



4-H puts young people in the driver's seat!

Learn about things that interest you, participate in opportunities, and explore potential careers. In 4-H, you get to be you! We welcome youth from all backgrounds and interests, wherever they live. Whether you're into animals, robotics, art, or helping others, 4-H helps you explore what you love. You'll meet mentors and friends, travel to new places, and discover exciting careers, all while making a difference in your community.

Illinois 4-H is the state's largest out-of-school youth organization, where kids "learn by doing" through hands-on experiences that build real-world skills.

4-H youth are more likely to make healthy choices, serve others, and live with purpose. They're 97% more likely to connect with people different from themselves. And 84% identify a career path before graduating high school.

In 4-H, you grow, lead, and thrive—just by being you.





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University of Illinois, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Local Extension Councils Cooperating. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, contact the registration office. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

Who can join 4-H?

4-H is the place for all Illinois kids and teens ages 5-18, where you belong! Kids ages 5-7 participate as Cloverbuds, where they explore and learn through fun, hands-on activities. Youth ages 8-18 become members of 4-H clubs, where they develop leadership skills, pursue their interests, and make lasting friendships. No matter your age, there's a place for you in 4-H!

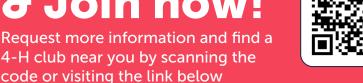
Do I need to own livestock?

No! You can definitely still show livestock but 4-H is also so much more! With projects from aerospace to painting, natural resources to cooking, there is something for everyone. You can even participate in esports and play video games! Illinois 4-H currently supports nearly 80 different project areas. Some youth may work on a project for a few months, and others may work on a project over several years. Project work is self-paced and individual. By exploring projects in a supportive environment, you can find your interests and explore potential careers.

How much does it cost?

4-H enrollment fees are only \$20 for the whole program year! Fees may be reduced depending on your county or club. There may be additional opportunities that have other participation fees, but you can always opt in or out and, if financial hardship is a concern, always contact the office for information on potential fee waivers that may be available.

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