

# In your community

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## 4-H Afterschool is COOL

### LEARN BY DOING IN 4-H AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

What do kids like to do after school? Fishing, bicycling, woodworking, photography, cooking, art...these are all things that kids in Kansas City participating in 4-H Afterschool like to do. 4-H gives youth the chance to discover and develop their unique talents and life skills through hands on experiences.

The Jackson County 4-H program has been working in partnership with the Local Investment Commission and the Kansas City Public Schools to provide quality youth development programs in eight Kansas City elementary and middle schools. Funding for these programs is provided by a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. 4-H sub-contracts with the Local Investment Commission (LINC) to provide youth development programming at these sites. The 4-H funding for the project is approximately \$1.9 million over a five year period. The project started in May 2004.

4-H is reaching over 600 youth a year in Jackson County through 4-H Afterschool. These 4-H members develop leadership, character and citizenship skills in addition to project-based learning. At Trailwoods K-8 teen mentors trained by 4-H work with younger students to teach projects such as team-building, science, art and cooking.



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4-H members  
have fun while  
learning life skills



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## 4-H AFTERSCHOOL /LINC CARING COMMUNITY SITES

Attucks Elementary	Wes Cunningham, 4-H Program Associate
Clarke Academy	Isha Williams, 4-H Program Associate
Franklin Elementary	Michael Tipton, 4-H Program Associate
Garfield Elementary	Lucille Douglass, 4-H Program Associate
Graceland Elementary	James Garrett, 4-H Program Associate
Southeast K-8 Zoo Academy	Shannon Johnson and Ebonie Hawthorne
Trailwoods K-8	Katie Thomas, 4-H Program Associate
Wheatley Elementary	Daniel Felder, 4-H Program Associate
Leon Moon and Beth Rasa	4-H Regional Specialists
Neldra Flint	Flint and Associates, Contractor

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS AT 4-H AFTERSCHOOL SITES

**Mini-Society®** Youth entrepreneurship skills are learned through creation of youth run businesses and economic systems. Garfield students took a fieldtrip to visit the Jackson County Legislature and County Prosecutors' Office.

**4-H Woodworking** Youth learn skills in using tools, safety, terminology, measuring, cutting wood, sanding, painting and completing a project such as a birdhouse or shelf.

**Kids in the Kitchen** Youth learn cooking and nutrition through hands-on activities.

**4-H Adventures in Photography** Youth learn and apply photography skills using 35mm and digital cameras and computer software to create newsletters and photo projects.

**4-H Sportsfishing** Youth learn about fishing safety, casting, species of fish, angling skills and go fishing during outings to community lakes.

**Arts, Music and Dance** Youth develop knowledge and skills in various art mediums such as drawing and painting, dance, rhythmic movement, and drumming. Youth develop confidence and self-esteem through having their project work displayed and performance opportunities at public venues.

**4-H Bicycling** Youth learn bike safety, physical fitness, taking care of a bike and participate in a Bike Rodeo

**Show-Me-Character** Based on CHARACTER COUNTS! <sup>SM</sup>Coalition Six Pillars of Character youth develop traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

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