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## Did you know that 4-H is more than just a club?

It is a way to make friendships that will last a lifetime and have a lot of fun! 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. It grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for career tomorrow. 4-H programs provide thrilling and rewarding opportunities for youth to use their abilities to create experiences and explore their interests.

## So why should you join?

- +To help you improve goal-setting and decision-making skills.
- +So you can become a school or community leader. (This also looks great on resumes!)
- +Find how our government works.
- +To build friendships and have lots of fun while learning by doing.
- +To be able to attend state and national trips (such as 4-H Citizen Washington Focus or National 4-H Congress)

Youth ages 5-18 with different interests take part in 4-H through school and community clubs, special interest groups, after-school programs, camps and

other activities.

4-H is for everyone and dues are \$20 a year to join (October-September).

Scholarships and vouchers are also available to help pay dues if needed!

For more information on how to join a 4-H club in your area, contact Stephanie Milner at 573-686-8064.

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