

Think that 4-H is not for you?



THINK AGAIN!

4-H...More Than YOU Ever Imagined!

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Turn over to read more about 4-H!

4-H FAQ'S

(Frequently Asked Questions about 4-H)

Do I Have to Live on a Farm?

NO! 4-H members live in the city, in the suburbs, in towns, and in the country! Many people think 4-H is just about farming and animals. This couldn't be further from the truth. 4-H gives youth opportunities to learn, share, and grow in lots of different areas! Keep reading to see what 4-H is **REALLY** all about!

What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth development organization that helps young people develop skills that they need now and in the future. They develop these skills by doing fun and exciting hands-on projects and activities.

Who Can Join 4-H?

4-H is for boys and girls in kindergarten through one year beyond high school. It is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, disability, gender, or where they live.

Why Do Kids Like 4-H?

They have **FUN** with friends at meetings, social activities, camps, fairs, and on tours and trips. They **LEARN** to do interesting things, such as take care of animals and plants, redecorate their rooms, fix their bikes, take pictures, practice cooking, collect rocks, and much, much more! And, they **HELP** others by providing leadership to younger kids and by doing community service projects.

How Do You Join 4-H?

Your family joins a community 4-H club where the whole family is encouraged to participate...so there are kids from kindergarten to high school students, parents, and sometimes even grandparents, participating in the club's activities!

Call the Eau Claire County UW-Extension Office at (715) 839-4712 to find the 4-H club nearest you. There are clubs located throughout Eau Claire County. You can also call a local 4-H club leader if you know one.

How Much Does 4-H Cost?

There is a small enrollment fee to join Eau Claire County 4-H. In addition, some clubs have small dues per member or family. Other clubs do fundraisers to earn money for club activities and expenses. Scholarships are always available for families who cannot afford dues or fees.

What Are 4-H Projects?

Each member enrolls in projects that match their interests. Examples include photography, rocketry, foods & nutrition, cats, dogs, horses, sewing, arts & crafts, large & small animals, gardening, woodworking, computers, more! There are more than 50 projects to choose from!

What Else Do You Do in 4-H?

4-H'ers can enter project work at the county fair. 4-H members can go to camp, participate in shooting sports, enter speaking, music, and drama competitions, and go on trips. In their 4-H club, members do educational, recreational, and community service activities. All 4-H members are eligible for awards for their 4-H work.

How Can Parents Get Involved in 4-H?

Parents are a very important part of 4-H. Parents help 4-H members choose their projects, provide financial support & transportation, and encourage the 4-H'ers to do their best. Many parents share their time, skills, and resources with the entire 4-H club by becoming project or activity leaders.

How Do You Start a New 4-H Club?

Rather than join an existing club, you may wish to start a club in your neighborhood. A new 4-H club would require at least 5 youth, from 3 different families and an adult leader who is willing to be the general leader for the club. The 4-H Youth Development Agent would be happy to work with you to get a new club started in your area.

Call 839-4712 today to get started!