What does 4-H offer?
- **For kids**, 4-H offers fun learning opportunities through 4-H clubs, after-school programs and local, state and international events.
- **For older teens**, 4-H offers opportunities to set goals, develop strategies to reach those goals, and take leadership for sharing their skills, knowledge and talent to make their communities stronger.
- **For adults**, 4-H offers research-based support and training in age-appropriate learning methods and materials to help plan activities and projects for young people in safe, nurturing environments.

Who is involved in 4-H?
4-H Youth Development programs are located in all 83 counties in Michigan. Each year, nearly 250,000 youth and 24,000 adults & older teen volunteers from major cities, suburbs, towns and rural communities participate in 4-H. Nationally, 4-H youth programs involve more than 5 million young people from all 50 states and many U.S. territories.

How do you join 4-H?
Contact the Corissa Harris at Clinton County MSU Extension located in the Courthouse on the Garden Level (100 E. State St., Suite G100, St. Johns 48879) or 989/224-5240 or harri446@anr.msu.edu. The 4-H staff can guide you to 4-H groups and 4-H opportunities in your community.

How much does it cost?
Starting with the 2006-07 4-H program year, MSUE is asking 4-H members to pay a $10.00 annual participation fee to help 4-H continue providing the strong youth development programming. Families with 3 or more children participating in 4-H will pay a family maximum of $30 per year. No child will be turned away from participating in 4-H because of inability to pay the $10 fee. Contact the Extension Office to receive an exemption application.

How old do you have to be to join?
4-H programs are open to youth aged 5-19 (as of January of the current program year). Adults aged 19 & older are encouraged to join 4-H as volunteers.

Who operates 4-H?
4-H Youth Development is delivered locally and operated at the state & national levels through a partnership among county governments, Michigan State University Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This partnership ensures that what 4-H promises in outcomes for young people is backed by the research and knowledge base of the nation’s premier land-grant university and the support of county, state and federal governments.

How many projects are allowed in Clinton County?
The 4-H Council has a policy that allows youth to be enrolled in up to six (6) projects each year. This is a total of 6 no matter how many different clubs a youth might be enrolled in.