

**THESE ARE THE THREE PREPARED SPEECHES**

**SPEECHES MUST BE MEMORIZED**

**4-H IS**

4-H -- MAKING THE BEST BETTER.

THAT SEEMS TO ABOUT SUM IT UP.

4-H HERE IN OKLAHOMA IS OFTEN CALLED A TOTAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. OR, A PROGRAM THAT HELPS IMPROVE EVERY AREA OF A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE.

YOU MAY THINK 4-H IS JUST FOR FARM KIDS. REALLY, IT'S FOR ANY BOY OR GIRL FROM NINE TO NINETEEN IN CITIES, IN THE COUNTRY AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF 4-H IS WORK IN PROJECTS. MEMBERS LEARN ALL KINDS OF SKILLS, PLUS LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP LIFE SKILLS, BY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE 4-H PROJECTS.

PROJECTS RANGE FROM AGRICULTURE TO AEROSPACE AND COMMUNICATIONS TO VETERINARY SCIENCE.

ADULTS AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS USUALLY HELP 4-H MEMBERS DO THIS PROJECT WORK.

LOTS OF TIMES, A WHOLE FAMILY WORKS TOGETHER IN 4-H.

BESIDES PROJECT WORK, 4-HERS ARE A PART OF A CLUB WHERE THEY PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND HAVE FUN.

BUT, PROBABLY THE MOST UNIQUE PART OF 4-H... WHAT SETS 4-H APART FROM ALL OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.....IS ITS LINK TO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY.

IT'S THE ONLY YOUTH ORGANIZATION THAT BENEFITS DIRECTLY FROM THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY. ALL THE RESEARCH DONE AT OSU IS PASSED DIRECTLY ON TO 4-H MEMBERS THROUGH THEIR PROJECTS.

PLUS, 4-H IS THE ONLY YOUTH GROUP IN THE WORLD SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. AS PART OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, 4-H IS CONDUCTED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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4-H...IT'S A CLUB FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN A COMMUNITY. IT'S A WAY TO LEARN NEW THINGS. IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT SPONSORS SCHOLARSHIPS. IT'S A PLACE TO MAKE FRIENDS.

SURE, 4-H IS ALL THESE THINGS . . .AND A LOT MORE.

MANY OF US HAVE KNOWN ABOUT 4-H ALL OUR LIVES, BUT NEVER REALLY KNEW EXACTLY HOW FAR-REACHING IT IS.

DID YOU KNOW 4-H IS WORLDWIDE? WITH ABOUT 4.5 MILLION MEMBERS? DID YOU KNOW IT'S CONDUCTED BY THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY?

YOU PROBABLY KNOW THINGS LIKE 4-H IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES NINE TO NINETEEN. THAT THE 4-H MOTTO IS "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER". THAT THE FOUR H'S ON THE CLOVER STAND FOR HEAD, HEART, HANDS AND HEALTH.

BUT DID YOU EVER THINK WHY THE INVESTORS OF 4-H PICKED THOSE FOUR WORDS? WELL, HEAD, HEART, HANDS AND HEALTH REPRESENT FOUR DIFFERENT AREAS OF A PERSON. MENTAL, PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL.

SO, NEXT TIME SOMEONE ASKS YOU WHAT 4-H DOES, YOU CAN TELL THEM IT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME BETTER IN ALL AREAS OF THEIR LIFE.

YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHAT A 4-H PROJECT IS. BUT DID YOU EVER WONDER WHERE THE INFORMATION YOU LEARN ABOUT IN PROJECTS COMES FROM? WELL, AT OSU, THE LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY, SPECIALISTS IN ALL AREAS OF HOME ECONOMICS AND AGRICULTURE ARE ASSIGNED TO WRITE 4-H MANUALS AND LITERATURE.

THEN, YOU TAKE THE MATERIAL AND LEARN ALL KINDS OF INTERESTING THINGS YOU CAN APPLY TO EVERYDAY LIFE.

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OKLAHOMA 4-H IS A TOTAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO EDUCATE BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES NINE TO NINETEEN, ABOUT THINGS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED. MEMBERS LEARN LIFE SKILLS BY ACTUALLY DOING PROJECT WORK UNDER VOLUNTEER GUIDANCE. IN ADDITION, 4-H'ERS ARE A PART OF A CLUB IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND HAVE FUN. IT'S A PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES THE WHOLE FAMILY.

4-H IS A PART OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES CURRENT SUBJECT MATTER FROM THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS.

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