

## ¡HOLA GKW 4-H!

**4-H is a family affair says Illinois Extension, announces new Spanish resources to help make 4-H accessible to all.**

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Illinois 4-H brings families together to empower youth for life today and prepare them for a career tomorrow. Like a choose your own adventure novel, 4-H puts kids in the driver's seat – with the support of family and caring adults and peers to provide guidance, tools, and encouragement – to empower them to make great things happen!

And now, Illinois Extension is excited to announce that even more materials than ever are available directly in Spanish. They want all to feel welcome in the 4-H program and forcing parents to make decisions in a language they are uncomfortable with harms that mission. Available materials include almost completely translated “About 4-H” welcome emails, a translated project selection guide, Spanish sections on the website, and so much more!

To receive information about 4-H in Spanish, fill out the form located at the link below and be sure to select “Español” from the dropdown:

[go.illinois.edu/about4Hgkw](https://go.illinois.edu/about4Hgkw). To find out more about Illinois 4-H and the resources we have available in Spanish, check out [our NEW website](#) and click the “Spanish” button in the upper right corner!

4-H welcomes all youth and, true to our history, it's a family affair. Illinois Extension encourages families to stay involved with the program, attend meetings with their kids, and be a supportive role model. For activities you can do with your family right now, check out the Illinois 4-H spark sheets, [which have also all been translated into Spanish!](#)

Together, 4-H is making a difference in the lives of young people and their families - Independent research confirms the impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that 4-H members are more likely to go to college, four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices;

two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

Illinois 4-H is also there to help in the next steps of life: \$170,000+ in college scholarships are available to 4-H members; including \$135,000+ to youth interested in attending the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at University of Illinois. If youth are interested in attending University of Illinois, there are even more scholarships available and the skills and experiences learned in 4-H give youth an edge in preparing for scholarships. And if a family has under \$67,100 or less in combined family income, the University of Illinois, 4-H's parent college, has a commitment to [provide FREE four-year tuition](#).

4-H provides life skills – if you are interested in getting your kids enrolled in the 4-H program and give them the chance to 'choose their own adventure,' please visit [go.illinois.edu/about4Hgw](http://go.illinois.edu/about4Hgw) to receive information about 4-H! To receive info in Spanish, simply tick the "Español" box!

Read this article in Spanish: [extension.illinois.edu/news-releases/hola-gkw-4-h](http://extension.illinois.edu/news-releases/hola-gkw-4-h)

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**ABOUT ILLINOIS 4-H:** Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

**ABOUT EXTENSION:** Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

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