

4-H . . . MORE THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED!

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Are you interested in animals? The 4-H Animal Science program teaches you how to select, feed, train and care for animals. Animal projects may include horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, geese, ducks, chickens, dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, and even some reptiles and amphibians! Being responsible for the well-being of an animal can be fun and return companionship to you.

PLANT SCIENCE

Raise a pizza in your garden! Create a beautiful space for butterflies! Whether you live in an apartment or on a farm, there are 4-H Plant Science projects that you can do. Learn about horticulture, crop and soil sciences, plant varieties, floral arrangements, landscaping, indoor gardening, and more!



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP

Teach a song, plan a family night program, lead a meeting, and practice communication, decisionmaking, organizational, and teaching skills. Teens can attend leadership training retreats, plan and carry out educational programs for younger children, and become camp leaders.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Have fun while learning about environmental issues and management practices. Learn new skills and make a

difference by getting involved in an environmental issue in your community.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Explore electricity, wood science, small engines, aerospace, computers, food, and the environment to learn how science and technology are a part of everyday life. Have a 4-H Adventure in Science, ride in a 4-H Bicycle Rodeo, or "surf the net"! Look for Maryland 4-H at www.agnr.umd.edu/CES/4H/.

CONSUMERISM & FAMILY SCIENCES

Earn, save, manage, spend, and keep track of your money! Put consumer skills to work and be a smart shopper. You can become a super sitter, learn to sew, practice modeling, and start your own business.



CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC EDUCATION

Discover your roles and responsibilities as a good citizen at home, in the community, and in the world around you. Participate in a state, national, or international exchange program. Build character and make a difference in your community through 4-H community service projects.

COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Share your ideas, talents, and creative spirit with others. The 4-H Public Speaking project gives you skills to speak out about things that matter to you. County talent programs put you in the spotlight! Fairs, shows, and special events provide a showcase for 4-H art, music, drama, and writing projects.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Learn how to make smart choices in selecting, purchasing, and safely preparing and preserving food. Explore the many careers available in the food science area. Projects include "Six Easy Bites," "Tasty Tidbits," "You're the Chef," and "Foodworks."



MISSION

LIFE SKILLS

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Volunteers are an essential and valuable resource of the 4-H program. Their active participation allows expansion of the many educational facets of the program to a larger and more diverse audience. Volunteers are partners with faculty and staff in the development and implementation of all levels of the 4-H Program. Extension 4-H Faculty are responsible for screening, training, and assigning of specific responsibilities of all volunteers within the 4-H organization.

The Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program provides a supportive setting for all youth to reach their fullest potential. Youth learn beneficial cognitive and life skills through community-focused, research-based experiential educational programs. Achievement of this mission will create competent, caring, responsible individuals.

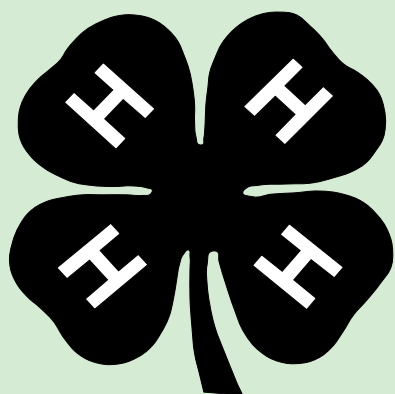
As a part of the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland College Park and University of Maryland Eastern Shore, the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program contributes to the Extension mission of educating citizens to apply practical, research-based knowledge to critical issues facing individuals, families, communities, the state and our global partners.

Life skills are basic learned abilities and attitudes that enrich the lives of youth and increase their potential for success as individuals and group members. Although youth learn many life skills through their involvement in 4-H, the seven priority life skills identified as the focus of the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program are:

- Decision Making
- Acquiring Knowledge
- Taking Personal Responsibility
- Creative Thinking
- Communicating
- Understanding Self
- Getting Along With Others

Age Level: 5-7 years - Clover Program
8-18 years - 4-H Program

4-H EMBLEM:



COUNTY INFORMATION

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