

Thank you for your interest in the Boulder County 4-H program. 4-H provides a unique environment where youth can try new things, make new friends and discover new possibilities. Through 4-H, your child will explore leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and community service. The values and skills that youth gain as a 4-H'er will help them become their best selves today and in the future.

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4-H gives youth the chance to discover what they want to do and who they want to be, to connect with others in a supporting environment, and to take action to make the world a better place. There is something for everyone in 4-H, with projects ranging from hands-on science to art activities to exploring the outdoors and their own community. Projects are hands on to engage youth to expand their knowledge and life skills.

Enclosed, you will find a list of clubs in your area. Clubs are available across the county. You will see that different clubs focus on different projects and meet on a variety of schedules. Please contact the leader of a club you are interested in and go to a meeting. Visit several and choose the one that best fits your schedule and needs. Sometimes, the best club for you is not the closest. If you have trouble contacting a leader/ or would like information on starting your own club please contact the Extension Office. The best time to plan to join 4-H is in the fall each year (October/November). Some clubs fill up right away in October, so plan ahead.

Leaders have information about enrollment, so you can sign up online after talking directly with them. They are also very knowledgeable about the program and details of the projects. We suggest signing up for only one or two projects during the first year until you get comfortable with the 4-H system.

Beyond the club level there are a variety of county, state, national, and international opportunities/events. To name a few, 4-H offers:

- County 4-H Council- Youth and adults work together to provide input and leadership on county 4-H events
- County and State Fair- competitive events where members' projects are judged
- County wide clinics/workshops- learn more about projects of interest
- 4-H Statewide Camps- Leadership Development Conference, State 4-H Conference, Colorado Leadership Camps , Youth Fest, Junior Jam
- 4-H National Trips- Citizen Washington Focus, 4-H Congress, National Shooting Sports Competition
- International 4-H Exchange Program- Current Exchange opportunities include Australia, Costa Rica, Finland and Japan.

We hope that 4-H will be a place where your child can reach and exceed their goals. Please feel free to call the Boulder County Extension Office at 303-678-6238 with any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

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