

4-H CLUB WORK.....

4-H membership offers any youth (5-18 years of age) an opportunity for year round involvement. Urban and rural youth may join a community 4-H club.

Volunteer adult leaders help members:

- Select projects - any from enrollment card
- Hold meetings - elect officers
- Make exhibits - win ribbons, trips
- Learn public speaking
- Learn decision making through judging livestock, meats, land, clothing
- Participate in events - summer camp, workshops, Fair and others
- Keep project records
- Have fun - recreation and new friends
- Develop into worthwhile useful citizens

The 4-H Club year begins following the County Fair in September and goes through the County Fair the following year. Clubs are re-organized in September and October of each year.

Club members are expected to complete projects of their choice in their homes or on their farms. In addition, club members are to attend and participate in 4-H Club meetings and activities.

Any boy or girl residing in, or attending school in Oklahoma may enroll in Oklahoma 4-H after he or she has reached age nine or has begun the fall semester of the 4th grade, whichever comes first. Youth who will be nine according to the program year will be allowed to join 4-H on October 1st of the current 4-H year. Boys and girls may remain in 4-H as members, provided they have not passed their 18th birthday by January 1, of the 4-H year. Youth must choose to enroll in either the county where they reside or the county where they attend school, but not both.

Youth who have not graduated from high school or special education youth who are older than 18, may enroll with the approval of the OSU Extension staff.

Membership in 4-H is a privilege and membership may be denied to persons who have been banned from school, school related programs, or who have exhibited a behavior that may place other members or leaders at undue risk. Membership shall not be denied based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, marital status, or membership in any other organization.

4-H YEAR

The "4-H Year" will be based on a program year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. Ages for the 4-H year will be based on age on January 1st of that program year.

Age Categories

For the purpose of providing age-appropriate activities, programs will be provided for either two or three age categories. When programs are divided into two age categories, they will be:

Juniors: ages 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13

Seniors: ages 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18

When programs are divided into three age categories, they will be:

Beginners: age 9, 10 & 11

Intermediates: ages 12, 13, & 14

Advanced: ages 15, 16, 17, & 18

ALL AGES ARE AS OF JANUARY 1st OF THE CURRENT 4-H YEAR.