



Ozaukee County 4-H Programming: September 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.

Countywide Key Highlights:

- Ozaukee County 4-H successfully hosted summer camp programming at Camp Lakotah, providing youth with experiences focused on leadership, teamwork, outdoor education, confidence-building, and belonging. Youth leaders served as Youth Directors, Junior Youth

Directors, and teen counselors, demonstrating the impact of youth-adult partnerships in action.

- Cloverbud Day Camp expanded opportunities for younger youth to engage in hands-on learning and connect with peers through outdoor exploration, creative problem-solving, and age-appropriate leadership experiences.
- New enrollment for youth and adult volunteers for 2026-27 year starts September 2, 2026.

Current Projects:

- **4-H Club & Group Meetings**
 - Attending meetings helps build relationships, support club health, and guide improvements in youth engagement.
- **Club Officer Training**
 - Teaching youth leaders how to run meetings and manage responsibilities. Multiple meeting series to ensure full support throughout the leadership experience.
- **Volunteer Training**
 - Supporting implementation of the Annual Club Authorization process and providing training and resources to strengthen club sustainability and volunteer effectiveness.
 - On-going e-newsletter focused on equipping leaders with more small consumable tips to engage youth.
 - Collaborative workshops with Washington and Fond du Lac counties focused on specific project areas throughout the fall and winter.
- **Resume & Interview Skills Workshops**
 - Supporting youth interested in developing resumes and preparing for interviews, both collegiate and workplace.
- **Board Member Training**
 - Helping club boards understand roles, improve communication, and lead confidently.
- **Countywide Family Engagement Ideas**
 - Open House events held September 8th & 9th to support outreach and education regarding the opportunities in Ozaukee County 4-H.