

WHAT IS 4-H

The mission of today's 4-H is to help youth and volunteers develop through experiential educational programs, using the knowledge and academic base of Purdue University and the United States Department of Agriculture. It is accomplished through the direct involvement of youth, adults, and the community.

4-H educational programs are designed to empower young people to become independent and participating members of their family and community by creating experiences to build self-confidence, developing inquiring minds, encouraging interpersonal cooperation, developing concern for the community, and teaching decision-making through real-life participation.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



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RIPLEY COUNTY 4-H



4-H'ers are...

4X

more likely to
give back to their
communities

2X

more likely to
make healthier
choices

2X

more likely to
participate in
STEM activities

PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL ACCESS/
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION



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CLUB MEMBERS

Youth can join local 4-H Clubs. Adult leaders help answer 4-H related questions while youth learn valuable skills and interact with other 4-H members. With more than 60 project areas to choose from, 4-H truly has something for everyone!

There are also many other opportunities with 4-H including camps, 4-H Round up, State Junior Leader Conference, 4-H Academy, 4-H Band & Chorus workshops, Robotics Challenges, Day at the State House and Scholarships.

Opportunities are endless with 4-H!



"I fell in love with 4-H within minutes at my first 4-H meeting. Since that first 4-H meeting I have learned many life lessons & gained lifelong friendships through Ripley County 4-H. These lessons of hard work & morals have impacted every part of my life."

-Leanne L., 8 year 4-H Member



VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are the heart of the 4-H program! Volunteers are responsible for leading our youth to ensure their 4-H experience is a successful one. Some volunteers help with organized clubs or provide trainings and workshops for projects. They can also help run shows and events within the 4-H program. Without volunteers all our programs and events would not be possible.

With multiple program areas, there is a project for every volunteer. To be an adult volunteers, you must complete a one time 4-H volunteer application, complete a background check and complete yearly trainings during online 4-H enrollment.



HOW TO JOIN

The 4-H Program year runs from October through July. Mini 4-H members (Kindergarten - 2nd grade), 4-H Members (3rd - 12th grade) and Adult Volunteers must enroll each year to participate in the program.

Step 1

Enroll at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Create an account and add your members.

Step 2

Join a Club from one of Ripley County's local 4-H clubs! 4-H Clubs are an important part of the 4-H member experience. At meetings, club members learn parliamentary procedure, how to network with other youth, receive information about the 4-H program/fair, and have the opportunity to ask questions. 4-H Clubs typically meet once a month.

Step 3

Pick Projects to learn more about a subject matter through completing hands-on activities. This allows youth to build on their knowledge each year and continue to challenge their skills. Projects are meant to be worked on over time, providing an educational opportunity for youth outside of the classroom setting.

Step 4

Enjoy the Fun Ripley County 4-H can offer you!