

## Opportunities

- ▶ Age appropriate programming for members 5-7 years old (Cloverbuds) and members 8-19.
- ▶ Membership in positive peer groups.
- ▶ Hands-on, fun learning experiences.
- ▶ Events, camps, and activities.
- ▶ Service opportunities for youth.
- ▶ Volunteer opportunities for adults.
- ▶ Virtual programs statewide.



## Joining 4-H

You can **join** 4-H at any time. Just find a club on the list on the back that meets your project interests and then contact the leader to see if they are accepting new members. To register in Calhoun County 4-H go to: <https://4honline.com> You will need an email and create a password to register. Let us know if you have any problems or need help with this. After you register you will get emails about the many virtual programs and other 4-H opportunities.

## Cost to join 4-H

There is no cost to join 4-H. Some clubs charge annual dues to support club activities and there may also be cost to participate in some activities.



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## What is 4-H?

- ◆ **4-H** is a community of young people across America focused on learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.
- ◆ **4-H** is a fun, hands-on (currently do to Covid-19 all programs are virtual) learning experience.
- ◆ The traditional **4-H** program is open to youth 8-19 years old; the Cloverbud program is open to youth 5-7 years old.
- ◆ **4-H** is open to all youth in all communities.
- ◆ **4-H** is supported by caring, adult volunteers.

Michigan **4-H** Youth Development has **seven guiding principles** that provide the foundation for the education methods, activities and events that positively affect the lives of our youth. These guiding principles are:

1. Youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers.
2. Youth are physically and emotionally safe.
3. Youth are actively engaged in their own development.
4. Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in their learning processes.
5. Youth develop skills that help them succeed.
6. Youth recognize, understand and appreciate diversity and multiculturalism.
7. Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and leadership.

## Studies show that 4-H members:

- ★ Do better in school
- ★ Are more motivated to help others
- ★ Feel safe to try new things
- ★ Achieve a high sense of self-esteem
- ★ Develop lasting friendships



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*Horse & Pony*

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my **HEAD**  
to clearer thinking,

my **HEART**  
to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS**  
to larger service, and

my **HEALTH**  
to better living, for

my **Club, my Community,**  
my **Country,**  
and my **World.**

