

Families want the best
for their children.
So does Johnson
County 4-H.

Our program strives to strengthen character, build knowledge, and have fun. The community club program, led by trained volunteers, gives youth opportunities to “learn by doing.” They develop skills and gain practical knowledge and wisdom.

4-H Pledge

I pledge
My **Head** to clearer thinking,
My **Heart** to greater loyalty,
My **Hands** to larger service,
My **Health** to better living

For my club, my community, my
country, and my world.

The four 4-H's represent the four basic human needs of independence, belongings, generosity, and mastery. Research indicates that youth whose basic needs are met in positive ways are likely to grow into active citizens and contributing members of their families and communities. 4-H can help your child meet these needs.

4-H celebrated its centennial in 2002. For over 100 years 4-H has provided quality youth programs and education. During this time 4-H has moved from its rural roots to include members from all localities.

We're proud of our heritage and excited about our future.



...and justice for all

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Place for
Your Child in
Johnson
County 4-H

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*Helping Iowans
Become Their Best*



Fun

How old do girls and boys have to be to join 4-H?

The traditional 4-H club program is open to all youth, grades 4 to 12 (3rd graders can join clubs as "associate" members). The Clover Kid program is designed for youth in grades K to 2.

What do children do in 4-H?

4-H members choose projects that interest them. Iowa 4-H has more than 45 projects to choose from. These projects are educational and practical. Your child may attend regular meetings, be involved in public speaking and community service activities, or serve as a club officer. Your child may want to participate in county events such as 4-H camp or the county fair. Also, opportunities are available for trips and conferences in Iowa and nationally.

How much does it cost to join 4-H?

The membership fee for 4-H in Iowa is \$20 per year. There is a scholarship program available to help with this fee, if financial assistance is needed. Individual clubs may charge dues to cover club expenses. Some projects areas may require a small investment for materials.

We live in the city (or town). Can my children still join 4-H?

YES. 4-H programs are open to all young people, no matter where they live. Activities might include food & nutrition, photography, woodworking, science, and leadership.

Do parents have to become leaders?

Parents don't have to become 4-H leaders when their child joins 4-H, but most leaders appreciate the assistance of parents or other adults. This help can range from being a project leader, to driving members to activities, to supplying refreshments for a meeting.

Will my child be safe while in 4-H?

4-H Youth Development has a volunteer screening policy in place throughout the state.

Who sponsors 4-H in Iowa?

4-H is an educational program provided by Iowa State University Extension in each of the state's counties. Funding for this program comes from county and state government, the United States Department of Agriculture, grants and contracts, membership fees, and the Iowa 4-H Foundation.



County Fair



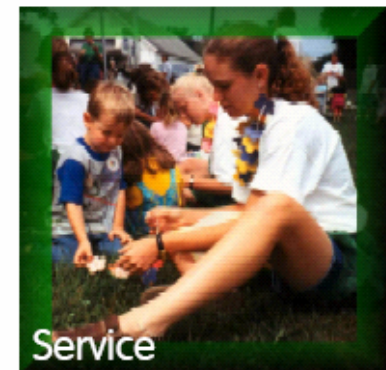
Learning

How to Join 4-H

Contact the Linn County ISU Extension Office. A 4-H staff member will guide you and your child to 4-H opportunities in your neighborhood.

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