



4-H Upfront

Green County 4-H Youth Development August 2022

Youth Gain Skills, Other Benefits From Membership in 4-H Clubs

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What is 4-H?

4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

A community for all kids...

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

We Believe In...

- all young people have potential,
- ensuring access and equity for all,
- the practice of positive youth development by creating positive learning experiences,
- caring and trusted adult mentors who cultivate positive relationships with youth, and
- developing young people who are empowered, confident, hard-working, determined, responsible and compassionate—seeing a world beyond themselves so that they have the life-long skills to succeed in college and career.

A Kentucky 4-H Club is defined as a chartered group consisting of a minimum of five youth members with a minimum of three annually elected officers (president, vice-president, secretary) that are provided training materials. Each program year the club should have a minimum of six hours of educational instruction and at least five meetings. An adult who has completed the youth protection guidelines provides guidance at each meeting. There are different types of 4-H clubs.

The most common is a “School Club.” An in-school 4-H club takes place during regular school hours. For grades 4th and 5th, they are organized on a classroom basis; with the middle and high schools, these operate on the school’s designated club day. Members participate in broad based 4-H educational programs, service projects and leadership experiences.

A community 4-H club has members and leaders from a defined geographic region like all of Green County. These clubs have a wide age range of members involved in a variety of projects and activities. Examples of community clubs include Cloverbud Club (youth 5-8yo), Horse, Nature, Shooting Sports, Livestock, and Science clubs.



Youth learn leadership and meeting basics during 4-H led Club programs.

Project 4-H clubs are similar to Community Clubs except the educational focus is much tighter. A major portion of club meetings is devoted to project work and preparation for activities. Our Preteen Club at GCMS and the Teen Club at GCHS are considered project clubs as they focus on Leadership and meet on their school’s club day. Project Clubs may teach specific skills like Computer Coding, Cooking Classes, Astronomy, etc. and may operate for a shorter duration.

4-H Clubs serve as the hub of activity and generate enthusiasm for participation in 4-H events outside the club structure. Club meetings are an important learning experience. 4-Hers gain benefits including leadership skills by helping plan and carry out club programs. Members learn communication skills by being involved in the clubs activities. Members learn decision making, develop citizenship skills, try new ideas and methods, develop confidence, gain a sense of group pride and form a cooperative attitude.



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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

- **Perform at the KY State Fair** on Green County's Area 4-H Day, August 25. Contact us ASAP.
- **Citizenship-Leadership Trip to Washington DC**, date is pending. If interested in going with 4-H to our nation's capital, sign up for more info at <https://bit.ly/3AU78am>.
- **Junior Master Naturalist**, Designed for youth ages 9-12 who are interested in nature. Each month from Sept-May, youth complete hands-on nature activities toward their Junior Master Naturalist Certification. Meets afterschool, monthly on second Mondays at 4-H office.
- **4-H BioBlitz**, October. Bio-Blitz focuses on finding & identifying as many plant & animal species as possible in a specified area.
- **KY 4-H Issues Conference**, November 17-19. Develop your leadership while learning community problem solving skills through youth-adult partnerships.

These are some of our upcoming activities; more projects will be added during the school year. Our 4-H Facebook page is where we post info about new programs. Youth enrolled in 4-H will receive newsletters monthly either during their club meetings or by mail.



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

There are many programs 4-H could expand if we had adults interested in helping youth learn these skills. 4-H provides training and resources, but we need adults who are willing to share their interest and talents. Adults may be required to complete our youth protection screening based on their level of involvement. For more information, contact the 4-H office at 270-932-5311.

Programs Needing Volunteers

Dogs	Rabbits
Horse	Poultry
Sewing	Cooking
Painting	Photography
Needlework	Woodwork
Geology	Computer Sci
Outdoor (hiking, kayak, etc)	

WHO WE ARE: ABOUT US

4-H is a part of your local Cooperative Extension Service. Every county in Kentucky has a local Extension Office. Yours is located at 298 Happyville Road, Greensburg.

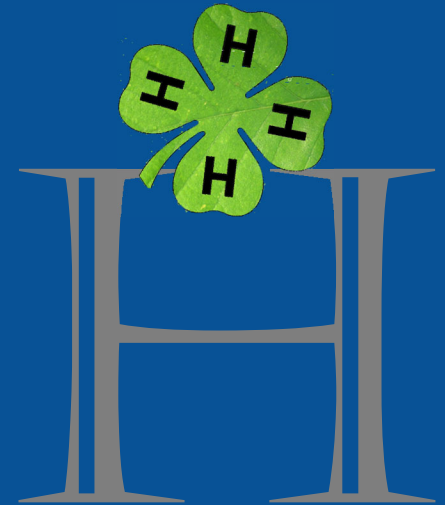
Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of all Kentucky citizens through research-based education. Local research is conducted from the Univ. of Kentucky and the Kentucky State University. We take the University to the people in their local communities, addressing issues of importance of all Kentuckians, including our youth. We are here to help you!



HOW MANY TREE LEAVES DO YOU KNOW?

How many of the tree leaves pictured below do you know? Txt your answers to 270-973-4744 or drop them off at the 4-H office. From those who submit all correct answers, a random winner be selected to receive a Kentucky Forest Trees identification book.

If texting your answers, include your name and the three tree names in one text message. The winner will be selected September 1.



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