



# Platte County

## What do the four H's stand for?



## Why 4-H?

**4-H is co-ed** and open to everyone ages 5-18, so the whole family can be involved.

**Project-based learning** teaches youth life skills like goal-setting while they pursue what interests them.

**4-H'ers connect to the University of Missouri** for hands-on learning and leadership events on campus.

**4-H is an internationally recognized program** that was founded in 1902 & is proven to help youth succeed.

## What can my child do in 4-H?

In 4-H clubs, youth serve in leadership roles, help their community, and pursue what interests them by completing 1-3 projects throughout the year. They can pursue any of the 60+ project areas that we offer in Missouri 4-H and show off their work in the Clay County 4-H and State Fairs — all with the support of caring adult volunteers.

Some projects that are popular currently include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Shooting Sports
- Sewing
- Woodworking
- Robotics
- Horses (riding & knowledge)

## How much does it cost?

We have State and County dues. State dues are \$20 per year, and County dues are \$5 per year. Also, *we are committed to making 4-H accessible to everyone, regardless of financial need. Please contact the 4-H office for information on financial assistance to help cover dues.*

Some Clubs also collect dues, and there are some costs associated with project work. Please contact the office for information about financial aid.

## How involved do parents/guardians need to be?

As much as you are able! Your club leaders are also 4-H parents, and they need your help to make the experience great for all of the 4-H'ers in your club! This might mean coordinating the snack for a club meeting, helping chaperone 4-H'ers on a field trip, utilizing your talents and expertise to serve as a Project Leader, or supporting your club leaders in many other ways.

## How do we join?

Visit this webpage to see when and where clubs meet in Platte County: <http://extension.missouri.edu/platte4hclubs.aspx>. Contact the club leaders to let them know that you would like to join, and they will help you get started. To enroll in 4-H, follow the directions on the first page of this PDF: <http://4h.missouri.edu/doc/clover-section-2.pdf>.

## Where and when do 4-H Clubs meet?

Our clubs meet once a month, usually at the same time and location every month, and usually on a weeknight.

See this link for a list of current clubs, including when and where they meet: <http://extension.missouri.edu/platte/4hclubs.aspx>

## We can't make it to any of those meetings. Can we start a club instead? How?

**ABSOLUTELY!** We are always looking to add new clubs and expand the 4-H program here in Platte County. Contact the 4-H office to get started (see contact below).

## I have more questions. Who should I call?

You can speak with our 4-H Specialist by contacting the Extension office:

Office phone: 816-270-2141

Email: [platteco@missouri.edu](mailto:platteco@missouri.edu)

You can also visit the following websites:

Platte County 4-H: [extension.missouri.edu/platte/4h.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/platte/4h.aspx)

Missouri 4-H: [4h.missouri.edu/home.aspx](http://4h.missouri.edu/home.aspx)

National 4-H: [4-h.org/about](http://4-h.org/about)

## What is the 4-H pledge?

*I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty,  
My Hands to larger service,  
And my Health to better living  
For my Club, my Community, my Country, my world*

