This fall there is a great opportunity for them to try out some **fun fall programs!** Sign your 5K – 2nd Grader up to sample a variety of fall activities through hands-on, at home virtual sessions designed specifically for them! Open to 4-H Cloverbuds and guests in grades 5K – 2nd. Most materials will be provided **FOR FREE** as long as you sign them up to join in the fun. Materials will be available for pick up at your local Dodge County UW

Extension Office between September 30th - October 3rd. **Registration closes September 19th.**

Registration: <https://dodge.extension.wisc.edu/2024/09/looking-for-fun-fall-activities-for-your-5k-2nd-grader/>

Elementary Exploring – Read a Book with the Author

Wouldn't it be cool to meet an author? Join a fun Zoom meeting with Tammy Stuhr, a best-selling children's book author and a 30+ year 4-H volunteer. Tammy will read her book **Jax Finds His Talent**, where Jax discovers his unique talents and learns to share them to make the world a better place.

After the story, Tammy will lead a fun activity you can do from home or with friends at one of our host sites. This activity is **intended for elementary age youth** but open to all ages! This activity will be **held on September 19th** from 6:00 – 7:00 PM!

Registration: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>



Middle Grade Movement – Food for Thought STEM Challenge



Have you ever heard of a food desert? Wonder how they transport food to the grocery store? The National 4-H STEM Challenge can answer that!

This year's kit, Food for Thought, is a collection of three activities allowing kids to explore food security. **Youth in Grades 5 – 7** and adults are welcome to a workshop to explore these STEM Challenge kits on **Monday, September 30th at 6:30 PM**. There are 3 different activities in the kit and each of them take about an hour. Clubs can use these at club meetings during the year. If your club has youth or adults that want to attend, please email marie.witzel@wisc.edu to register. **Sign up by September 24th.**

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Oh, the places you'll go – Preparing for the World of Opportunities

Are you 7th Grade or older? Thinking about the future?

Want to know where to start?

The *4-H Preparing for the World of Opportunities* is a series of workshops that helps youth 7th grade and older prepare for the real-world experience and **practice applying for member experiences, scholarships and employment**. The series will focus on learning about the 4-H World of Work curriculum from Utah State, including how to find opportunities, creating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, interviewing and next steps. We also plan to have some special opportunities to connect with the College for Rural Wisconsin Program to learn more about their programs and support for youth. **Please register for one, two, or more sessions** at least one week prior to the session to allow for planning of any materials.



Registration: <https://forms.gle/5CTwT5ksDpZcykED6>

Want to be the first to know about these fun activities? Join 4-H!



What is 4-H besides animals and the fair?! It can be that, but it's so much more!! Just look at the opportunities above!

It's September, so that means **enrollment is now open** for the new 4-H year! As the largest youth development organization in the nation, 4-H provides a place for all kids to reach their full potential. They're able to see the world beyond themselves through hands-on, research-based experiences in every corner of Wisconsin. In Dodge County 4-H, we're growing the next generation of Wisconsin leaders! Enroll (or re-enroll) today in 4-H Online and invite a friend to join you!

Enrollment is open now. **Returning members must re-enroll by November 15th and new members must enroll by December 31st to be able to participate in all**

project opportunities. Wisconsin lives out the National vision and mission by focusing on expanding access through diversity, equity and inclusion, nurturing developmental relationships among young people and through youth-adult partnerships, providing opportunities for civic engagement and leadership, and expanding post-secondary pathways for young people.

Have questions about all that 4-H has to offer or **need more information about enrollment, projects, or activities? Contact our office** with questions at 920-386-3790 or email marie.witzel@wisc.edu.



Have Questions? Extension is here to help.

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