



## 4-H Fundamentals

4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States. As the youth outreach program of the nation's land-grant universities, 4-H is the first experience many youth have with higher education. In North Carolina, 4-H is part of NC Cooperative Extension, a strategic partnership between NC State and NC A&T State Universities, along with the United States Department of Agriculture, state, and local governments cooperating. Local offices are staffed in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

### Delivery Modes:

**4-H Clubs:** A 4-H Club is an organized group of at least five youth from three different families who meet regularly with adult leaders for a long-term, progressive series of educational experiences. The purpose of a 4-H club is to provide positive youth development opportunities to meet the needs of young people.

4-H Clubs are located in communities, neighborhoods, and schools. Club members may participate in community service projects, tour interesting places, and learn and do all kinds of things in their 4-H club meetings. 4-H Clubs are **youth-led**. Members elect youth officers and conduct their own business meetings.

**4-H School Enrichment:** 4-H School Enrichment is a sequence of learning experiences for groups of youth, in cooperation with school officials during school hours to support the school curriculum. A variety of 4-H curricula are available to meet North Carolina and National K-12 educational standards.

**4-H Special Interest (Projects/SPIN Clubs):** A Special Interest program provides at least 6 hours of a subject matter that can be evaluated for knowledge gained or behaviors changed. The 4-H Special Interest program is an opportunity for youth to learn more about a specific topic.

**4-H Summer Day Camps:** Educational day camps designed to build life skills through fun, shared experiences and hands-on learning. Summer fun camps are often project-related.

**4-H Events/Activities:** 4-H'ers have the opportunity to participate in our events and activities held throughout the year. These include 4-H SOUP'ER Bowl, 4-H Favorite Food Show, Livestock show and Sale, 4-H Entertains, 4-H Fashion Revue, Wayne County Fair Entries, 4-H Retreats and Conferences, just to name a few.

*Contact the 4-H office at 919-731-1527 if you are interested in our 4-H clubs.*



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