



4-H VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SERIES

N e b r a s k a 4 - H Y o u t h D e v e l o p m e n t

Learning About 4-H

The 4-H Vision

4-H is a community of young people across America who is learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills in partnership with caring adults.

The 4-H Value Set

We believe in these values:

Youth Development is the focus of everything we do, and 4-H allows individuals to unlock their potential through:

- Active involvement in self-determination of learning activities.
- Quality experiences that stimulate skills for living and lifelong learning.
- Relationships that empower people to voluntarily help themselves and each other.
- Interaction with caring adults and peers to create a positive family-like support system.

Partnerships are essential in successful youth development for:

- Resource development.
- Program innovation.
- Delivery capabilities.
- Creating and delivering caring environments.
- Access to research-based knowledge.

Volunteerism is fundamental to:

- Delivering quality programs.
- Developing adult educational capacity.
- Teaching youth to volunteer.

Diversity strengthens the ability of 4-H to:

- Develop positive values among program participants in today's global society.
- Develop and deliver quality educational experiences.
- Provide opportunities for program involvement regardless of culture, age, disability, gender, social or economic status.

The 4-H Mission

The 4-H Youth Development Education Program creates supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential. In support of this mission, we will:

- Provide formal and non-formal community-focused experiential learning.
- Develop skills that benefit youth throughout life.
- Foster leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults.
- Build internal and external partnerships for programming and funding.
- Strengthen families and communities.
- Use research-based knowledge and the land grant university system.

Achievement of this mission will result in capable, competent, and caring citizens.

4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf standing for head, heart, hands and health.

4-H Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime and youth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H Pledge

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

4-H Events Calendar, Newsletter, and County Website

Several counties have an annual 4-H Events Calendar and distribute 4-H information through a newsletter. Many counties also have a website where current 4-H information is posted. Check with your county to receive current information

4-H Membership Fees

Check with your local Extension office regarding a county membership fee. Some counties charge a membership fee to cover the cost of materials while other counties charge for the individual materials or have county fund-raisers to help cover costs.