



Polk County 4-H Clubs

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Ankeny 4-H Club

Leader: Traci Haselhuhn 515-291-1093 tracihaselhuhn@gmail.com
Emily Rhoades 515-370-1926 emilyrhoades82@gmail.com

Meeting: 3rd Sunday, 3:30 pm Lutheran Church of Hope, Ankeny

About: Our meetings are at 3:30-5:30pm one Sunday a month. Every club member does one presentation throughout the year to share some knowledge with the club that they have learned about. We do community outreach activities throughout the year as well.

History: The Ankeny 4-H Club is one of the oldest clubs in Polk County. We are a Banner Club and do service projects in our community.

Ankeny Clover Kids

Leader: Amanda Flotho Ankenycloverkids4h@gmail.com
Tessa Fjelland
Matthew Steen

Meeting: 3rd Monday, 6-7 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Ankeny

Grades: 4th-12th

About: We are a hands-on, activity based club. We introduce clover kids to different project areas while making friendships and having fun. Clover kids are kids grades Kindergarten - 3rd grade.

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Ankeny Trailblazers 4-H

Leader: Tammy Wood 515-975-5831 tammydawnwood@gmail.com

Meeting: Holy Trinity Church, Ankeny

Grades: 4th-12th

About: Our Club is in a larger city. We have youths from 4th to 10th grade currently. We enjoy volunteering in the winter months with Ginger Bread Lane and making holiday cards for a local nursing home. We have worked to assist A Helping Hand Ankeny with several outreach programs. Our group enjoys students sharing projects and leading learning experiences as well as having guest speakers join us on topics such as nutrition, photography, bee keeping, and horse care. (We are not an equestrian club.)

History: Trailblazers was founded in 2015 and Officers were installed in 2019. The club has been growing since and has become a proud part of Ankeny.

Capitol City Cloverbuds

Leader: Matt Champion 309-236-7660 mjchamp@gmail.com

Meeting: 1st Sunday, 3-4 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Grades: K-3rd

About: We are a club of first generation 4-Hers. Our youth really drive what we do and what we learn through our club. Past activities include sewing draw string backpacks, cooking, financial literacy, challenges in communication and working as a team, photography, and STEM activities like coding and making snow volcanoes. We are a diverse club that welcomes everyone.

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Everything Explorers

Leader: Rebecca Chiodo, 515-991-6647, 4HEverythingExplorers@gmail.com
Amy Perling

Meeting: 2nd Friday, 4-6 pm

Grades: 4th-12th

About: We are a homeschool-focused club. Our club encourages the love of learning through completing fair-ready projects, hosting guest speakers, volunteering, giving club presentations, attending field trips, and more. Member families all contribute with leading activities in their areas of expertise or interest.

Freedom Riders

Leader: Jessica Boor 515-201-1661 freedomriders4hcloverkids@gmail.com
Emily Spence 515-229-9561 ejs930@yahoo.com

Meeting: Saturdays, 10am-12 pm St. Luke's Catholic School

Grades: 4th-12th

About: A large group of kids that enjoy community service and agriculture! We also like to fun with group outings. We encourage each of our participants to explore one new project area.

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Leader: Jessica Boor 515-201-1661 freedomriders4hcloverkids@gmail.com
Emily Spence 515-229-9561 ejs930@yahoo.com

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Grades: K-3rd

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