

## SO WHAT IS 4-H?

Monona County 4-H is an educational program that actively involves youth in grades 4-12. The 4-H program was founded in the State of Iowa in 1902 and is under the direction of Iowa State University Extension. It has grown nationally & internationally.

**Today, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world!**

## HOW DOES 4-H WORK?

Volunteer adults serve as 4-H club leaders and are considered volunteer educators of Iowa State University. Through the county Extension Office, leaders have access to University research and information.

### Volunteer leaders encourage youth to:



Gain knowledge & practical life skills



Work together as a team



Make new friends



Learn & practice decision making



Develop effective record keeping, communication, & public speaking skills



Learn & practice leadership skills



Appreciate & understand their community through service projects



Apply newly developed skills to various areas of project work.

## WHAT PROJECTS CAN I LEARN ABOUT?

There are more than 100 different projects for 4-Her's to explore. Learn more about an interest, hobby, or something fun!

It's as easy as ABC:

Aerospace, Astronomy, Automotive,  
Beef, Bicycle, Bird,  
Camping, Cat, Computers, Clothing,  
Dairy, Dog,  
Electricity, Environment,  
Fishing, Food & Nutrition, Forestry,  
Gardening, Gerbil, Guinea Pig,  
Health, Horse, Home Improvement,  
Leadership,  
Music,  
Pets, Photography,  
Rabbit, Rocketry,  
Safety, Self-Determined, Sheep, Swine,  
Theatre, Tractor,  
Veterinary Science, Visual Art,  
Welding, Woodworking, Wildlife

**Cost:** There is a \$30 yearly fee per member to join 4-H. Monona County 4-H pays \$5 of the fee.

**Parents:** Parents & guardians are an important part of 4-H. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings and participate in 4-H activities.

## WHAT DOES A 4-H CLUB OFFER?

- ✓ Fun & educational monthly club meetings!
- ✓ Community Service Projects
- ✓ Citizenship Experiences
- ✓ Leadership Opportunities
- ✓ Communication Opportunities
- ✓ Officer Opportunities
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Club tours, trips, & workshops

**Attendance Policy:** 4-H members must attend ½ of all club meetings each year for 4-H membership

## MONONA COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES & BEYOND:

- ✓ Project workshops
- ✓ Monthly 4-H Newsletter
- ✓ Project Literature
- ✓ 4-H awards
- ✓ County Fair
- ✓ Special Events and Camps
- ✓ Club Officer Training
- ✓ County Youth Council
- ✓ College Scholarships
- ✓ Iowa State Fair
- ✓ State 4-H Camps
- ✓ State Conference and Round-up
- ✓ Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

## MONONA COUNTY 4-H CLUBS & LEADERS

4-H clubs are located throughout Monona County. Families may join a club of their choice.

### Badgers-Whiting

Ronda MacClure-712-458-2693

### Bobcats-Onawa

Mary Black-712-433-2275

Julie Miller-712-423-3815

Pauline Zima-712-423-2463

Jo Keitges-712-433-1099

### Castana Wildcats-Castana

Deb Venteicher-712-889-2825

Kim Yanak-712-353-6253

### East Monona Explorers-Soldier/Moorhead

Jeff & Laurie Mordhorst-712-885-9916

### Franklin Go-Getters-Onawa

Jill Hausman-712-423-1094

Lisa Meadows-712-433-1514

### Mapleton Majors-Mapleton

Nancy McGrain-712-882-1594

### Mapleton Starspinners-Mapleton

Sharyl Bruning-712-882-1121

Brenda Wimmer-712-882-2242

### Discover 4-H-3<sup>rd</sup> graders-Mo.Co.

Jo Keitges-712-433-1099

### SESS (shooting sports)-Mo.Co.

Laura Martz-712-269-9334

### Babysitting -Mo. Co.

Kate Garred-712-455-2271

### Clover Kids-

For K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders

Held in Spring in various towns in county

### Ricochet-Mo. Co.

Cheri Hardison-712/423-2175

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To join or learn more about 4-H in Monona County, please contact:

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712-423-2175

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You may also visit the ISU 4-H website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/>

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/monona>

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*“To Make the Best Better”*



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