



BASICS OF A 4-H CLUB

What do you need in order to be considered a 4-H Club?

Three Basic Steps to be Considered a Club:

1. Screened Certified Leader
2. Five youth from three different families
3. Accessible Meeting Location

Things to Keep in Mind

Key 4-H Words:

*Equity
Access
Opportunity*

*Everything we
do should
include*

*elements of:
Belonging
Independence
Generosity
Mastery*

Why do we have to have a screened certified leader?

As an extension of the University of Arizona and the National 4-H Program, the Cooperative Extension 4-H Staff Team is responsible for ensuring that all of our volunteers are prepared to be representatives of the University and National 4-H. Through screening and training, we ultimately give our volunteers the stamp of approval!

Why do we have to have five youth from three families?

One of the 4-H focus areas is centered around Citizenship, the idea that youth learn to value and embrace diversity. Accomplishing this is more difficult if they're only socializing with their family.

Why do we have to have an accessible meeting location?

As an equal opportunity organization and as a County 4-H Team, we are all responsible for making sure our program provides equity, accessibility, and opportunities for all interested youth ages 5-18!

THE IMPACTS THAT 4-H HAS ON YOUTH!

4-H Youth are:

- Four times more likely to make contributions to their communities;
- More likely to have higher grades;
- More likely to have higher educational aspirations;
- Two times more likely to participate in science, engineering, or computer technology projects.

...wouldn't you like to contribute to these positive statistics!

Where do you fit?

Volunteers

Key Contact Leader - A volunteer who agrees to be the main contact person for community members interested in joining a club, and they are the point of contact for the 4-H Staff Team for that club. The key contact leader is then responsible for sharing all gained information from the 4-H Staff with the appropriate individuals.

New Family Support Coordinator - A volunteer who agrees to assist new families in learning the dynamics of the 4-H program. This volunteer also checks-in on new families periodically.

Cloverbud Leader - A volunteer who agrees to work with the youngest age group, our 5-8 year olds, by facilitating developmentally appropriate activities for these members to dabble in the different project areas of 4-H.

Project Leader - A volunteer who is knowledgeable or who is willing to assist members in learning about a specific project area.

Jr. Leader - A teen member who assists the adult leaders with meeting prep, activities, Cloverbuds, etc.

Resource Leader - A community member who is knowledgeable about a specific project and assists a certified leader in teaching. Resource leaders may not serve youth without a certified leader in attendance.

Parents - A parent or guardian of a member who can assist certified leaders with club responsibilities, but cannot be left alone with youth.

Members

4-H Officers - Elected members who agree to take on additional opportunities to serve their club as the contact people for the various officer roles.

4-H Members - Any youth participant who is **9-18 years old**.
4-H age is based on the youth's age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Cloverbuds - Any youth participant who is **5-8 years old**.
4-H age is based on the youth's age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.