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Dear 4-H Family:

This is your Wayne County 4-H Exhibit Requirement Book for the 2022 4-H Shows.

Please be sure to read this book and keep it handy. It has important information regarding the 4-H shows. The shows and fair will be here very soon and I want you to be prepared.

If you have any questions about requirements, judging procedures, or schedules, PLEASE CALL ME! It is always best to have your questions answered and your concerns solved before show day. See you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

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4-H Shows are held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds unless otherwise designated.

Supplemental information concerning exact times of 4-H Shows and exact locations, along with check in times and other details associated with the 4-H shows, will be in the Wayne County 4-H newsletter sent to each Wayne County 4-H Family in June.

Information is also available on the Wayne County Extension Website at:
<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww/>

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All persons, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability may participate in 4-H programs. Youth who are eight years of age or in the third grade and have not yet reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1 of the current 4-H year may enroll in 4-H Clubs.



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Wayne County 2022 4-H Show Schedule
All shows will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted

Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:00 PM	Public Presentation Contest at the Extension Office
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Saturday, June 25, 2022

9:00 AM	Clean-up day at the Fairgrounds
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Thursday, July 7, 2022

1:30 PM	Registration starts for Food and Clothing and Food Decorating Show
2:00 PM	Food and Clothing Show at the First United Methodist Church
2:00 PM	Visual Arts – Food Decorating Show at First United Methodist Church
6:30 PM	Cat Show
7:00 PM	Dog Show
7:30 PM	Dog Obedience

Saturday, July 9, 2022

3:00 PM	Horse Show at the Wayne County Saddle Club
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Sunday, July 10, 2022

3:00 PM	Rabbit and Chicken Check-in & Livestock Records Due
4:00 PM	Goat and Sheep Weigh-in & Livestock Records Due
5:00 PM	Swine Check-in/Weigh-in & Livestock Records Due
7:00 PM	Beef Weigh-in & Livestock Records Due

Monday, July 11, 2022

8:30 - 9:00 AM	General Projects Registration
9:00 AM	Bruce Dickey Show and Morning Coffee at the 4-H Fairgrounds
9:30 AM	General Projects
2:00 PM	Poultry Show

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

8:00 AM	Bucket Calf and Beef Show
4:00 PM	Sheep Show at the sheep barn
5:00 PM	Goat Show

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

8:00 AM	Swine Show
1:00 PM	Cloverbud Activities
2:00 PM	Rabbit Show

Thursday, July 14, 2022

8:00 AM	Pictures for Wayne County Press of Trophy and Rosette Winners & Whitney Atwood Photography Pictures
1:00 PM	Round Robin Contest
5:00 PM	4-H Awards
5:30 PM	Livestock Auction
7:00 PM	All Livestock is Released

Friday, July 15, 2022

9:00 AM	Clean-Up at the Fairgrounds – Everyone’s help is very much appreciated
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2021 – 2022
Wayne County 4-H Clubs:

Country Club
Travis and Shannon Mix

Country Kids
Stephanie Walker
Gayle McGehee - Cloverbud

Enterprisers
David and Amanda Hutchcraft
Kandra Johnson - Cloverbuds

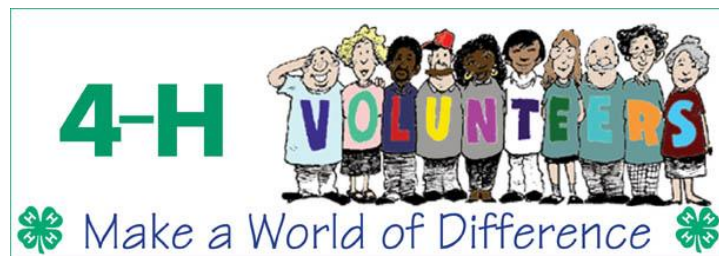
Geff Chatters
Rhonda Koker
Pamela Barbee

Mt. Erie Hilltoppers
Steve Bass

New Hope Lucky Clovers
Jennifer Harvey
Valerie Edwards
Debbie Webb- Cloverbud
Annie Buckles-Cloverbud
Emily Snidle- Cloverbud

Wayne City
Janet Schumm

Wranglers
Ryan Taylor



University of Illinois Extension

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 4-H EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ALL participants in events and/or activities planned, conducted, and supervised by the University of Illinois Extension and 4-H, are responsible for their conduct to U of I Extension personnel and/or volunteers supervising the events. This responsibility is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the participants, and will be rigidly adhered to and uniformly enforced. The following conduct is not allowed while participating in any 4-H event or activity and is subject to disciplinary action:

Category 1

- a) Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and other drugs, including tobacco products*
- b) Theft or destruction of public or private property
- c) Involvement in sexual misconduct or harassment
- d) Possession or use of dangerous weapons or materials (including fireworks)
- e) Fighting or other acts of violence that endanger the safety of the participant or others

Category 2

- a) Willfully breaking curfew
- b) Unauthorized use of vehicles
- c) Leaving the site of the event
- d) Participation in gambling
- e) Absence from the planned program
- f) Intentionally interfering with or disrupting the event
- g) Use of profane or abusive language
- h) Disregard for public or personal property
- i) Public displays of affection or inappropriate actions
- j) Failure to comply with direction of Extension personnel, including designated adults acting within their duties and guidelines

****** Prescription drugs must be listed on an Emergency Medical Information form. ******

Consequences:

The University of Illinois Extension reserves the right to restrict participation in future activities for those individuals who have been removed from an activity for behavior, as outlined in Category 1 or Category 2. In all cases, the participant will be responsible for restitution of any damages incurred by his/her actions.

Category 1:

1. When notified of any of the actions listed under Category 1, the adult in charge will ascertain the relevant facts, and, with concurrence from the U of I Extension staff, will notify the affected participant of the action and any supporting evidence. The participant will be allowed an opportunity to answer the allegations and, if necessary, law enforcement officials will be notified. While facts are being verified, the participant will be removed from the 4-H activity/event and be under direct supervision of an adult chaperon.
2. The parent or guardian will be notified of the actions of the participant, and upon finding the allegations to be true, must immediately remove the participant from the activity at the parent's or guardian's expense.
3. Documentation must be completed on an "Incident Report Form."

Category 2:

1. When notified of any of the actions listed under Category 2, the adult in charge, will ascertain the relevant facts, and, with concurrence from the U of I Extension staff, will notify the participant of the action and any supporting evidence. The participant will be allowed an opportunity to answer the allegations and, if necessary, law enforcement officials will be notified. While facts are being verified, the participant will be removed from the 4-H activity/event and be under direct supervision of an adult chaperon.
2. The parent or guardian of the participants who violate curfew, use vehicles without authorization or leave the site of the event (as outlined in Category 2, letters a, b, c) will be notified of the actions by the participant. The parent or guardian must immediately remove the participant from the activity, at the parent's or guardian's expense. Participants who willfully disobey conduct as described in Category 2, letters d-i, will receive a verbal and written warning (initialed by the adult and the participant). Upon receiving a second warning, the parent or guardian will be notified of the behavior and must make arrangements for removal of the participant from the activity, at the parent's or guardian's expense.

 **4-Her of Character** 

- 1. TRUSTWORTHINESS – includes honesty, promise keeping and loyalty.**
 - Plans and completes goals.
 - Adheres to enrollment and entry deadlines.
 - Develops project exhibits that show originality and creativity.

- 2. RESPECT – includes courtesy and proper treatment of people and things.**
 - Listens and follows advice of leaders.
 - Helps others in the project and gives positive feedback (encouragement).

- 3. RESPONSIBILITY – includes the pursuit of excellence, accountability and perseverance.**
 - Enrollment and entry deadlines observed.
 - Willingly plans and makes exhibit for project.
 - Cleans up when finished.
 - Works at fairgrounds to prepare and clean up fair.
 - Voluntarily participates in varied 4-H activities.
 - Works independently with leader/parent guidance.

- 4. FAIRNESS – involves consistently applying rules and standards appropriately for different age groups and ability levels.**
 - Accepts winning and losing with grace.
 - Follows rules and regulations for showing.
 - Recognizes each project has difference rules and standards.

- 5. CARING – promoting the well-being of people and things in a person’s world. It denotes action and not just feelings.**
 - Willingly assists wherever needed.
 - Exhibits projects which are well-planned and constructed.
 - Shares knowledge with other.
 - Demonstrates positive behavior towards others.
 - Demonstrates kindness and concern for others.

- 6. CITIZENSHIP – includes making the home, community and country a better place to live for themselves and others.**
 - Shows leadership with younger 4-H members.
 - Models good sportsmanship
 - Works at County/State events and activities
 - Is involved in community activities.



Judging Philosophy for Members and Parents



WHY DO WE JUDGE? The two major purposes in judging are: (1) to determine the worth of a piece of work, how well it was done, and how closely it conforms to standards of quality; (2) to contribute to the growth and development of 4-H members and others concerned with helping boys and girls learn.

WHO ARE THE JUDGES? Judges are people! They are people who want to help 4-H members learn! They are asked to be judges because they have special training and background in certain subject matter areas. Not all judges have the same training and the same background in the same subject matter area, and that is why judges sometimes differ in their opinions and ideas as to how something should be done. If you understand this, it may help you to accept gracefully the award they give.

THE PROCESS OF JUDGING WILL NEVER BE PERFECT. Judges can evaluate only what they see. They cannot know how hard one member has worked or what obstacles another may have had to overcome. So, they must judge just what they see according to a standard. They can guess a little about what they see according to a standard. They can guess a little about what to expect from members of a certain age or years of experience, but even here there may be a difference of opinion. We have to learn to accept judging for the best it can do for us and reconcile ourselves to some of the faults that are impossible to overcome. Learn what you can from judging, but don't take it too seriously. Don't make it a matter of life or death. Consider judging an adventure to stimulate you to greater achievement.

To All 4-H Exhibitors, Parents and Leaders:

All 4-H Exhibitors, Parents and Leaders are expected to show respect and courtesy to the judges. Violations may result in disqualifying the exhibitor. **PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE JUDGING AREA UNLESS PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE EXTENSION STAFF.**

Exception: Youth identified by Extension Staff as "children with special needs" may have another person with them during judging. Please notify the Extension staff if you feel your child may fall into "children with special needs" so a pre-determined decision can be made.



A Message to the 4-H Member



Judging is a learning experience. From which, you can learn what you did well and how you could improve in the future. An exhibit does not measure all you have learned, but it is an example of what you have done.

1. During conference judging, the judge will encourage you to talk about your project exhibit.
2. You will be asked some questions about your exhibit, so you should be prepared to tell what you were trying to do in your project (goals and objectives) and be able to describe the methods and processes used to produce the exhibit.
3. Read and follow the rules and requirements for your project carefully.
4. Learn good sportsmanship.
5. Listen carefully to the judge so that you can accept constructive criticism, and learn from it.
6. Remember, judging comments can be helpful, but they are only one person's evaluation.
7. Realize that people sometimes make mistakes.



A Message to Leaders and Parents



Each child is an individual of utmost importance. Keeping this in mind, the leader should try to make 4-H a positive learning experience. Part of this experience is the 4-H exhibit.

The 4-H exhibit is not an end in itself nor does it measure all the learning that takes place in the 4-H project. The exhibit is only one measure of success. Self-recognition, self-satisfaction and the learning from completing the project are important rewards.

1. Discuss the purpose of judging with 4-H members & their parents:
 - To evaluate the exhibit, which is an example of the child's work.
 - To help each member see the process that he/she has made and put judging in perspective.
2. Help the child set realistic goals for himself/herself according to his/her own age and experience.
3. Be sure that your goals are in line with the child's age and experience.
4. Recognize good work. Give constructive criticism.
5. Be familiar with the requirements or criteria of the 4-H project that is to be judged.
6. Be familiar with several methods of accomplishing the desired result.
7. Regardless of who does the judging, there are some basic points to keep in mind.
 - The development of young people is our first consideration in 4-H work.
 - We are really concerned more about what the 4-H'er learns than with the exhibit.
 - Projects are a means to an end – not an end in themselves.
 - No exhibit is so poorly done that it is not worthy of an encouraging comment.
 - No exhibit is so well done that some improvement may not be made.
8. Judging is done according to quality standards. It is not a matter of personal whim or tastes. The standards are:
 - High, but attainable
 - Appropriate to different age levels.
 - Known by the 4-H members.
9. Projects are evaluated, not members. All completed projects meeting show requirements will receive a Blue, Red or White rating. Projects are evaluated independently, not compared.
 - Blue - Meets requirements/standards, good exhibit
 - Red - Needs some improvement
 - White - Needs much improvement
10. Stress that judging comments can be helpful, but that they are only one person's evaluation.
11. In competition, avoid overemphasis of the winner. Help the child accept the results of the competition and realize that through his/her own accomplishments everyone is a winner.

Remember To Say “Thank You”

Remember to take time to say “Thank You” to the sponsors of the trophies and gifts following the 4-H Shows. Saying the words is nice, but taking time to write a short note is best. These notes help our sponsors realize that award sponsorship really means something to 4-H’ers. Last, but not least, you will probably feel pretty good about the extra effort it takes to write a short note. Just a simple “Thank You for Sponsoring the Trophy” is all it takes.

Animal project members also need to remember to write a “Thank You” note to the buyer of your animal. Contact the Extension Office if you do not know who the sponsor is or if you need an address.

Tips for a Successful 4-H Show

- Read your specific project exhibit requirements in the 4-H Handbook. You must follow the project requirements exactly.
- Review your 4-H manual and be certain you have all the materials needed to complete your project.
- Get help now! Call your leaders or the Extension Office if you have questions about exhibit requirements. Do not wait until the day before or the day of the show,
- Be sure to write the date and time of your judging event on your family calendar.

4-H Show Attire

The 4-H Show can be so much fun that sometimes we forget how important it is to look our best when exhibiting our project(s). This does not mean that you need to be in new or dressy clothing. This means:

- Be neat and clean
- Take hats off while showing projects (Judges like to see faces when they are speaking to you)
- Have your hair combed
- Have your shirts tucked in and shoestrings tied
- Have hands washed
- Youth showing any animal - Wear jeans or khakis (no shorts)
- Wear shirts with sleeves (no tank or spaghetti tops)

Neat appearance will not only make you feel better, it will impress the judges too. Let’s try to look our best, learn all you can and have fun when showing projects.



Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts or Awards



Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.



Premiums



The Danish System will be used to award premiums. All exhibits will receive a "Blue (A)", "Red (B)" or "White (C)" rating. Premiums are only paid on State-approved projects. No premium will be paid on county projects. Premiums will be distributed *based upon funds made available* as noted in the following disclaimer. Premiums, if available, will be given to your 4-H Leaders or mailed to your home address.

- The total dollars available for premiums will be awarded by using the "X-Factor".
- The amount may vary according to the rating received and State Funding.
- Premium checks will be mailed to each 4-H member who exhibited.

IDOA Disclaimer Statement:

"The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in this Premium Book."



Ribbon Awards



Members' efforts are evaluated by achievement of project standards, not by competing against other youth. Conference judging allows 4-H'ers to hear the judge's comments directly and to ask questions on how to improve. Premium money may also accompany the ribbon award at some 4-H exhibit opportunities.

All exhibits are judged in two ways:

- First: Individually against project standards
- Second: Competitively against all others in the same class.

Individually:

The exhibit is first judged against standards. The judge may use a score sheet to determine to what degree the standards have been met. Projects are graded on quality as well as on the 4-H member's ability to supply the judge with adequate and precise information regarding the project. A ribbon is then awarded as follows:

- Blue -- "A" -- Project meets standards, good exhibit
- Red -- "B" -- Project needs some improvement
- White -- "C" -- Project needs much improvement
- Green -- Acknowledges participation in the event

Cloverbud: Cloverbuds (members age 5-7) are not eligible for premiums or awards. Cloverbuds exhibit their projects with a short interview process and are awarded a green Cloverbud participation ribbon.

State Fair: Ribbons are presented to members with projects the judge feel should be sent to the State Fair for further recognition. The Illinois State Fair limits the number of projects shown at the State Fair. Alternates are chosen in the event that a member previously chosen cannot attend the State Fair in that project area. Members can only take one project to the State Fair.

State Fair Delegate (Blue Rosette)

Only the best item(s) in each category will be chosen to exhibit at State Fair. We do not need to send the quota per category or any if the projects do not show State Fair quality.

1. Must be 8 years of age as of September 1, current 4-H year.
2. Must accompany exhibit to State Fair and be present for conference judging.

State Fair Alternate

1. Exhibits are chosen as alternates to State Fair. Alternates do not need to be chosen if exhibit is not State Fair quality.
2. If any of the delegates chosen do not go the State Fair, then the alternate will be given the opportunity to exhibit at State Fair.

Special Clover Award

General Projects are eligible for this award. This award is given to any 4-H member who has an exceptional project, but the project itself is not State Fair eligible. There is no limit for these awards. This award is the Judge's Choice and may choose as many as he/she desires or none may be selected.

Independent 4-H Member Guidelines

Independent membership is most appropriate for collegiate-age 4-H youth that are living away from home while pursuing advanced education. All 4-H independent members must have an adult mentor to give guidance to the member's 4-H project work. The 4-H mentor should be enrolled in 4-H Online as a volunteer/leader. The 4-H member and adult mentor should work together and review the content of the 4-H Independent Member Agreement / 4-H Show Exhibit Requirement form.

Guidelines:

1. Enroll in 4-H and project by December 1 of the current 4-H year.
2. Fill out and return the 4-H Independent Member Agreement / 4-H Show Exhibit Requirement form to the Extension office by February 1.
3. Submit a year-end report (4-H Records) by August 15 to the Extension office.
4. Keep in contact with your 4-H mentor/leader and extension office as often as possible by phone or email.

In order to participate in the Wayne County 4-H Fair, the 4-H member must be declared an Independent 4-H member by the local Extension Office (approval of the 4-H Independent Member Agreement), complete project goal sheets/livestock records (turn in at fair) and complete a written report on their project **OR** give Extension staff a talk or demo. Written report or talk/demo must be completed and given to Extension staff before fair week (4-H member responsible for making arrangements).

If the 4-H members decides to submit a written report, the report must be one page, typed, and contain information regarding what project the 4-H member is taking, why they have chosen to complete this 4-H project, what they have learned this year, and how the project will be beneficial to them in their future.

Cannot Attend a Show

If a 4-H member is unable to attend a project show, they may seek approval for judging a static project. They must indicate as such by contacting the Extension Office and following the procedures below.

The exhibit should be accompanied with a brief written report about the projects.

Excused absence from the county show is for conflicts with a **4-H event, FFA related activity, or a church event.**

If any of the above conflicts pertain to you, 4-H'ers can be excused from showing and still be eligible to receive premiums, but will not be State Fair eligible.

You must do the following:

1. Submit an Excused Absence Form
2. Submit a brief written report telling about the project (what you did).
3. Submit the project goal sheets.
4. Submit project at the Registration Desk on the day of the show.

An "Excused Absence" form must be filled out and received at the Extension Office by June 1 to be considered for an excused absence.



4-H Independent Member Agreement / 4-H Show Exhibit Requirement

Due upon enrollment and re-enrollment

I, _____, desiring Independent Membership in the _____

4-H Club / 4-H Youth Development Program, agree to:

1. Work with _____, my adult leader/mentor, who will guide and support me in my project work. Having completed the official Illinois 4-H Volunteer Screening Process, my mentor is recognized by Illinois 4-H as a volunteer in good standing, and has agreed to assume the responsibilities outlined of 4-H mentorship.
2. Publically demonstrate my learning by giving a presentation or demonstration before a group.
3. Share with my mentor throughout the year my progress toward my goals and celebrate achievements. This can be a written report.
4. Develop my skills in leadership, citizenship, communications, personal life management, and knowledge through project work.
5. Submit a year-end report (4-H Record) of my 4-H experiences to the Extension office by August 15.
6. Abide by all county, state, and national 4-H policies and recognize the authority of Extension staff to establish and enforce rules and policies.
7. Ensure that my family does our part to contribute to the larger 4-H program by actively participating in county and state fundraising efforts; volunteering to lead or assist with 4-H committees, programs and activities; reading and responding to extension office correspondence; and remaining informed and current to 4-H opportunities, procedures and guidelines.

College or University you are attending: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
4-H Member

Signed: _____ Date: _____
4-H Mentor / Leader

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Extension Staff

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Excused Absence Form General Project Only

Date _____

I, _____, will be unable to attend the General Projects judging on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Projects are: _____

Due to: 4-H Event FFA Related Activity Church Event

Reason for Absence _____

4-H Member who will be exhibiting your project _____

4-H Member's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Form must be received at the Extension Office by June 1

Excused Absence Form Livestock Project Only

Date _____

I, _____, will be unable to attend the Livestock Show on _____, July _____, 2022.

Project is: _____

Due to: 4-H Event FFA Related Activity Church Event

Reason for Absence _____

4-H Member who will be exhibiting your project _____

4-H Member's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Form must be received at the Extension Office by June 1



What is 4-H?

4-H is a voluntary, informal education program for young people ages 8-18. 4-H Cloverbud is a program for younger children who are 5-7 years old.

Isn't 4-H just for farm kids?

No! 4-H is for all young people, regardless of where they live, what their backgrounds are, or what interests them. Today in Illinois most 4-H members are from urban areas and they participate in projects to learn many different life skills.

What do the H's stand for?

Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Members pledge:

"My head to clearer thinking

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service

My health the better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."

What are the 4-H emblem, motto, and slogan?

A green four-leaf clover with a white "H" on each clover leaf is the 4-H emblem. Green and white are the colors. The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better." The 4-H slogan is "Learn By Doing."

Why do young people like 4-H?

4-H provides a chance to learn new things, develop new skills, travel to new places, experience new situations, make new friends, and most importantly have lots of fun

How do you join?

Call the [Extension office](#) in your county (Wayne County 842-3702) or contact a local 4-H club to see if there is room in a club near you. If not, five interested young people, with an adult or two to help them, may start a new club.

What's expected of parents?

Children need parental encouragement to get them started in 4-H and to keep them involved in the program in later years. Parents can help by:

Sharing - provide encouragement and take interest in 4-H projects and activities. Listen, look, and offer suggestions, but avoid the temptation to "take over" and do things. Children learn by their mistakes as well as successes.

Preparing - assist by helping children understand the value of doing projects, having duties in the club, and following through on responsibilities as expected by others.

Being there - Children gain more from 4-H by attending meetings regularly and getting involved in 4-H activities. Parents are welcome at meetings and are encouraged to stay and observe. Lend a hand whenever possible. However, remember that 4-H clubs are for kids.

Caring - arrange to participate whenever possible. Parents' presence shows the child that what he or she is doing is very important.

For more interesting facts regarding 4-H you can visit: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/faqs.cfm>