



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO.....

Get Involved in Chisago County 4-H!

WHY JOIN 4-H?

4-H has a lot of options and programs for members to take part in. We are not a one-size fits all program. We want everyone to feel they have a place in our program and we will do whatever we can possible to provide you and your family a positive 4-H experience. You will find that as you take part throughout the year there will be new things to learn about and many opportunities to take part in. At the heart of it all though is our commitment to fostering positive youth development, leading to confident, responsible and globally-minded leaders.

A sampling of program offerings include robotics, quilting, shooting sports and wildlife, animal science projects and more. 4-H offers 60+ projects areas including dog, aerospace, foods, youth leadership, crafts, clothing, horse, citizenship, photography and many, many more!



WHO IS 4-H FOR?

4-H is for all youth, from kindergarten through one year past high school. 4-H welcomes boys, girls, and adults from all backgrounds and locations. The entire family can join in projects and activities. Younger members, kindergarten through second grade are part of the Cloverbud program. Cloverbud activities promote creativity and discovery without emphasis on competition.

Step 1) Contact us

- Call, email or stop by the Chisago County 4-H Office with any questions, 651-277-0150 or mnnext-chisago@umn.edu | 38814 3rd Ave, North Branch MN 55056
- Learn about 4-H online:
 - Chisago County 4-H, <http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/chisago/4-h>
 - Facebook page: Chisago County 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/chisago4H/>
 - MN 4-H, <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/>

Step 2) Get involved in a 4-H Club

- Check out the *Chisago County 4-H Program Catalog* to learn more about 4-H clubs in the area or view our interactive map online at: <http://z.umn.edu/chisago4hmap>
- Contact the club leaders for the 4-H club you might be interested in joining.
- Schedule a visit to the 4-H Club to meet the members.
- Decide which club to join

Tips:

- Shop around! Visit as many clubs as you like until you find the right fit.
- Select one that focuses on projects and interests your family has.

Step 3) Enroll in 4-H with our online enrollment system (after September 15, 2017)

- Use the Project and Resources webpage at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/projects/> to determine which projects your child(ren) are interested in exploring.
 - *Tip:* Choose one or two projects your first year
- Sign up for 4-H at <https://mn.4honline.com/> - see attached sheet for directions

Step 4) Get the most out of your 4-H experience

- Attend and take part in monthly 4-H club meetings.
- Parents, we encourage you to attend the club meetings to keep informed and to support your child(ren)'s involvement.
- View our Chisago County 4-H Program Catalog to find out what events and opportunities exist outside of Club meetings.
- Stay connected to the County 4-H website and Social media outlets to find the most up to date information on news and events in county, regional, and statewide programming

----- **Special Notes and Tips** -----

4-H – A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE

- Members can choose which projects they want to learn about and what events and activities they want to attend.
- The more a youth is involved in 4-H, the more they get from the experience. Expand your comfort zone and try new experiences.

4-H FOCUSES ON FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

- Many events/workshops are designed for the whole family to attend.
- Parent/adult involvement supports a successful 4-H experience.
 - Sharing your knowledge and skills with the club members
 - Encouraging your child(ren)'s involvement
 - Celebrating your child(ren)'s successes

PARENTS/ADULTS ARE A KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF 4-H

They can volunteer to help as:

- 4-H club leaders (guide the 4-H club)
- Project leaders (share your knowledge and/or skills with club members)
- Event leader (guiding club's involvement in a 4-H event or activity)

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

When you have a question, we want you to ask. Your 4-H club leader, other parents, and the 4-H staff at the County Extension Office are here to help your family have a meaningful experience in the Chisago County 4-H program.