

University of Arkansas System



# What is 4-H?

4-H is for a young person who wants to go places... do interesting things... learn new skills... make new friends... have fun.

## What can I Do in 4-H?

- Projects galore great for the whole family or even community.
- Fun doing recreational type things such as arts and crafts, fishing and rock climbing.
- Activities such as baitcasting, forestry camp, and photography contests.
- Learn about computers and Technology.
- Compete in shooting sports such as b-b gun, shotgun, and archery contests.
- Learn about, raise, and show animals such as chickens, pigs, cows, horses, dogs and cats.
- Awards, receiving everything from ribbons to scholarships.
- Winners in local events are selected to go to district events in Malvern, and state events at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. In addition, they can work towards big trips to exciting places like Washington, D.C.
- There are many activities in 4-H, too many to list here, but there is something for you. So join today!



### What is a 4-H Club?

4-H clubs are organized Community-based or Project-based clubs. Clubs are continuing groups with elected officers, volunteer leaders and planned programs for nine to twelve months of the year.

4-H members may enroll in several different projects or in one project area. Boys and girls who join a 4-H club do not have to pay a membership fee nor are they required to wear a uniform.

Clubs may be organized on a county-wide, school, or community level. School clubs meet during school hours. Clubs that meet on school grounds before or after school hours are considered community clubs.

# Who can be in 4-H?

In Arkansas there are three age levels in which youth can participate in the 4-H program. They are:

- Cloverbuds 5 8
- Juniors 9 13
- Seniors 14 19

# How do I Join 4-H?

To join 4-H in Montgomery County Contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at 867-2311.



# **4-H in Montgomery County**



#### 4-H Is . . .

4-H is one of the educational programs of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service involving youth and adults. It is a family-community effort supplementing and complementing the mission of the home, church and school for the development of youth. 4-H is:

- An informal educational program
- Community based and locally determined
- Primarily group focused and family oriented
- Volunteer operated, and
- Coordinated by professional Extension faculty.



A 4-Her makes a presentation at County 4-H O'Rama. At O'Rama, 4-Her's compete in a variety of contests related to forestry to public speaking.



4-Her's dig for crystals during a "Fantastic Friday" summer program

#### **Activities**

- 4-H Camp
- Craft Workshops
- Breads Workshops
- Hiking
- Livestock Workshops
- Fantastic Friday Summer Program
- 4-H Competitive Activities
- Many More!

#### **County Clubs**

- Mount Ida 4-H Club
- Oden 4-H Club
- Oden Cloverbuds
- Caddo Tribe 4-H Club
- Puddle Jumpers 4-H Club
- Shooting Sports 4-H Club

#### Membership

- 120 Club Members
- 8 Club Leaders
- And Growing!

#### Goal of 4-H

The goal of 4-H is to meet the basic needs of youth and help them acquire essential life skills through planned "learn by doing" experiences. A necessary outcome of the youth development goal is the development of volunteers as individuals and leaders in the 4-H program.



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A 4-H member prepares her goat for the County Fair. The livestock project is only one of many projects in which 4-Her's "learn by doing". Other project areas include technology, food science, entomology, textiles, and many others.