

FLORIDA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE



Florida 4-H Youth Development strengthens communities by providing a positive future for youth. As the youth development program of the University of Florida IFAS Extension, Florida 4-H uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth, ages 5-18, to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world.

As the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H has over 8 million members nationwide, including 263,000 in Florida. Through award-winning programs, Florida 4-H offers youth fun, safe, and inclusive learning environments to meet their need for belonging, through 4-H clubs, after school programs, special interest, school enrichment programs, and camping.

Florida 4-H programs are conducted at the local county level and guided by county Extension/4-H agents and the volunteers they recruit and train. Florida 4-H uses best practices to interest youth in learning, including: experiential learning (learn-by-doing), youth-adult partnerships, fun curriculum materials, and activities such as contests & events, community service projects, and collaborations with other youth-serving agencies and organizations on a local, regional, state and national levels. For more information visit, www.florida4h.org.

***4-H is a
community of
young people
across America
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.***

Key Stats: In 1909, Florida 4-H began with corn clubs for boys and tomato clubs' for girls were organized in 1912
263,000 youth involved in Florida 4-H annually, of that 240,702 are through school enrichment
47% of youth in Florida 4-H live in suburbs or cities over 50,000 in population
10,851 adult volunteers and 946 youth-trained volunteers

About 4-H: <http://florida4h.org/about/>

Funding: University of Florida IFAS Extension, the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and through each county Board of Commissioners. Private funding also comes through the National 4-H Council, Florida 4-H Foundation, Inc. and county 4-H foundations.

Youth Service Project: *100 Hours of Community Service for 100 Years* – In celebration of Florida 4-H's centennial anniversary, youth are donating 100 hours of community service.

Youth Development Research: http://florida4h.org/news/research_main.shtml

Special Programs: *Operation: Military Kids* – support for school-aged youth of National Guard, Reserve and Accession Commands; *U.S. Air Force* bases in Florida; and *Florida Department of Health* – Healthy Lifestyles

Camps: <http://florida4h.org/camps/>

Local Offices: Florida 4-H is offered in all 67 counties, and with the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
<http://solutionsforyourlife.com/map/>

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