



4-H CLUBS



What is a 4-H club?

A 4-H club is a group of young people who participate in hands-on learning experiences under the supervision of an adult volunteer. 4-H clubs are open to all youth ages 5-18. Clubs meet on at least a monthly basis. During this time they plan activities, participate in lessons, and take time for recreation. Programming can vary greatly depending on the interests of youth and volunteers. With over 50 4-H project areas, there is literally something for everyone to enjoy!

Why should I start a 4-H club?

- It's absolutely free!
- You'll receive technical support from the 4-H staff
- Enjoy the instant name recognition that comes with the 4-H name and logo
- Partake of the benefits of our relationship with the University of Florida and Cooperative Extension
- Have access to cutting edge 4-H curriculum
- Be able to raise tax free funds to support your club
- Receive access to the full spectrum of 4-H activities— leadership development, competitive events, summer camp, etc.

How do I start a 4-H club?

- Notify the 4-H office that you are interested in starting a club
- Identify five or more youth from two or more families who are interested in joining
- Have all volunteers who plan on spending six or more hours alone with club members complete the background screening process
- Recruit other adults to help out
- Schedule an informational meeting for families interested in joining the club
- Choose a 4-H project(s)
- Have all youth complete a participation and enrollment form
- Determine a regular meeting schedule
- Decide on club bylaws
- Elect club officers
- Take part in 4-H activities

For more information contact the 4-H office at (407) 254-9200 or Orange@ifas.ufl.edu

