

MERCER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

What is 4-H?

The basic philosophy in 4-H is to strengthen the mental, physical, moral, and social development of youth therefore helping to create desirable citizens and leaders. The main objective is the development of boys and girls through participation in projects, events and various activities.



Today, the objective is the positive development of boys and girls, providing a wide variety of learning opportunities in which all youth can participate. 4-H today is for **all** kids, whether they live in the city or in the country. In 2021, Mercer County 4-H had over 900 members!

Meetings and Projects?

Most clubs meet 8 to 10 times between enrollment time (March 1) and the county fair. In order to be eligible to show as a 4-H member in Jr. Fair, a member must attend 6 4-H activities a year. Most clubs meet monthly. Clubs are free to establish their own schedule based on what works best for the membership. Mercer County has 23 different 4-H clubs. Find the one best for you!



The 4-H meeting is balanced between business, educational program and recreation. 4-H meetings normally don't last over 1-2 hours, with the time divided about equally between business, educational, and recreational.



Each youth member has the opportunity to sign up for their own project. There is something for everyone- clothing, cooking, STEM, livestock, arts, gardening...you name it! Each child will receive a book for their project that includes activities and lessons to complete. Last year, over 1,000 projects were exhibited at the fair!

Now What?

Step 1: Are you 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year?

Step 2: Find a club that works for you! Club information is available on our website. The list includes location and project interest for various county clubs. Contact the head advisor via email or phone to get more information and to sign up!



Step 3: Start the fun! Attend meetings, sign up for project, and meet new people!



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