Wisconsin 4-H Wants You!

What opportunities exist?
Citizenship Washington Focus bus trips to Washington, D.C. (June-July);
National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November);
National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin (end of September);
Space Camp bus trip to Huntsville, Alabama (late April);
International trips to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico or Norway(summer).

Who can apply?
Applicants must be at least 21 years old at time of trip and certified Wisconsin 4-H Leaders.
Applicants must be in good health. (Sleep deficit, some lifting and much walking are common!)

What are the requirements?
A complete application must be submitted before March 1 (January 1 for international trips).
A county 4-H Youth Development Agent’s reference is required. Other references may be required.
Selected international chaperones will need passports and physicians' reports.

How much time does it require?
Most trips are for three to seven days but international trips last one month. In addition, chaperones are required to attend both chaperone and delegate orientations. Preparatory time and time to complete a follow-up report and evaluation must also be scheduled.

What does it cost?
Registration and travel expenses are covered; some meals may be at the chaperone’s expense.

What are the criteria for chaperone selection?
- Experience: An applicant must have previous experience chaperoning local, county, district or state overnight or extended trips, whether for 4-H, school, Scouts, or other youth groups.
- Gender: Youth must be represented by adults of their same gender.
- Geographic location: Bus trips for CWF and Space Camp originate in Eau Claire where a chaperone is needed at the initial loading site for each trip. If a leader is not from that area, it should be noted on the application if he/she is willing to board/disembark at Eau Claire. National Congress requires chaperones at four or five widely dispersed airports.
- Interpersonal communication: Leaders must be team players who work together.
- Leadership ability. Effective teams unify a variety of talents: organization, "people skills", guiding…. 
- Motivation: An applicant’s first and foremost reason for applying must be motivated by a genuine desire to lead a youth group, attending to the group’s welfare and education, not for a vacation or to experience a son or daughter’s trip.
- Previous travel experience: National Congress leaders must have flight experience; international chaperones must have traveled internationally at least once.
- Sense of humor! A vital part of state and national 4-H trips is having fun, both for youth and adults.

How do I apply?
Contact a county 4-H office or call 4-H Outreach at 608/262-1557 or 608/262-0575 for an application.

Each trip has a different focus with different desired attributes for leaders. If someone doesn't fit into one position, they might be great elsewhere. Chaperone applicants will experience some wonderful hot competition for a few positions! If you are not selected this year, please don’t be discouraged! Apply again next year!
National 4-H Opportunities
Learn more about them!

Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, D.C.
www.4hcwf.org
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/cwf
Four trip weeks are offered in June-July each year to Wisconsin 4-H.

National 4-H Congress
www.national4-hcongress.com
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/congress
Experience exuberance with 1300 4-H’ers from all over the US including Hawaii and Puerto Rico in Atlanta in November.

National 4-H Dairy Conference
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/dairyconf
Join youth from over 30 states and several Canadian provinces to share learning experiences, educational tours, workshops, World Dairy Expo and fun in Madison.

Space Camp, Huntsville AL
www.spacecamp.com
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp
Wisconsin 4-H travels to Huntsville each April to join the fun!

Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/youthconf
Over 650 participants visit the UW Madison campus in June for this conference.

For more information,
Contact your local 4-H office or
the State 4-H Outreach office at (608) 262-1557 or
kay.hobler@ces.uwes.edu
# 2010 National 4-H Trips

## Wisconsin Adult Leader Application

### Adult Leader Positions Available:

The **Lead Adult for the Adult Advisor Team** is the primary contact with the program staff and the State 4-H office staff, registers the group on-site, and helps with some logistics.

**All Adult Advisors** work closely with the other chaperone team members to carry out the duties necessary for a successful group experience. This includes monitoring the conduct and health of delegates, enforcing rules/expectations, working closely with adult chaperone team members and/or youth advisors, working in cooperation with the program staff, and serving in a leadership role as a Day Coordinator.

### Expectations:

All leaders must be in good physical condition to withstand rigors associated with the trip. Expect much walking on hard surfaces, handling luggage, and sharing a sleeping room. Public speaking is required. Space Camp and Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) leaders can expect long periods of riding on a bus. CWF participants usually experience high temperatures with humidity in Washington D.C.

### Obligations:

All chaperones must be 21 or older at time of trip and be certified Wisconsin 4-H leaders. Chaperone expenses for transportation to the conference site, lodging and registration are covered by delegate fees. Any expense to the chaperone will be minimal. Adult leaders must work cooperatively with fellow chaperone team members and remain with the delegation at all times during the trip. Adult leaders are required to submit a report and evaluation upon completion of the program. Orientation will be held via teleconference and/or in person. **Participation at all scheduled orientations is mandatory. Sorry, no exceptions!**

### Mark your calendar now for these orientation dates:

- **Space Camp Chaperone Training** Sat., March 13, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Madison;
- **CWF Chaperone Workshop** Sat., April 24, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Stevens’ Point;
- **National Congress Chaperone Training** Mon., Oct. 18; 7:30-8:30 p.m. teleconference

I am interested in (check all for which you would like to be considered):
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington D.C. (June/July; see reverse.)
- National 4-H Congress, Atlanta GA (November 26-30, 2010)
- National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison WI (September 26 – 29, 2010)
- Space Camp, Huntsville (April 15-19, 2010)

I wish to apply for a Lead chaperone position. ___ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe…

(International leaders also needed for Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Norway. For more information, visit [http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm))

Please read the expectations listed above. Do you have a physical condition that may affect your ability to complete this trip? ____ If yes, explain: ____________________________________________

Name _________________________________ County _______________________________
Address _______________________________ City ______________________ Zip ___________
E-mail address __________________________ Best time to call: ________________________
Telephone (days) _(____)_________________ Telephone (nights) _(____)_______________
Cell phone that you would use on the trip _(____)_______________________________
Occupation: ____________________________ Years 4-H leadership experience _________
Experience in health care or First Aid ________________________________
Experience in working with disabilities _________________________________________
Gender _______ Health: ___ excellent ___ good ___ fair

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List experience chaperoning youth organizational trips in the past: ________________________
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What has been your greatest challenge with chaperoning youth? ________________________
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Provide a brief narrative addressing the following: supervisory experience; experience coordinating events; reasons for wishing to be involved; and what you hope to gain from the experience. __________________________________________________________________
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T-Shirt size:  __ small  __ med   __ large  __ XL   __ 2X  __ 3X (some sizes not avail on all trips)

National 4-H Congress Applicants only:
Have you been to National Congress ________  When? _______________________
List air travel experience __________________________________________________

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Applicants only:
Have you traveled to Washington, D.C.? ______  Purpose of trip _____________________
Have you been on a CWF trip? ________  When? ______________________
*City/State of Birth: _______________________  Birth date _____________________
*Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ (*Needed for security reasons for tours of government buildings.)

Tentative trip dates**: Please examine your calendar, taking into consideration such conflicts as work requirements, family vacations, weddings, etc., then rank preferences 1 - 3 or write “ok” or “no” for all trip dates
_____ Wk. 4- June 19-27    _____ Wk. 6- July 3-11  _____ Wk. 7- July 10-18

Please sign and date this application and take it to your County 4-H Office to be signed and mailed.

_______________________________________ _______________________
Applicant’s Signature          Date

____________________________________ _________ _______________________
County 4-H & Youth Development Agent’s Signature    Date

County 4-H & Youth Development Agent:
On a separate page, please provide your professional and confidential comments on the applicant’s attributes and mail with this application (no faxes, please)
Mail to:
to Wisconsin 4-H Outreach, 431 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison WI 53703
NOTE: APPLICATION MUST ARRIVE BY MARCH 1, 2010 TO BE CONSIDERED.
## 2010 Wisconsin 4-H State and National Trip
Mandatory Chaperone Teleconference Trainings

### Reminder!
Please hold these dates & mark them on your calendar!

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<td><em>Nov. 26-30, 2010</em></td>
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