4-H Families,

It’s the April issue of Exploring 4-H! This month’s issue talks about a really fun summer experience for kids everywhere – camp!

While Brown County 4-H no longer hosts an overnight camp program, 4-H members from Brown County still have a great opportunity to attend summer camp! In recent years, 4-H members have typically attended an open enrollment camp at Upham Woods, which is a camp owned and operated by Extension. Historically, the Brown County 4-H Leaders Association has even provided some financial support for all 4-H members attending one of these open enrollment camps!

Additionally, Brown County 4-H does host summer day camps around a variety of topics. If you are interested in learning more about these camps or seeing if they are an option, check with the Extension Brown County office for more information about camp offerings and registration.

If you’re new to 4-H as of the past month or you haven’t had a chance to check out the previous editions, you can find all previous issues on our website.

- October – The 4-H Pledge
- November – Projects
- December – Club Meetings
- January – Terminology
- February – Structure of Wisconsin 4-H
- March – Volunteering & Community Service

Don’t forget to fill out this short survey. 4-H is all about “making the best better”, and your feedback helps us improve!

Happy Camping!

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Making Memories at 4-H Camp

4-H camp provides a unique opportunity for all youth to develop life skills. It helps youth build confidence and meet new people in a safe, supportive environment! Camp is meant for everyone, and campers come from all walks of life. 4-H staff are committed to making accommodations to ensure that all youth have a chance to learn, grow, and have fun and summer camp!

Why is camp important?
Camps and youth counselors both have a lot to gain from camp! For some youth, this is their first time away from home. For others, it is an opportunity to get back together with friends. 4-H camp gives kids the opportunity to develop independence, self-confidence, and master new skills. Youth make new friends and get to spark new interests through camp programs. Camp counselors serve as role models and develop valuable leadership skills that will be useful for a lifetime!

Each camp provides a unique experience.
Most camp programs are based on a specific theme each year. Campers are divided into small groups to create a positive learning environment during the program. They participate in a wide variety of activities. Typical activities at camp include: learning sessions taught by counselors or adult volunteers, swimming, canoeing, hiking, campfires, arts and crafts, and more!

We’ve done this for awhile. Trust us!
4-H camps lean on decades of youth development experience using research and best practices endorsed by Extension. 4-H educators use a vast network of camping resources and training to provide the best possible experience for campers. Youth counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff work together to create safety measures for all camp programs. The emotional and physical wellbeing of campers is our top priority. All youth and adult leaders receive training and educational resources to help youth work through their new experiences away from home.

If you’re still not sure how camp may be a fit for your youth member or if you need to know about special accommodations, please reach out to your local 4-H educator!
Exploring 4-H
4-H for New Families
Member Edition

Go Pack!

Going to summer camp means you need to pack your bags for a fun time! The items below are important items to bring pack. Before you leave for camp, you should make sure you have everything you need. See if you can track down all of the items and practice getting packed for your big adventure.

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What did we miss?
Were there some items that you think should be on the list? List them here, and then try and get everything packed to make sure you can carry it all! Remember, you can’t bring everything!

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Every camp is different!
Some camps require that you bring certain items. Make sure you also check with the camp you’re attending to see if there is anything special you need to bring along.