



## Ozaukee County 4-H Programming: February 2026



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.

### Priority Areas

**Youth Empowerment** – Prioritizing youth empowerment by creating opportunities for young people to lead, make decisions, and partner with adults in meaningful ways. Through youth-led clubs, leadership roles, and community engagement, members build confidence, voice, and a sense of belonging. The focus is on helping youth see themselves as capable contributors who can shape their communities and their own futures.

**College and Career Readiness** - Helping youth identify their interests and strengths while building transferable skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Project-based learning, leadership experiences, and exposure to post-secondary and career pathways support informed decision-making beyond high school. These experiences are designed to connect learning today with success in education, careers, and life.

### Current Projects:

- **4 New Countywide Projects**
  - Veterinary Science, Dance, Photography, and Adventure have been added as countywide projects with the support of adult volunteers due to the interest of the youth participating in the program

- **2026 Summer Camp Planning**
  - 2026 camp dates are set for June 18-21, 2026; new location will be Camp Lakotah
  - Youth leaders are leading the planning with support from Educator and key adult volunteers
- **4-H Club & Group Meetings**
  - Attending meetings helps build relationships, support club health, and guide improvements in youth engagement.
- **Partnership with Cedarburg School District**
  - High School Book Read designed to connect youth with 4-H outside of the typical community club
  - High school career readiness programming focused on resume and interview skills
  - Elementary school book challenge and STEAM programming in classrooms for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- **2026 Older Youth Programs**
  - Resume Workshop – Build real-world application skills.
  - Interview Workshop – Practice and improve communication.
- **2026 Club Officer Training**
  - Teaching youth leaders how to run meetings and manage responsibilities.
- **2026 Volunteer Training**
  - Preparing club leaders with tools and updates to support safe, effective programs.
- **2026 Board Member Training**
  - Helping club boards understand roles, improve communication, and lead confidently.