

Frequently Asked Questions About 4-H

What is Kentucky 4-H and the Jasper County 4-H Council?

4-H volunteers develop youth potential by delivering educational programs, providing leadership opportunities and conducting community volunteer service projects throughout Kentucky. Organized in 1902 to teach youth the best practices for agriculture and home economics, membership now includes over 5 million world-wide, of youth ages 9 – 18, living in cities, towns and rural areas that focus on youth development. Educational support is provided by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and the Department of 4-H Youth Development. Each county has a local organization to support volunteers and leaders in delivering programs and activities to youth ages 9 – 18.

What does the “4-H Youth Development Agent do?

The County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development serves as the local educational advisor, helping the organization with developing educational programming, leadership opportunities as well as coordinating service project opportunities with county committee members. Other Extension Agents across district also provide support with projects and area –wide educational programs. The vision of 4-H is “a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.” The mission of 4-H is “4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.”

Who can belong to the Jasper County 4-H?

Youth, ages 9 – 18, may join as members of community or project clubs or as a member-at-large. Club members, meet monthly during the day or evening, in schools, homes, the Jasper County Cooperative Extension Education Facility, or other locations, depending on what meets members’ schedules. Members-at-large are independent members, who do not necessarily meet with a specific club monthly, receiving all program materials through the mail.

All youth are welcome, regardless of race, color, national origin, creed, marital status or sex or income level.

What is my role as a 4-H club leader?

All members provide the enthusiasm, knowledge, skills and personal support to others that make 4-H a special and unique organization! Sharing time at monthly meeting discussions, county or club events or special projects provides a way for each member to contribute in their own way. You can be as active as your time and schedule permit! Educational materials are distributed to club members at the monthly meetings with newsletters and other communications received through the mail; members-at-large receive all materials and communications through the mail. We are working to make the 4-H website more user friendly with e-mail options. Contact the Jasper County Cooperative Extension to volunteer or ask questions at any time!

Are there other opportunities for leadership recognition?

The County recognition banquet is held each year in October, to provide opportunities to recognize 4-H members, clubs and volunteers for accomplishments as well as learning opportunities. Members receive recognition for participation in 4-H projects, programs and activities. Clubs receive recognition for community service, member completion and enrollment. Volunteers receive awards for leadership roles and club accomplishments. Clubs may apply for the Outstanding Community Service, as well as the Outstanding Club Awards.

Welcome to the Jasper County 4-H!

If you have any additional questions please contact your Jasper County Cooperative Extension Service or fellow 4-H members or volunteers anytime.