



Ozaukee County 4-H Programming: August 2025



Extension 4-H Program Educator, Abi Quinlan, is working to enhance youth development opportunities through the 4-H program. She strives to strengthen local engagement, expand outreach, and provide meaningful learning experiences for youth and their families. Her work

focuses on building a robust and sustainable program that supports both new and existing members.

Needs Assessment

Youth Empowerment – The Youth Empowerment means giving young people meaningful roles in decision-making, leadership, and planning. When youth have a voice and are trusted with responsibility, they gain confidence, build critical life skills, and stay more engaged in the program. In my work, this looks like youth leading camp activities, shaping future program locations, serving on advisory boards, and helping design workshops. Empowered youth don't just participate, they lead, and that's what keeps our 4-H program strong, relevant, and growing.

Current Projects:

- **Summer Camp**
 - Led Base Camp for 55 youth (grades 3–6) and Adventure Camp for 16 youth (grades 7–9) at Upham Woods, focusing on outdoor learning and leadership July 7-9, 2025.
 - 2026 camp dates are set; new location (Camp Lakotah) is being secured based on youth feedback.
- **4-H Club & Group Meetings**
 - Attending meetings helps build relationships, support club health, and guide improvements in youth engagement.

- **New Fair Family Orientation**
 - Provided guidance for first-time families to ensure a successful, confident Fair experience, specifically within educational components.
- **Fair Judges Orientation**
 - Trained judges on youth development, age-appropriate feedback, and consistent evaluation practices in regards to the 4-H values.
- **Ozaukee County Fair – Youth Engagement and Recruitment**
 - Promote 4-H in the Expo building during the Fair to encourage new enrollments into the organization.
- **Countywide Youth Advisory Board**
 - Forming a board to give older youth a voice in county programming and develop their leadership skills.
- **2025 Older Youth Programs**
 - Resume Workshop – Build real-world application skills.
 - Interview Workshop – Practice and improve communication.
 - Career Meet & Greet – Connect youth with professionals.
- **2025 Fall Cloverbud Programming**
 - Planning age-appropriate activities for grades K5–2 to foster early engagement.
- **2025–2026 Club Officer Training**
 - Teaching youth leaders how to run meetings and manage responsibilities.
- **2025–2026 Volunteer Training**
 - Preparing club leaders with tools and updates to support safe, effective programs.
- **2025–2026 Board Member Training**
 - Helping club boards understand roles, improve communication, and lead confidently.