



## Ridgeway 4-H Club

Hello! My name is Jen Numrich and I am the club leader for Ridgeway 4-H Club. Here is some basic info about what our club has to offer:

### **Age Group:**

We have a good mix of ages. We have more Explorers (3rd to 5th graders) and Middle Schoolers this year with approximately 11 active in each of those age brackets. We have about 4 active Cloverbuds and 7 active high schoolers.

**Current Number of Youth in Our Club:** 37

### **When and Where We Meet:**

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30- 8:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church 3703 Fairview Rd in Neenah (Town of Clayton). We do not meet in July and August and have an alternative meeting date/time in December.

### **Our Most Popular Project Areas:**

Our club has a focus on many projects related to non-animal areas. We have youth who enjoy photography, clothing, woodworking, foods and nutrition, arts and crafts, music, performing arts, STEM, LEGOS, electricity, community service, self-determined and communications project areas.

### **Social Outings and Field Trips:**

We have a variety of activities which include a fall Achievement Night to celebrate our past year accomplishments and welcome new members, a hands-on Make N Take Explore and Experience 4-H night, caroling and music performances at Parkview Health Center in December along with a Holiday Party Meeting, Birthday Bags community service project for a local food pantry. We also offer a variety of project meetings including a meal day, woodworking, arts and crafts, and outings like a trip to State Fair, Lambeau Field or Paper Discovery Center based on the interests of our youth through out the year. We also strive to provide families with information to participate in County, State and National 4-H experiences to expand their 4-H opportunities.

### **Why I Think Our Club is Special:**

We love our family centered focus in our club where we help families all take part in our 4-H club. We strive to have our youth active in leadership roles. Our officers run our business meetings, lead ice breakers and help our younger members engage in public speaking and decision making experiences.

### **Are There Extra Fees Required to Join Our Club?**

Aside from the [\\$10 \(annual\) Leaders' Association Fee](#), We are currently drafting new by-laws to modify our club fees to the following: Our club has a fundraising goal that members help with to cover local club costs. Each member is expected to raise a minimum of \$10 for the club by January 1st. This fee can be part of a club fundraiser offered, an "opt- out/buy-out" of \$10 per member per year or another fundraiser designed by the club member and their family. This will be used to cover our budget to be approved by our members this fall for expenses for educational activities, printing, refreshments and fair exhibitor wristbands for active members in our club among other things. Members may also be asked to pay for supply costs for specific optional project meetings if they choose to participate. County Fair entry money and county and state activities may have their own fees as well.

### **Other Information:**

Ridgeway is a club that works hard to help our youth becomes leaders through activities which allows them decision making and experiences that are hands on and help them explore their interests through 4-H. We enjoy community service work, team building fun activities and family participation in our activities. Our club is in a more suburban setting so we strive to help our community to see that 4-H has agricultural roots but we have so much more to offer families and youth.

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