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It's Time to Join 4-H!

Want to become a veterinarian? Take award-winning photographs? Bake delicious cookies and cakes? Take a trip to Washington D.C.? Teach your dog to be more obedient? 4-H members have the opportunity to learn about activities of their interest through 4-H projects. In addition, 4-H members can participate in community service projects, attend county fairs, camps, club parties, trips to other states or countries, and more!

4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through club work. Members can choose from over 40 projects in which to participate, most using hands-on learning experiences to teach subject matter and life-skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making – skills that can be applied over and over for a lifetime.

4-H is for youth who will reach their 8th birthday by January 1 but will not be over 19 years old on their birthday. 4-H is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, color, disability, gender, or place of resident. Clay County also offers a pre-4-H program called Clover Kids for youth 5-7 years old.

4-H is a family affair where family members help out as group leaders, project leaders, and meeting helpers. 4-H families learn more about each other through their involvement as they learn to appreciate each other's strengths and talents.

To find out more about Clay County 4-H, how you can join as a member or help as an adult volunteer, contact Nancy Mense, 4-H Youth Specialist, at (816) 407-3490 or by email at mensen@missouri.edu. Now is the perfect time to join.