

# **Connecting New Families to 4-H**



It doesn't matter where you live, what you want to be when you grow up, or your level of experience. 4-H is a club of kids and their families who take part in fun, practical projects from woodworking to rocketry, and everything in-between. Join 4-H and explore exciting ways to grow, together.

## **4-H Community Clubs**

4-H members are given the opportunity to learn and practice decision making in group situations. Members are expected to attend their club gatherings and parents are encouraged to attend as well, as a 4-H family affair. The community club leaders can be your best resource for month-to-month things happening and helping you learn. The club meeting starts with the American flag salute, followed by the 4-H Pledge. Each meeting has three main components: Group Decisions, Program, and Group Building.

#### **4-H Projects**

As a 4-H member, youth choose at least one project to complete. Choose a project that fits into your family, community and lifestyle. These are typically areas that interest a kid where they will learn more and explore. Carrying out a project helps members learn by doing, making sounds decisions, and mastering a subject matter. There are more than 35 different projects with options at several levels that allow a member to advance their skills.

Visit https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/ to view all projects available.

### **Enrolling**

4-H members must be at least 7 years old and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. Members live in towns, in the country and on farms. The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30. Once a family has decided to join 4-H, they will need to enroll on 4-H Online. If families have questions during this process, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office.

#### **Other Resources**

Kansas Clover Classroom
Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway (4H1131)
A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry (4H1132) 4-H Online Family Resources
Kansas 4-H Facebook Page

Find contact information for your local 4-H program on the back page.