



WEBSTER COUNTY 4-H



4-H is a youth program for the young people within the communities in Webster County. The mission of the program is to empower youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. The 4-H program provides a unique opportunity for young people to develop lifelong skills through individual and group project work, communication skills, leadership development and mastering a variety of project learning available for them to experience. Webster County 4-H Clubs are lead by passionate adult volunteers who want to invest in the abilities of youth; providing them with opportunities to be the best decision-makers, great team players, excellent communicators, strong leaders and better citizens. Join the adventure and let the 4-H program get the best out of the youth in Webster County. 4-H offers unlimited opportunities “to make the best better!” Take a look at what we have to offer.

How Does 4-H Work?

4-H is a part of Iowa State University with a local Extension Office in every county in Iowa. Professional staff members work with youth and adult volunteers to carry out hands-on learning experiences.

As a 4-H member you will:

- ✓ Make New Friends!
- ✓ Learn to be a Leader!
- ✓ Practice Citizenship!
- ✓ Build Communication Skills!
- ✓ Gain New Knowledge!
- ✓ Develop Decision-Making Skills!
- ✓ And Have FUN!

Webster County is fortunate to have volunteers to enhance learning in several project areas:

- ✓ Cats, Dogs, Pets
- ✓ Horse, Sheep
- ✓ Poultry, Rabbit
- ✓ Safety & Education in Shooting Sports

What Can I Learn?

There are more than 30 different project areas for 4-H’ers to explore. Think about an interest, hobby or something fun!

It’s as easy as ABC:

- ✓ Aerospace
- ✓ Beef
- ✓ Cat, Computers, Clothing, Crops, Citizenship, Communication, Child Development, Consumer Management
- ✓ Dairy, Dog, Digital Storytelling
- ✓ Environment, Earth
- ✓ Food & Nutrition
- ✓ Goats, Geospatial Mapping
- ✓ Health, Horse, Home Improvement, Horticulture
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Music, Mechanics
- ✓ Outdoor Adventures
- ✓ Pets, Photography, Poultry
- ✓ Rabbit, Robotics
- ✓ Self-Determined, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Sewing, Sciences
- ✓ Veterinary Science, Visual Art
- ✓ Woodworking

What is a 4-H Club?

- ✓ Fun & Educational Club Meetings!
- ✓ Community Service Projects
- ✓ Leadership Experiences
- ✓ Communication Opportunities
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Club Tours, Trips & Workshops

What Does a 4-H Club Do?

- ✓ Most clubs meet monthly with a year-long plan for their programs.
- ✓ Each meeting usually includes presentations by members.
- ✓ A 4-H club elects its own officers and conducts its own business.
- ✓ Meetings might also include presentations by leaders, parents or a resource person, recreation/games, a family night, or a field trip.
- ✓ Most 4-H clubs do a variety of community service projects. Members should decide the types of projects their club will do.

To find out more about 4-H, please contact the Webster County Extension Office 576-2119 or lcline@iastate.edu



What can you learn about in 4-H?

Aerospace: Webster County Project meets three times starting in February. Learn about rockets, put together, and launch.

Cat: Webster County Project meets three times: March, April, & June. Learn about cats.

Dog: Dogs can be a member's best friend. Feed and care for your furry friend, and teach him some new tricks. Webster County Project will meet bi-monthly starting in February to train your dog.

Horse & Pony: Giddy-up! Jump in the saddle and run wild with the Horse & Pony project, even if you don't have a horse. Webster County Project meets monthly starting in January, with weekly practices starting at the fairgrounds the end of April.

Other Pets:: Is your pet a hamster, a hedgehog, a goldfish or a hippo? Maybe it's not one of *these*, but it still needs feed, shelter, and love. Webster County project areas include: bird, fish, gerbil, guinea pig, hamster, & other pets.

Poultry: It's not just chickens! Enroll in Poultry to learn how to care for cheepers, peepers, quackers and gobblers. Webster County Project meets three times a year.

Rabbit: Hop on over to the Rabbit project and find out about raising bunnies. Webster County Project meets three times a year.

Safety Education & in Shooting Sports: Hit your target in Safety Education and in Shooting Sports (SESS). Whether you're interested in bows, rifles, or shotguns, this may be the project for you. Webster County Project meetings are held for the archery and rifle disciplines.

Sheep: Lead the flock in the Sheep project by choosing, feeding, and caring for your own breeding or market sheep. Project areas in Webster County Include: Breeding, Market, Advanced feeder, & Draw lambs.

Draw Lambs unique to Webster County. Limited to those who have never exhibited sheep. Own fair class. Project Leaders find lambs for 4-H'er to purchase. For those involved in the sheep project for their 1st year.

And many more: Beef, Child Development, Citizenship, Clothing & Fashion, Communication, Consumer Management, Crop Production, Environment, Ethics, Health, Home Improvement, Horticulture, Mechanics, Music, Photography, Robotics, Safety, Science, Engineering, & Technology, Self-Determined, Sport Fishing, Swine, Veterinary Science, Visual Art, and Woodworking...to name a few!



Webster County 4-H on the web:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/webster/4h>

Iowa 4-H Program website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

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