

What is a 4-H Project? ...SIMPLIFIED!!!

A 4-H Project has 4 Components:

- ✿ About 6 Learning Experiences six or more sequential learning experiences of 20-60 minutes in length (2 hours or more).
- ✿ Community Service
- ✿ Leadership
- ✿ Exhibition of Project Work

SO...what does this all mean???

LEARNING EXPERIENCES can be

- ✿ Educational tours
- ✿ Workshops
- ✿ Clinics
- ✿ Contests
- ✿ Demonstrations
- ✿ Interviewing the experts
- ✿ Educational presentations
- ✿ Bowl contests
- ✿ Self-study
- ✿ Exhibits
- ✿ Expos
- ✿ Speeches
- ✿ Videos/DVDS
- ✿ Television shows

COMMUNITY SERVICE can be any type of community service activity associated with your project.

LEADERSHIP can include (but not limited to...)

- ✿ Teaching/Guiding others
- ✿ Conducting a workshop
- ✿ Organize a group activity
- ✿ Lead an activity
- ✿ Share information with others
- ✿ Demonstration/speech
- ✿ Assist an adult
- ✿ Plan a tour
- ✿ Junior/Teen Leader

EXHIBITION can include

- ✿ Contest
- ✿ Livestock show
- ✿ Educational presentation
- ✿ Speech
- ✿ Fair
- ✿ Exhibit
- ✿ Project meeting

There is no set timeline for a project, just the 4-H project year. The only thing projects can revolve around at times are times and dates of contests. That means...CONTESTS ARE NOT THE WHOLE PROJECT!!!

SO NOW YOU SHOULD KNOW what a 4-H project is...BUT WHERE IS THE SUPPORT???

The support lies in Project Leaders. There are Adult, Teen, and Junior Project Leaders. Volunteers are the KEY to success. When we have Project Leaders, they can find resources to support the 4-Hers and their projects through ...

- ✿ Curriculum
- ✿ Books
- ✿ Magazines
- ✿ Experts
- ✿ Professionals
- ✿ Hobbyists
- ✿ Associations/Organizations
- ✿ Internet
- ✿ AND always your County Extension Agents...we are here to help!

Once kids join and participate in a project...THEY MUST BE RECOGNIZED!!! Completing a 4-H project is an awesome accomplishment and should always be praised. Recognition should also be extended to our VOLUNTEERS and PROJECT LEADERS!

POSSIBLE 4-H PROJECTS

- ✿ Aquatic Science
- ✿ Automotive
- ✿ Beef
- ✿ Bicycle
- ✿ Biological Sciences
- ✿ Citizenship
- ✿ Clothing & Textiles
- ✿ County Government
- ✿ Companion Animals
- ✿ Computer Sciences
- ✿ Consumer & Financial Education
- ✿ Dairy Cattle
- ✿ Dog Care & Training
- ✿ Electric
- ✿ Energy
- ✿ Entomology
- ✿ Entrepreneurship
- ✿ Exotic Animals
- ✿ Family Life
- ✿ Field & Stream
- ✿ Food & Nutrition
- ✿ Forestry
- ✿ Goats (Dairy)
- ✿ Goats (Hair)
- ✿ Goats (Meat)
- ✿ Health
- ✿ Horse
- ✿ Horticulture
- ✿ Housing
- ✿ Investigating Water
- ✿ Leadership
- ✿ Meat Science
- ✿ Open
- ✿ Photography
- ✿ Poultry
- ✿ Public Speaking
- ✿ Rabbits
- ✿ Range Science
- ✿ Recreation
- ✿ Safety
- ✿ Sea Science
- ✿ Sheep
- ✿ Shooting Sports
- ✿ Small Engines
- ✿ Sportfishing
- ✿ Swine
- ✿ Veterinary Science
- ✿ Wood Science
- ✿ Wildlife

As you can tell, you can do a 4-H project with just about anything. To find out more information about the projects, the cost range, corresponding curriculum, timeline, contests, educational activities, and recordbook category, see the TEXAS 4-H PROJECT SELECTION GUIDE. You may also view the 4-H Clover to utilize the 4-H program to the fullest. When selecting a project or projects for the year, remember you can only select up to 4, and a cost is usually involved with each project, so make sure you and your family can afford it. Happy Hunting!