



## What is 4-H?

### ***It's Not Just For Luck*** **4-H for Mississippi (IS-1456)**

Which four-leaf clover does more than any other one to give its bearer good luck for success?... The clover symbolizing 4-H, of course!

4-H Youth Development Education offers youth opportunities to develop skills and interests through participation in learn-by-doing projects. 4-H is the youth development program of the Mississippi State University Extension Service (MSU-ES), which is part of Mississippi State University.

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## 4-H and Families

Families have changed over the years. There are more single parents than ever before, and more often than not, both parents in a two-parent family work outside the home.

But one thing hasn't changed--parents' desire to see their children grow into healthy, productive, successful adults. The mission of 4-H, the informal youth education program of the Cooperative Extension Service at Mississippi State, is to help parents achieve that goal.

4-H helps youth acquire knowledge that can enable them to develop such life skills as:

- Communication
- Decision making
- Leadership
- Interpersonal relations
- Community awareness
- Global understanding

4-H also helps youth form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

The 4-H mission is accomplished through the involvement of parents, volunteer leaders, and other adults who organize and conduct educational experiences in community, school, and family settings.

4-H learning experiences are designed to help youth work with others in real-life situations. These experiences promote individual growth in knowledge, skills, and attitudes, which, in turn, encourage family interaction.

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## **4-H and Mississippi State University**

Youth enrolled in the 4-H program benefit from the expertise provided by the Mississippi State University Extension Service of Mississippi State University.

For example, specialists lend technical knowledge to such subject areas as child development, food and nutrition, consumer awareness, clothing, agriculture and natural resources, environmental science, gardening, electrical and mechanical energy, aquaculture and wildlife conservation, and veterinary medicine and animal science. Extension 4-H youth agents provide volunteer leaders with training at the local level.

In addition to the technical knowledge provided by Extension professionals, youth also have the opportunity to explore a variety of programs that teach them productive use of leisure time.

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## **4-H and the Three-Way Partnership**

All 4-H information is provided at minimal cost to participants because of the three-way partnership among county, state, and federal governments. In addition to public funds, donations to 4-H from corporate and private sponsors help support many 4-H opportunities.

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## **4-H for Mississippi**

Just as families have changed, so has the 4-H program -- no longer is it a program just for farm youth. In fact, 4-H is rural, small town, downtown and uptown, in high-rises and housing projects, in suburbs, and on farms.

The shared goal of enabling youth to become self-directing, productive, contributing adults makes 4-H and Mississippi families natural partners.

Become a 4-H youth member or volunteer. The 4-H program is open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. To learn more about how the 4-H program can benefit your family, contact the Mississippi State University Extension Service office in your county.

Help make Mississippi's best...even better.

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