

Welcome new and returning 4-H members! Thank you for your interest in participating!

Yavapai County 4-H: 4-H gives youth that extra edge for life success by offering numerous opportunities to develop leadership, responsibility, citizenship and other life skills. 4-H helps develop competent, caring and actively engaged citizens who strengthen Arizona communities. Through our research-based curriculum and university ties, 4-H opens a world of possibilities to youth and their parents who want to explore their interests.

Clubs:

Please reach out to a Club Leader to begin the enrollment process, or to discuss volunteer opportunities (project leader, committee member, show and sale volunteer, etc.). If you might be interested in starting a club, call [928-445-6590 x 229](tel:928-445-6590). 4-H members join a community club and project(s). Generally, there is one community club meeting per month and one project meeting per month/per project. Some clubs have their own fees in addition to the county fee of \$25 (covers insurance, programming, awards, etc.). If the club that you join does not offer a project that you want, you may join a secondary club (i.e. **shotgun** offered by Shamrock Hustlers).

Webpage (Many Resources including **Club** information): <https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/yavapai>

Here are a Few Important Dates:

August 15th - Enrollment opens for new and returning members. The website is: <https://az.4honline.com/> to complete a part of the enrollment process.

October 1st - The 4-H year officially starts at clubs.

New Horse Project Members/Parents, contact your **horse project** leader for important deadlines (90 days prior to each horse show, Horse Helmet Safety Training and Horse ID for participation in State and Local shows).

November - Is the deadline for enrollment in 4honline and payment of club fees to be able to participate at the **4-H/FFA EXPO Show and Sale**. If you miss this deadline, we may have other opportunities depending on the club's abilities to assist your child in meeting Member in Good Standing requirements and your child's interests.

May 15th - Is the absolute last day to enroll in 4honline for the current 4-H year.

October - Members who miss the end of year Record Book Judging are required to rectify the deficiency prior to re-enrollment.

Member in Good Standing:

Meeting the Member in Good Standing Requirements is an important part of what 4-H has to offer.

Camp Sponsorship or Scholarships:

Check out our current camp sponsorship and scholarship opportunities at the University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension, 4-H website <https://extension.arizona.edu/yavapai-county-4-h-scholarships-sponsorships-camps>

Age Requirements:

All regular 4-H members must be 9-19 years old prior to January 1st (of that program year). However, we also have a program called Cloverbuds (information provided below). The main difference between a 4-H Cloverbud activity and a 4-H project is that a Cloverbud member engages in varied activities which focus on developing a specific skill or concept to complete the activity. A **4-H project** focuses on a long-term planned course of study in a specific project area such as sewing, raising an animal, robotics, etc.

Cloverbud Program:

The Cloverbud program is for youth ages 5-8 since they cannot join 4-H projects until they are 9. This is an informal education program designed for children grades K-3. The Cloverbud program requires more adult supervision, introduces young people to cooperative learning and the many things they can do in 4-H. Cloverbuds **do not participate in competitive events** and are not allowed to have contact with large animals as a part of their 4-H experience. Their group activity may exhibit, showcase or can feature in a noncompetitive way with a display at an event which could receive "display or participation" ribbons. Under state 4-H policy, Cloverbuds are not allowed to handle animals or have a set project, as regular 4-H members do.