

Wayne County 4-H Handbook



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What is 4-H?

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program provides opportunities for youth to develop skills that they can use now and throughout their lives. Iowa 4-H builds upon a century of experience as it fosters positive youth development that is based on the needs and strengths of youth, their families, and communities.

4-H is open to youth in grades 4th-12th and offers many programs at the county, region, state, and national levels.

What is Clover Kids?

The Iowa 4-H Clover Kids program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical maturation of kindergarten through third graders by providing a unique, age-appropriate educational opportunity.

Clover Kids is open to youth in grades K-3rd and offers many programs at the county and state level.

<p style="text-align: center;">Member Information</p> <hr/> <p>4-H Club/Clover Kids</p> <hr/> <p>Meeting Date, Location, & Time</p> <hr/> <p>Leader's Name</p> <hr/> <p>Leader's Phone Number</p>	<p>4-H members are grouped based on their grade in school at the beginning of the 4-H year in September.</p> <p>Clover Kid: Members are in grades K-3</p> <p>Junior: Members are in grades 4-6</p> <p>Intermediate: Members are in grades 7-8</p> <p>Senior: Members are in grades 9-12</p>
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Join 4-H in 3 Easy Steps!

Step 1: Pick a 4-H Club

The Wayne County 4-H Program has 9 4-H Clubs and 1 Clover Kids group. You're first step in joining 4-H is deciding what club is the one for you!

Each club meets once a month:

- Benton Battlers– 1st Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. Wayne High School Lunch Room
- Benton Busy Bees– 3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m. Allerton Legion
- Clio-Southwesters– 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Clio City Park/Hall
- Clover Kids– 2nd Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. Wayne County Extension Office
- Cooking Club– TBA Saturday's @ 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Extension Office
- Shooting Sports (SESS)- 2nd Sunday @ 2:00 p.m. Russell Sportsmen's Club
- Union Hotshots– 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. Wayne County Extension Office
- Walnut Monroe Lonetree– 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Seymour Fire Station
- Warren Willpower– 4th Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. Wayne County Extension Office
- Wayne Wranglers–3rd Sunday @ 7:00 p.m. Wayne Elementary School

Step 2: 4HOnline

All 4-H members, including Clover Kids must sign up through 4HOnline:
<https://iowa.4honline.com/>

4HOnline is an online database that collects the following information:

- Personal Information: Name, address, parents' names.
- Code of Ethics: An agreement to conduct yourself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and disciplinary actions.
- Medical Information: Gives general medical information, allergies, etc. Medical emergency permission.

Each year, after September 1, members must re-enroll their membership in 4HOnline.

Follow this link for help documents for New Enrollments and Re-Enrollments: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-online-information-families-and-leaders>

Step 3: Attend Meetings

After enrolling in a club, a 4-H member attends monthly club meetings. At these club meetings, members plan other club events, vote on agenda items, swap ideas and information and do fun and educational activities.

What Does a 4-H Club Do?

A 4-H club elects its own officers and conducts its own business. Most clubs meet monthly with a year-long plan for their programs. Each meeting includes Pledge of Allegiance, hosts, presentations, roll call, recreation, 4-H Pledge, and business.

Many 4-H clubs also get involved in a variety of community service, social and fundraising projects. The youth in each club should decide the types of projects their club will do.

4-H members and their families are responsible for the cost of materials needed to complete their project (s).

Member Expectations

- Be an active member in 4HO-line and pay your \$5.00 dues by December 1.
- Attend and participate in 5 club meetings. This is a REQUIREMENT IF exhibiting at the Wayne County Fair.
- Give 1 presentation at a club meeting over a project area of your choice.
- Select a project suited to member's interest, ability and age. In each project area, members are to set goals and measure progress toward those goals.
- Complete a record book documenting what has been done in 4-H each year, and turn in by October 1 to receive membership yearly pin.

Levels of Participation

County/Region:

- Summer Day Camps
- Project Workshops
- County Fair Exhibitor
- Club Officer
- Region 19 Mystery Trip
- Region 19 Junior Trip

State:

- Healthy Living Retreat
- Science and Technology Fair
- Animal Science Roundup
- Equine Extravaganza
- Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Judging Team Events
- Awardrobe Clothing Event
- State 4-H Council
- Youth Conference
- State 4-H Recognition Day
- Iowa 4-H Camera Corps
- Iowa 4-H Reporters
- Iowa 4-H Camps
- State Fair Exhibitor

National:

- Citizenship Washington Focus
- National Youth Summit Series
 - Maker
 - Agri-Science
 - Healthy Living
 - Photography





4-H History

1902: Youth Clubs are Formed

A. B. Graham started a youth program in Clark County, Ohio, in 1902, which is considered the birth of 4-H in the United States. The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club". T.A. Erickson of Douglas County, Minnesota, started local agricultural after-school clubs and fairs that same year. Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs.

1914: Cooperative Extension System is Created

The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H. By 1924, 4-H clubs were formed and the clover emblem was adopted. The Cooperative Extension System is a partnership of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 100 land-grant universities and more than 3,000 county offices across the nation. Cooperative Extension combines the expertise and resources of federal, state, and local governments and is designed to meet the need for research, knowledge and educational programs.

4-H Colors

The official colors of 4-H are green and white. Green is nature's most common color and stands for springtime, life, youth, and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H Emblem

The green four-leaf clover has a white "H" on each leaf to represent the four H's - Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

The clover was officially adopted as the national emblem in 1911.



4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.

4-H Vision

Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.

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 ABC's of 4-H

Adult Youth Committee—Group of individuals that help determine the Youth and 4-H programming needs. Volunteer their time to assist at 4-H events throughout the year.

Awards—Awards are one form of recognition given to 4-H members. In order to be considered for an award in November at the Annual 4-H Awards Night you must complete your yearly record book. These are due on October 1.

Clothing—Members model clothes they have selected, either by purchase or sewn. There are three categories members may enter: Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, and The \$15 Challenge. These exhibits are judged approximately two weeks prior to the fair at the Clothing and Communications Judging Day.

Communications—Members demonstrate their communication skills. There are three categories member may enter: Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Share-the-Fun. These exhibits are judged approximately two weeks prior to the fair at the Clothing and Communications Judging Day.

Conference Judging—This method of judging is used at the Wayne County Fair, with the exception of livestock classes. The 4-H'er brings his/her exhibit to the judge and discusses the work with the judge. The judge uses this information, any written information required by the class rules, and the exhibit itself in determining the ribbon placing of the exhibit. A ribbon is awarded, the placing is recorded, and the 4-H'er takes the exhibit to be displayed and received appropriate premium money.

Exhibit—A 4-H exhibit is an item resulting from project work which a 4-H'er has chosen to be exhibited at the fair and to be evaluated by a judge. The exhibit can be either static (not livestock) or livestock. Prior to the fair, some clubs hold workshop events that give new ideas and help members create fun and exciting projects. This allows a lot of sharing with fellow members, leaders and family members in attendance.





The ABC's of 4-H

Extension Council—A county elected group of individuals that help determine the Youth and 4-H programming needs.

Fairboard—A group of adult volunteers that contribute to the actual fair events and keep the grounds and buildings in working order.

Livestock Identification —This is how the 4-H'er identifies all of his/her livestock projects that will be exhibited at the Wayne County Fair. Livestock Identification is entered through 4HOnline. Entry is required for ALL livestock/animals coming to the Wayne County Fair.

Deadlines:

May 15– Beef, Goat, Sheep, Dog, Horse, Pets, and Swine.

July 1– Rabbit and Poultry.

Newsletter—A 4-H newsletter is available by the first day of the month to families, members, and guests. You have the option in 4HOnline to receive the newsletter by email or mail. It can also be found on our Facebook page and website. Read your newsletter carefully for important information and deadlines. Please keep in mind this is the main form of contact from the County Youth Coordinator.

Officers—Clubs elect officers annually. 4-H offices include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Photographer, Reporter, Historian, and Recreation Leader. Individual clubs may elect other officers as the club finds necessary or helpful to their individual club. Officers provide leadership in the club and help plan and conduct the meetings.

Parliamentary Procedure—Club meetings are conducted using parliamentary procedure, a tool that allows each member to participate in the decision-making process. Proper use of parliamentary procedure is a skill that a 4-H'er will find useful throughout adulthood.

Project—A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-H'er enrolls, studies, learns, keeps records and perhaps, exhibits.

Examples are visual arts, pets, or photography. A 4-H'er can complete work in a project area without exhibiting at the county fair.

Record Book—Each 4-H member is expected to keep a record book—a summary and evaluation of his/her 4-H experiences each year. To receive your yearly member pin you must complete a record book.

Superintendents—Each livestock species has a volunteered member (s) that help members and their families in all aspects of the specific species.



4-H Parents

As Iowa 4-H'ers' parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other compassionate adult family members, you are the foundation upon which your child's healthy growth and development depend, and you play a natural role in providing consistent opportunities for 4-H children and youth to learn by doing.

- Support your 4-H'er by bringing them to club meetings, encouraging their participation, noticing their accomplishments, and helping to make 4-H fun for the whole family.
- Read the 4-H mail/email that comes to your home; take note of opportunities that interest your child and deadlines for forms. Ask questions when you need more information or do not understand something.
- Volunteer to be a chaperone for a club, county, state, interstate, or national youth trip.
- Help recruit other families to join 4-H.
- Assist your youth in preparing for his/her presentation.
- Be a mentor family to a new 4-H family.
- Volunteer to help with citizenship activities the club does such as helping with community service project, 4-H foodstand shift at county fair, 4-H exhibit building shift at county fair, and other activities as they arise during the year.

Parent's 4-H Pledge

(From University of Illinois Extension)

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly, and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments

I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a club leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world





4-H Livestock Calendar

DEADLINES:

February 1: All market beef must be verified by 4-H'er in 4HOnline.

May 1: State Fair market broiler entries due through FairEntry.

May 15: All livestock/animals (except poultry and rabbits) must be identified in 4HOnline. All market sheep and goats must be verified by 4-H'er in 4HOnline.

July 1: Poultry and rabbits must be identified in 4HOnline. State Fair livestock and horticulture entries due through FairEntry.

July 1: Youth exhibiting livestock at both county fairs and the State Fair in (beef, dairy, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) are required to be certified through YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals).

August 31: Aksarben entries due through aksarbenstockshow.com

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR POULTRY, SHEEP, GOATS, AND SWINE:

- All poultry are required to have Pullorum-Typhoid testing prior to the county or state fair:
 - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/poultry>
- All sexually intact sheep or goats must have a scrapie id:
 - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/LHSheepScrapie.pdf>
 - <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/scrapieProgramIDrequirements.asp>
 - To order Official Flock ID Ear Tags, or Register Your Goat Tattoo, call toll free: 1-866-USDA-TAG (873-2824)
- All swine are required to have a Premise ID:
 - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/premiseid.pdf>

BEEF (MARKET)

- Must be enrolled via 4HOnline before December weigh-in.
- Weigh animal in at December weigh-in.
- If showing in Iowa State Fair or Aksarben, must have a retinal image taken during weigh-in.
- Weigh-in information will be uploaded to 4HOnline by CYC and must be verified by 4-H'er by February 1.

BEEF (BREEDING, COW/CALF PAIR, FEEDER CALF)

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by May 15.
- All heifers MUST have a birthdate listed.
- State Fair eligible animals must have a tattoo listed (both registered and commercial); calfhood vaccination is not acceptable identification.

DAIRY COW/DAIRY GOAT

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by May 15.

DOG

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by May 15.
- Rabies vaccination date and information required.

GOAT (MARKET)

- Must be enrolled via 4HOnline before April/May weigh-in.
- Weigh animal in at April/May weigh-in.
- If showing in Iowa State Fair or Aksarben, must have a retinal image taken during weigh-in.
- Weigh-in information will be uploaded to 4HOnline by CYC and must be verified by 4-H'er by May 15.
- All sexually intact goats that are registered, are used for exhibition, or that have resided with sheep. (Goats may be identified with either the official plastic ear tags, or an approved tattoo (call the ear tag order number below for approval of your tattoo).



4-H Livestock Calendar

HORSE AND PONY

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by May 15.
- Leased horses must have a completed lease form, 4H 106C, uploaded into 4hOnline by May 15.
- Halter/confirmation class horses must be owned; cannot be leased.
- Photos uploaded into 4hOnline (required for State Fair) by May 15.
- Registration papers required for State Fair halter classes (upload to 4hOnline or present papers at check-in).

PETS

- Identify animals in 4-H Online by May 15.

POULTRY

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by July 1.
- Must have a negative Pullorum-typhoid Test done within 90 days of exhibition date.
 - CYC will announce scheduled dates at the Corydon Vet Clinic in June.

RABBITS

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by July 1.

SHEEP (MARKET)

- Must be enrolled via 4HOnline before April/May weigh-in.
- Weigh animal in at April/May weigh-in.
- If showing in Iowa State Fair or Aksarben, must have a retinal image taken during weigh-in.
- Weigh-in information will be uploaded to 4HOnline by CYC and must be verified by 4-H'er by May 15.
- All sexually intact sheep departing from the farm, whether for change of ownership, marketing/ slaughter*, or any other sale or lease** to another person, or to attend an exhibition. This includes adult breeding animals and ewe lambs and ram lambs. Wethers under 18 months of age do not need ID.

SHEEP (BREEDING)

- Identify animals in 4-H Online by May 15.
- All sexually intact sheep departing from the farm, whether for change of ownership, marketing/ slaughter*, or any other sale or lease** to another person, or to attend an exhibition. This includes adult breeding animals and ewe lambs and ram lambs. Wethers under 18 months of age do not need ID.

SWINE

- Identify animals in 4HOnline by May 15.
- Must have a Premise ID.
- If you are showing swine at the Wayne County Fair:
 - Ear notches and county tags required.
 - You may pick up county tags prior to fair to complete at home OR all swine will be tagged after swine check-in at the county fair.
- If you are showing swine at the Iowa State Fair or Aksarben you may come to the extension office to pick up:
 - DNA Punch Tags [Ear notches required].
 - Sample Envelope.
 - Taggers (if needed).
 - Information Sheets.
 - Must be turned into the County Youth Coordinator by May 14th to forward to the State 4-H Office.





Selection of 4-H Projects

There are many project areas 4-H members can choose from! You may exhibit your idea(s) at the Wayne County Fair as a static exhibit. If you exhibit at the Wayne County Fair you must fill out and attach a 4-H Exhibit Form with your project. The complete and editable sheet can be found on the website.

Project Areas to Explore!

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Animals
- Creative Arts
- Family and Consumer Science
- Personal Development
- Science, Engineering, and Technology



1. What was your exhibit goal(s)? (What did you plan to learn or do?)

2. What steps did you take to learn or do this? (Explain what you did so it is easily understood. The judge wants to know & understand the steps you used to make your exhibit.)

3. What were the most important things you learned?

4. Cost of project

5. Design Elements and Principles (required for Visual Arts, Home Improvement, Clothing exhibits)



Record Book Guidelines

- All 4-H'ers must complete a record book to receive their yearly 4-H pin.
- Due October 1 to the Wayne County Extension Office
- Awards given at 4-H Awards Night in November.
- PowerPoint and Documents can be found on the website.

What is a Record Book?

A book that has records of your 4-H year and tells your story. It can include records about live-stock and static exhibit projects, as well as community activities or service.

Order of Documents

1. Title Page
2. Table of Contents
3. 4-H Story
4. Yearly 4-H Summary
5. Non-Project Pictures and Clippings
6. Project Worksheets

Documents IF Applicable

- 4-H Exhibit Form
- Project Worksheet
 - Basic 4-8th Grade
 - Experienced 9-12th Grade
 - Animal/Livestock
- Yearly 4-H Summary
- 4-H Record Keeping Self-Evaluation

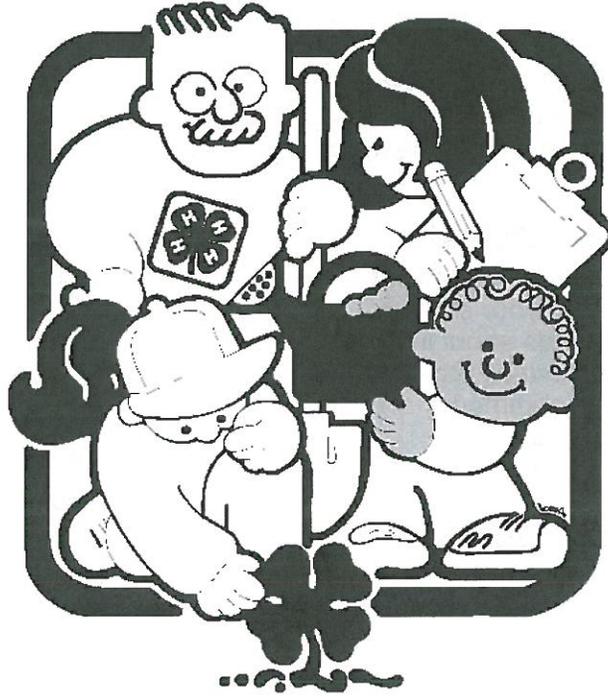
Why Complete a Record Book?

- Learn how to set goals, make plans for action, and decide how well you did.
- Learn skills of record keeping and organization
- Learn to communicate and summarize.
- Learn responsibility by completing a task.

Helpful Tips

- Neat and organized
- Easy to read
- Can be in a binder, folder, or 4-H Member's Record Book Cover.





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