MAKE THE INVESTMENT OF A LIFETIME

When you take the time to help a young person, you exert an enormous, positive effect on the future – yours, America’s and the world’s – by developing our greatest resource.

In today’s 4-H, 7 million young people are learning responsibility by leading and following through on community projects. They’re gaining intellectual curiosity, as well as skills in math, science and technology, by learning hands on in 4-H programs developed by our nation’s leading public universities. More than 500,000 4-H volunteers are helping to create life-changing experiences for young people in every county and community-all 50 states, U.S. territories and on military installations worldwide.

In 4-H, farm kids, city kids, kids of every race, economic and family situation are getting the skills that will help them become the capable workforce our nation needs. And they’re getting the values that lead to good futures.

What is 4-H?
4-H is the non-formal youth development program of the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and the Florida Extension Service. 4-H is the nation’s largest youth development program and the only one that is university based.

The purpose of 4-H is to help youth become productive members of society. By acquiring life skills, youth will learn about practical problems they will face in life and how to solve them.

4-H offers flexible programming to meet youth needs by emphasizing skill building processes and effective outcomes through activities that promote positive values, social responsibility and lifelong learning.

How is 4-H Supported?
4-H is part of the Cooperative Extension Service based on the land grant University system. 4-H is tax-supported. The combined efforts of county, state and federal governments support 4-H to provide educational, research-based programs for everyday living and the development of life skills. Local businesses and civic organizations also help fund the 4-H program’s in their area. Programs and activities are conducted through a partnership of local community volunteers and professional staff.

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The Jackson County 4-H Program is always seeking new volunteers to help with county 4-H programs. Whether you have a couple hours a month or a couple hours a year to serve as a volunteer, Jackson County 4-H can find a place for you to serve.

4-H is a “learn-by-doing” youth development program for children ages 5-18. 4-H provides young people with many different opportunities to develop life skills. Community clubs, day camps, residential camps, school enrichment programs, and competitive events are just some of the opportunities offered to local 4-H youth. Without volunteers these 4-H programs would not exist.

Provide the Spark
4-H volunteers are essential to help youth make the most of a wide variety of learning experiences. Volunteering is an opportunity for you to share your personal interests by demonstrating expertise in subjects as varied as robotics, food and nutrition, public speaking, agricultural science, community service and more. In 4-H, you can leverage your experience and skills to help a young person find his/her own passions and interests.

What do 4-H Volunteers do?
4-H Volunteers serve in a variety of capacities based on their interest, skills and time constraints to support 4-H members, other volunteers, and the 4-H program in general. In Jackson County, 4-H Volunteers help in many ways. Some serve as club leaders and co-leaders for our community 4-H clubs. Other volunteers help with competitive events such as livestock shows, creative-arts fairs and public speaking programs. Because 4-H offers such a wide variety of events and activities, there is room for many different types of volunteers.

What are the benefits of Volunteering with 4-H?
4-H Volunteers experience what it is like to help guide and mentor our country’s future adults. Volunteers also develop new leadership skills, meet new friends and have great adventures.

How do I sign up to volunteer?
Each of our regular service volunteers (those that have direct contact with youth, such as organizational club leaders, day camp helpers, judging team coaches, etc.) must complete a volunteer application and background check. Once your application is processed and accepted, you will be contacted by the 4-H Agent to schedule a face-to-face interview. If selected to serve as a volunteer, you will be provided with training to fulfill your volunteer commitments.

4-H Motto
“To Make the Best Better”

4-H Philosophy
“Learn By Doing”

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