

JOIN US!

4-H clubs are open to all youth between the ages of 8 and 18 by September 1, and Cloverbud clubs are open to all youth between 5 and 7 years old by September 1. The focus is on “learning by doing” by choosing projects to work on and having fun through group club activities. SPecial INterest (SPIN) clubs focus on one specific project area to develop skills in that area or are for a specific age group. 4-H membership independent of a club but guided by an adult mentor is also an option.

Find a club near you that fits your interests!

All meeting days and times are subject to change. Please check with the county 4-H Coordinator for details before attending your first club meeting.

WHITESIDE COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Erie Area

Fenton Wizards 4-H Club and Cloverbud Club

Meets 1st Sunday of the month, 2:30 p.m., Erie

Leaders: Angel Jacobs, Abby Temple, Amy VonHolten; Cloverbud Leader: Angel Jacobs

Fulton Area

Garden Plain Ripsnorters 4-H Club and Cloverbud Club

Meets 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Garden Plain

Leader: Abby Temple

Morrison Area

Cottonwood 4-H Club and Cloverbud Club

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 a.m., Morrison

Leaders: Chris Krum, Bryan Anton; Cloverbud Leader: Lisa James

Sterling Area

Genesee Hillbillies 4-H Club and Cloverbud Club

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Cloverbuds meet at 6 p.m., Sterling

Leaders: Teresa Galloway, Kristy Witmer; Cloverbud Leader: Katrina Cornwell

Tampico Area

Hume Happy Hustlers 4-H Club and Cloverbud Club

Meets 2nd Sunday of the month, 2 p.m., Tampico

Leaders: Gordon Kelm, Allison Johannsen, Jessie Lindskog, Heather Johnson; Cloverbud Leader: Gordon Kelm

WHITESIDE COUNTY SPIN CLUBS

Constructive Creativity

Open to youth 8-12 years old, this club builds with provided building bricks to express creativity and complete engineering challenges.

Wednesdays, 5:15-6 p.m., January-March, Sterling

Leader: Allie Johnston

Dog Obedience Club

Open to youth 8-18 years old, this club works on dog handling at each meeting at the Sterling Extension office warehouse.

Various dates, 2 p.m., February-May

Leader: Julie Bielema

Feather Fiesta Poultry Club

For youth ages 8-18 who are interested in poultry; poultry ownership not required.

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at various locations.

Leader: Jen Geerts

Happy Hoppers Rabbit Club

For youth ages 8-18 who are interested in rabbits; rabbit ownership is not required.

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 6 p.m., at various locations.

Leader: Jen Geerts

Saddle Up Equine Education & Field Trip Club

For youth ages 8-18 who are interested in horses; horse ownership is not required.

Various dates, times and locations, November-May

Leader: Teresa Galloway

Shooting Sports: Archery

Open to youth 8-18 years old, this club practices archery safety and shooting skills either outside, weather permitting, or in the heated warehouse at the Sterling Extension office. Club meets various Sundays year-round, 4 p.m.

Leaders: Chris Yaun, Nathan Eggers, Bryan Anton

Whiteside County 4-H Federation

A club for 12- to 18-year-olds that does fun activities, outings and community service projects.

Meets 3rd Sunday of the month, 2 p.m., at various locations.

Leaders: Casey Sticher, Allie Johnston

VOLUNTEER

Whether you have a little time or a lot, volunteering with 4-H makes a meaningful difference! By sharing your strengths, enthusiasm and time you can help youth explore and discover the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. There are many ways to get involved:

- Help lead a club
- Teach a skill or share your knowledge
- Help with activities or programs
- Assist youth with their projects
- Judge projects
- Volunteer at the 4-H Show
- Offer a farm or business tour

If you're ready to take the next step, contact your county's 4-H coordinator to learn more and make plans.