4-H members learn about the election process by choosing officers.

4-H members create their own omelets at “Omelet Day,” Pine Bluff Arsenal.

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service and
My health to better living for
My home, my club, my community, my country and my world.

Arkansas
Military 4-H Partnership
2012 Report

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Dear Friends of Military Children,

Arkansas 4-H continues to strive to offer 4-H Club opportunities for development of strong leaders and citizens among our military youth, regardless of where they live. The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, part of the Division of Agriculture, provides leadership for 4-H programs.

The national mission mandates of 4-H are Citizenship, Healthy Living and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). 4-H members in clubs meet regularly under the guidance of volunteer leaders. 4-H is the oldest and largest out-of-school youth education program in the United States.

Arkansas Military 4-H Club program is actively searching for adults who are interested in volunteering with military youth, age 5 – 18. Without adult volunteers, youth will not have the opportunity to experience programs offered through 4-H.

Please contact me for assistance in bringing the 4-H experience to youth in your community.

With Kind Regards,

Maureen Rose
Arkansas 4-H Military Liaison

During the 2012 Fiscal Year, Arkansas reached out to invite military families with children age 5 – 18 to become involved in the Military 4-H Partnership program. This invitation continues into 2013.

The 2012 Arkansas Military 4-H Program included 108 military youth in 4-H Clubs:

- 30 Members at the Pine Bluff Arsenal Youth Center
- 35 Members at the Little Rock Air Force Base Youth Center
- 43 Members with parents in the military enrolled in local 4-H Clubs statewide*
- One military 4-H Club in the formative state to serve youth interested in robotics and technology
- Additional 4-H members have siblings in the military

4-H projects and programs delivered during 2012 include:

HEALTHY LIVING:
Little Rock Air Force Base:
- Acres of Adventure Mystery Foods Lesson
- Election of officers and installation ceremony
Pine Bluff Arsenal:
- 4-H Nutrition – Omelet Adventure with school age children – 55 children
- Fitness Clinic, Middle School Teen Helpers (14) and 18 participants

CITIZENSHIP:
Little Rock Air Force Base:
- Election of officers and installation ceremony
Pine Bluff Arsenal:
- Car Wash and School Supply Drive
- Made Christmas tree ornaments for Jefferson County offices
- Planted 4 trees on Earth Day
- Character Education (October, February and May)
- Teamwork training
- Money Sense training
- Knitting for Noggins service project for the Arkansas Children’s Hospital

SCIENCE:
Little Rock Air Force Base STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Bottle Rockets, two lessons
- Paper Cup Walk
- Balloon Towers
- Science of Sound
- Hydrogels
Pine Bluff Arsenal:
- Sewing Class (How to use a sewing machine)
- Tie Dye Quilt Squares (24)
- Making Slime (24)
- EcoBots – National 4-H Science Day (30)

Why 4-H?

4-H offers the essential elements of positive youth development, including:

Belonging: Like all youth, military kids need to feel that they belong. A 4-H club for military youth allows them to bond with other youth who have similar experiences and issues.

Mastery: 4-H members work in project clubs or on individual projects. Learning by completing the project requirements and activities. Club members learn to participate in the election process, conduct meetings and enjoy many opportunities to teach, learn and participate together.

Independence: As children mature, 4-H offers them opportunities to learn and experience programs and activities on their own. Teaching others about their projects through demonstrations and illustrated talks helps them to gain confidence and feel good about reaching goals that they set. 4-H projects, meetings, camps and competitive events provide opportunities for youth to experience independence in a safe environment.

Generosity: 4-H members incorporate community service into their programs. Learning to care for others and provide service to the community builds self-worth and strong young citizens.

The educational philosophy of 4-H is “Learn by Doing.”