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4-H is a community
of young people
across Kansas
learning leadership,
citizenship, and life skills.

Be Involved: A Year In The Life Of A 4-H Member

When you join a 4-H club, you're stepping into a place which includes your entire family. 4-H is a fit for your busy life because you choose your level of participation.

The 4-H year starts Oct. 1. 4-H clubs generally meet on a monthly basis, where kids of all ages take on different leadership roles.

Not only will you meet regularly with your club, but you'll also meet throughout the year with other kids in your "projects" to learn different skills, go on field trips, or just explore all the possibilities. Projects are categories of activities. There are more than 30 to choose from including spacetech, pets, foods, woodworking and photography.

You can choose to participate in educational events that are offered throughout the year. One of the most famous, of course, is the county fair. Others include 4-H Day—where youth share about their projects and demonstrate their talents. Presentations, such as talks, demonstrations, skits and music are judged and awarded ribbons. Don't worry, we'll teach you how to talk in front of groups. Another is 4-H Camp—where you'll travel to Rock Springs 4-H Center for canoeing, horseback riding, swimming and spending time with friends and making new ones.

The 4-H year ends with an annual celebration for members, parents and leaders.

Then the excitement begins again. Which projects will you choose? The possibilities are amazing.

Be In The Know: What's 4-H All About?

Considering 4-H? Below are answers to questions about 4-H.

What is 4-H?

4-H is an educational organization for youth ages 7 thru 18. 4-H provides opportunities to develop life skills, technical skill development, club projects as well as other activities like camping, public speaking, travel, conferences and much more.

What is a 4-H Club?

A club is a group of five or more youth with the guidance of an adult leader. Clubs meet on a regular basis, have leadership positions and participate in business meetings. Clubs make group decisions and have community service opportunities.

How much does 4-H cost?

There is no membership or registration fee. The only costs may be associated with project materials and activities that members choose to participate in.

What is a 4-H project?

4-H projects are learning experiences for 4-H members. Training pets, making clothing, repairing computers, growing plants and building rockets are just a few examples of what members learn in 4-H projects.

Why join 4-H?

4-H is fun with friends. 4-H is learning and doing cool things. 4-H is meetings, camp, workshops, social activities, trips and fairs. 4-H is leadership opportunities and helping others. 4-H is responsibility and hard work and success.

Who do I call to join?

Contact your local Extension Office and ask about a club near you!



Interested in Joining? Check us out!

Club Name:

Club Leader's Name and Phone number:

Meeting Date and Time:

Meeting Site:

(Current 4-H Family - Please complete the above information.)

Be Supportive: Parents and Kids Learning Together

“Excitement is caught, not taught,” is true in many places including 4-H.

As your children participate in 4-H, you will want to make the most out of the experience for both you and your child.

There are ways you can help your family have a positive, healthy, learning experience in 4-H.

Support your children as members by helping them learn about making choices and decisions and understanding their capabilities and potential.

Don't expect your children to go it alone, but don't do their projects for them either. They will need for you to share your wisdom with them.

Support your local club by attending meetings with your children.

Reinforce the learning and workings of the club with your children at home.

Lend your support and skills to the club. Active parents make an exciting club experience for the members. But remember, the 4-H club belongs to the children.

“Support the 4-H club by sharing your skills and knowledge. Volunteer to be a project leader or offer to assist the club leader.”

Be Informed: Take A Virtual Tour of 4-H

Get ideas. Print resources. Gather project inspiration. Find knowledge. Do this and more on the Kansas 4-H website. Ready for a virtual tour? Hop on!

Point your url to www.Kansas4-H.org. On the right side of the page you will find a “What's Hot” section. Bookmark this site, and check this section frequently. This is where the new stuff will appear. Download information on current Kansas 4-H activities, register for events and check out the Kansas 4-H Centennial.

Curious about “What Happened?” Check out this section on the lower right side of the page.

Peruse news releases, admire photos and learn about what 4-H members did.

Now move over to the left. Check out this menu! Learn what 4-H is. Print your own forms, when you need them. Print resources for yourself or for your 4-H member.



Get in touch with volunteers across the state. Don't forget to visit the clip art gallery!

Next check out www.4husa.org. This national 4-H website will get you hooked into all the goods.

Sign up for your own free email address. Create your own blog. Download free wallpaper, screen-savers, buddy icons and much more.

Chat with people throughout the US about 4-H.

Access cool promotional resources. Use these to teach yourself more about 4-H, or use them to invite another family to join.

Click on the photo gallery to download free useable photos. Add a request in the forum area, and watch as others offer ideas to help you out. Help another web visitor out by offering your suggestions.

All of these terrific benefits become available when you register, which is free.

Well, time is wasting, what are you waiting for? We'll be seeing you online!

Fun for Kids: Project Riddles

Read the riddles and see if you can guess the 4-H project.

In this project, my pet can fetch a stick.
Or learn how to do a trick.
With a tail wag and a bow wow or two.
What project should I do?

In this project, I hear a purr.
I also see lots of fur.
There are whiskers on her nose,
What project has some of those?

In this project, I can make some lunch.
I can snack and munch.
Cookies, cakes, and pies are good too.
What project should I do?

In this project, I can grow a flower.
I can give my plants a shower.
I can grow a veggie and fruit too.
What project should I do?

3-2-1 blast off,
Into outer space.
Look into the clouds so soft,
For a project which flies at a fast pace.

Grab the camera, film or disk.
Make that picture list.
Snap pictures on 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Which project keeps you smiling more?



Project Hints:
Cat
Dog
Foods & Nutrition
Photography
Plant Science
SpaceTech