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Through involvement in 4-H, youth **EXPLORE** new ideas, **EXPERIENCE** a variety of new opportunities and build skills designed to help them **ACHIEVE** and build **FRIENDSHIPS** that will last a lifetime.

What is 4-H?

4-H is the largest out-of-school program for boys and girls ages 5 to 19. During the time that youth are in 4-H they will have a chance to gain extra skills such as:

- * Communication
- * Leadership
- * Citizenship
- * Responsibility
- * Decision Making

Youth will gain knowledge of these skills through the many different project areas that are offered through 4-H.

Who is involved in 4-H?

4-H can be found in all 83 counties in Michigan. 4-H involves nearly 25,000 youth in Michigan alone. 4-H can be found in all major cities, suburbs, towns and rural communities. 4-H also spans across all 50 states and includes many of the U.S. territories.



How old do you have to be to join 4-H?

4-H is open to youth aged 5 to 19.

What kinds of projects can I do in 4-H?

Some of the project areas that are available through 4-H are...

- * Baking
 - * Photography
 - * Sewing
 - * Raising animals
 - * Canning
 - * Art
 - * Character Education
 - * Collections
 - * Short Stories
 - * Gardening
- And much, much more.....

How do I start my own 4-H Club?

Starting a new club is as easy as 1, 2, 3. The first thing every good club needs is an adult leader who has gone through the Volunteer Selection Process. Every club needs at least 5 kids coming from 2 different families. The last step is to contact your local 4-H office to get your club registered, and fill out the proper paperwork.



How do I join 4-H and how much does it cost?

Joining 4-H is really simple! All you need to do is contact your local 4-H office and they will put you in touch with a club in your area. You can also fill out an online application and send it in. The application is at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/genesee/4h/publications/memberandparent.pdf>

There is an annual participation fee of \$10. This fee goes to help support the development, purchase, implementation and updating of 4-H Programs. Some clubs may charge dues to cover expenses. Some of the project areas offered may require financial investments for supplies, equipment and travel.

How do I become a 4-H volunteer?

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer? Becoming a 4-H volunteer is really easy. First thing you will need to do is stop by the MSU extension office and pick up a Volunteer packet. Once your packet is completely filled out, please return it to the MSU Extension office. Once your packet has been processed, you will be able to start enriching the lives of children in your community.

To learn more about 4-H opportunities in your community contact:

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