

# Take a closer look at 4-H!

## What is 4-H?

4-H is a great youth program that gives kids a chance to:



- meet new friends
- learn new skills in a variety of areas
- learn how to set goals



- and learn leadership and communication skills that will last a lifetime!

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

Kids can join a 4-H club anytime between 4th grade and 12th grade. (Kids in 2nd through 3rd grade can join 4-H Cloverbuds.)

With each club made up of a mix of older and younger kids, the younger kids benefit from the older kids' knowledge, and the older kids gain experience mentoring the younger members of their club.

Kids also benefit from making new friends outside of their own neighborhood or school.

## We live in town... Can my children still join 4-H?

Yes, 4-H is open to all kids no matter where you live! There is a misconception that you must live on a farm to participate in 4-H, but that's simply not true.

## How much does it cost to join?

In Benton County 4-H costs \$25 for all members.

## How do I find out more about joining a 4-H club?

There are 16 4-H Clubs and 2 Cloverbud clubs in Benton County, so you're sure to find a club near you! Cloverbuds start in January of each year. Information is sent home through the schools with all children in 2nd and 3rd grades in Benton County.

Call the Benton County Extension office at

**319-472-4739**

or by email at [thomsenm@iastate.edu](mailto:thomsenm@iastate.edu) for more information on joining 4-H!

If you want your child to learn more about teamwork, responsibility, leadership, and communication skills - make this the year you look into 4-H.



# Benton County 4-H Clubs



B.E.H.I.P. (Benton Equine Horse Interest Program)

Denise Schwab/Tanner Schwab 721-6343

Bruce Boosters

La Porte City/Mt. Auburn

Maureen Hanson 342-2918

Canton Upstreamers

Shellsburg/Palo

Marsha Booth 436-2128

Val Stinson 551-0211

Eldorado Young Master Farmers

Newhall

Joan & Ron Franck 223-5273

Fremont Lucky Clovers/Go Getters

Atkins

Dan Voss 446-7402

Karen Miller 446-7460

Florence Hawkeyes

Norway /Watkins

Yvonne Brecht 227-7670

Lori Ballard 642-7487

Adam Brecht 434-6157

Florence Go Getters

Norway/Atkins

Deanna Freese-Miller 227-7898

Stacy Siek 454-0097

Harrison Willing Workers

Vinton

David & Mary Paustian 472-3320

Todd Wiley 474-2290

Homer Helpers

Keystone

Mary Breja 442-3717

Homer Hornets

Keystone/Garrison

Linda & Lee Klopping 477-5725

Lenny Engelking 442-3320

Iowa Ever Readies

Belle Plaine/Luzurne

Dan & Dena Arens 444-2963

Jan Kendall 444-3501

Jackson Better Farmers

Vinton/Garrison

Peggy Wittmer 378-8580

Leroy Luckies

Blairstown/Keystone/Van Home

Ann Franzenburg 228-8758

Monroe Happy Hustlers

Dysart/Garrison

Jon Hadachek 476-3587

John Winkelpleck 476-2724

North Eden Willing Workers

Vinton

Melissa Tandy 472-2377

Polk 101

Urbana/Center Point

Jim & Christy Bruce 443-3275

