

Wood County 4-H Teen Leaders Application

Do you want to help promote 4-H with other teens from around Wood and other counties?

Become a Wood County 4-H Teen Leader!

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Any 2023-2024 Wood County 4-H member currently in grades 6-13
- Adult 4-H volunteers interested in serving as an advisor to incredible young people.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

- Actively assist in planning, coordinating & conducting county 4-H events.
- Promote & represent 4-H at activities and events throughout Wood County.
- Assist & interact with other teens, youth and volunteers throughout Wood County and Wisconsin.
- Select & complete, as a group, at least one community service project.

EXPECTATIONS:

Please review the **Teen Leader Role Description** (*attached*).

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete the application and submit it to the Extension Wood County office.
2. *Youth* applicants **MUST** also submit a letter of recommendation from a club or project leader (not a parent) with their application.

Submit application to:

UW-Madison Division of Extension Wood County
400 Market St.
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495-8095



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Wood County Teen Leaders Application Form (youth version)

Applicants must be 6th-13th grade in the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must be active 4-H members. Please type or PRINT clearly!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone (Primary): _____ (Secondary): _____

Applicant's Email address***: _____

*****Note: Due to system restraints, school email accounts are UNDESIRABLE! *****

School name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone(s): _____

Email address (parent/guardian): _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of applicant*: _____

**Applicant signature acknowledges that they have reviewed the teen leader role description*

4-H Club: _____ # of years in 4-H: _____

4-H honors, awards & leadership:

4-H club & county participation:

Top project areas:

How/what could you contribute to 4-H as a Teen Leader?

Extra-curricular activities (outside of 4-H):

WOOD COUNTY 4-H TEEN LEADER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Qualifications:

- Teen Leader must be in grades 6-13 during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Teen Leader must be an active 4-H club member & must have ***maintained membership*** in the 2023-2024 4-H year. Leadership within clubs or communities is encouraged!

Teen Leader Duties:

These opportunities are intended for youth to increase their knowledge and experience with communication, public relations, leadership, and teamwork skills.

Mandatory*

- Communicate effectively with adult advisors and fellow Teen Leaders.
- Attend and participate in the Annual Wood County Awards Program.
- Speak about, or promote, the Teen Leader program (***outside of your own club***).
- Actively participate in at least **two** other events in a Teen Leaders capacity (state and/or local events).
- Participate in the Wood County 4-H Leaders Association meetings when possible.

Desired*

- Available Saturday mornings/afternoons; this is a common event day.
- Actively lead and/or participate on an event committee in which the Teen Leaders provide county support. A post-event, written report may be requested (role, participation, feedback).
- Enter an exhibit into the Communication, Youth Leadership, or Health & Citizenship categories at the Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair.

Encouraged*

- Attend a leadership county event as well as any scheduled meetings or gatherings.
- Attend Fall Forum

*With ***proper communication*** alternative options can be made available.

Discouraged

- We understand social media communication has increased and may occasionally be useful while performing your Teen Leader duties. **Misuse** of electronic devices is discouraged, and repetitive **misuse** may be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- Poor representation of yourself or the 4-H Teen Leaders program, in person or on social media, may be grounds for dismissal (Ex: explicit language, poor attitude/behavior, and/or use of/representation of illegal items).

Events & Activities 4-H Teen Leaders have the opportunity to attend/support: These events are intended for you to increase your leadership and public relations skills, as well as promote, throughout Wood County, opportunities available within 4-H. Please wear appropriate attire.

Reminder-the majority of these events require Saturday availability:

- Annual Awards Banquet (Fall)
- Project Discovery Day (Winter)
- Creative Arts Day (March/April)
- Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camps (Summer x2)
- Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair - Junior Fair Building (Summer)
- Parades (varies)
- Additional county or community events possible

Your 4-H Teen Leader Adult Advisors and the UW-Madison Division of Extension-Wood County hope to provide you a valuable experience! We encourage you to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

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