

4-H PROJECT WORK

4-H isn't just for learning about agriculture anymore. It gives young people an opportunity to explore many different project areas, over 80 in all. There are projects for animal lovers, plant lovers, cooks, carpenters, scientists, tailors, photographers, and many more. The Extension Office offers a handout called the "4-H Project Guide" that describes all the projects available. The projects are selected during enrollment time in October. Please make your project selections then so you have ample time to complete your projects before the fair. However, new members may change or add projects up until May 1st. The cost of project work is the responsibility of each individual member, not the club or project leader, although some clubs may choose to defray costs.

Cloverbuds are children in grades K - 2nd. Cloverbuds can be a separate group by themselves or they can be a project group within a 4-H club. They may meet at different times than the club or at the same time as the rest of the club. They participate with the rest of the club activities at club discretion. Cloverbuds must enroll in the Cloverbud project and may enroll in one additional project that interests them. Cloverbuds can participate in the Head of the Lakes Fair, however, they may only exhibit in the Cloverbud project area.

First year members ages 8-10, as well as members making the transition out of Cloverbuds, are encouraged to take the Exploring project along with 1-2 other projects that interest them. The emphasis in Exploring is on sampling available 4-H projects to determine interests and talents for more in-depth learning in future years. Exploring can only be taken for one year. (Exceptions can be made for special circumstances.) Members in grade 3 and higher can enter in the fair under each project they are enrolled in.

