

What is 4-H?

4-H is the youth development program conducted by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, or disability. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information (large print, audio, etc.) should notify the Extension office prior to the activity and/or event. 4-H members can select from many activities in over 100 project areas ranging from automotive to clothing to space camp.

Adult leaders, trained by county Cooperative Extension Service faculty, teach projects to children using the "learn-by-doing" method. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship, and skills children will use throughout their lives. Each year Arkansas 4-H youth receive more than \$80,000 in college scholarships at the state level for their 4-H work. Some scholarships are available at the county level.

4-H Mission

The mission of 4-H is to provide opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become self directing, productive and contributing members of society.

4-H Is:

A non-formal educational program, community based and locally determined, primarily group focused and family oriented, volunteer operated and coordinated by professional Extension faculty.

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The letters in the emblem stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health - the foundation of all 4-H programs.

