

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 9th - Enrollment opens for new and returning members. <https://4h.zsuite.org/> is the new website 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).

April - The Yavapai County EXPO and Public Speaking Contests

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

October - Record Book Judging

Member in Good Standing:

Meeting the Member in Good Standing Requirements are an important part of what 4-H has to offer (see attachment)

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 8-18 years old on or before December 31st of the current 4-H year (October 1 through September 30). 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 5-7 years old on or before December 31st of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds that have engaged in a group activity may exhibit or showcase in a noncompetitive event or can feature other items from their group activities. Cloverbud members may receive participatory ribbons (not competitive ribbons). Cloverbuds may not have animal projects - large or small - because within the 4-H program, animal projects are designed to be long-term. In general, the handling of animals (large or small) require discipline and motor skills that have yet to be fully developed in most children in the K-3 age range, and when coupled with the unpredictable behavior of animals, does not provide the optimal educational environment.