

Positive Youth Development Programming: April 2026



Extension 4-H Program Educator, Sarah Feider, connects with and develops youth and engagement in 4-H to enhance youth development in Sheboygan County.

Needs Assessment:

- Youth leadership and engagement in an Ambassador Program to increase youth leadership and civic engagement.
- Connections with libraries and schools in the county to bring outreach to youth who otherwise couldn't attend community clubs.
- Support of 129 adult volunteers for the county.

Completed Projects:

- Livestock Reality Store
 - Youth traveled to booths at Farm WI in March, learning how to raise healthy livestock incurring challenges along the way.
- Project Day
 - Youth participated at the UWGB-Sheboygan Campus to ignite sparks and practice projects they haven't tried before.
- YQCA Trainer
 - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification so youth in Sheboygan County could attend an in-person training to gain educational requirements.

- Spring Break Day Camp
 - A full day program for youth in grades K-5 at the Sheboygan County YMCA promoting all things 4-H has to offer.
- Chick Quest
 - Bringing the life cycle of a chick into the classroom of 7th graders at Random Lake Middle School. Youth gained hands-on experiences of how to incubate chicks over a 22 day period.
- Camp Staff Trainings
 - Youth in grades 8-12 participate in 5 two and a half hour sessions to plan, prepare, and make connections in order to guide younger youth at base and outpost camp taking place in the summer of 2026.
- All Leader Meeting
 - An opportunity for all project and club leaders to come together to discuss ways to improve our clubs and projects and make connections with one another.

Upcoming Efforts:

- Summer Programming
 - County libraries, Sheboygan Recreation Department and the YMCA have plans to bring 4-H to their sites to show what 4-H has to offer.
- Bookworm Garden Partnership
 - 4-H was chosen to be the community garden this year. Based upon the book Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm, youth helped plan, plant, and prepare since January, with ribbon cutting on May 16.