

ROLE COMPARISON

There is often confusion about the roles between the Outagamie County 4-H program, the Outagamie County Fair and the Outagamie County 4-H Livestock Committee. This chart attempts to clarify the roles of these three unique organizations.

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H *Focus on Education*

- Youth from grades 5K through 13th can join 4-H through a local 4-H club.
- Once enrolled in a club, youth can enroll in a wide-variety of projects. There are over 50 different projects to choose from.
- Projects are offered in one of three ways:
 - Independent Study:** Youth teach themselves with support from 4-H project literature.
 - Club Project:** Youth are taught by a local club volunteer.
 - County-wide Project:** Youth attend county-wide project meetings led by county educator, adult volunteers, and/or youth leaders.
- Although many 4-H members showcase their work at the Outagamie County Fair as a way to reflect on what they have learned, this is not a requirement for participation in the 4-H program.
- All administrative rulings regarding code of conduct violations are made by the 4-H Program Educator. Decisions may be appealed in writing to the 4-H Program Educator.

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FAIR *Focus on Exhibition*

- Many Outagamie County 4-H members choose to showcase project work at the county fair. Although 4-H members are the majority of youth entries, youth from any Fair Board approved youth organization can enter the Fair's Junior Division.
- Outagamie County Fair receives input annually from 4-H project committees on rules and guidelines for Fair's Junior Division participation. Recommendations are often followed, however Outagamie County Fair reserves the right to make any modifications or adjustments.
- Outagamie County Fair publishes their Fair Premium Book on an annual basis listing entry requirements and exhibitor rules and regulations.
- Outagamie County Fair hires judges to evaluate and place their fair entries.
- Outagamie County Fair hires department superintendents to manage the judging, shows and day-to-day activities of some departments.
- All administrative rulings regarding shows/exhibits are made by the Fair Board with input from the superintendent of that department. Decisions may be appealed in writing to the Outagamie County Fair Board.

4-H LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE – LARGE ANIMAL AUCTION *Focus on the Investment*

- The Outagamie County 4-H Livestock Committee coordinates and oversees the animal sale/auction that usually takes place during the Outagamie County Fair.
- This committee dictates the rules and guidelines for the operation of this auction in line with Wisconsin 4-H policy.
- Youth are selected for participation in the auction by a set of rules established by this group of volunteers and youth.
- A small percentage of the proceeds are deducted from each animal sold to cover operating expenses of the livestock auction.
- In addition to the large animal sale, there is a small animal auction that is overseen by another 4-H committee.
- All administrative rulings regarding the large animal auction will be made by the 4-H Livestock Chair and Committee Board. Decisions cannot be appealed.