

## What is a 4-H Project?

A 4-H Project has 4 Components:

- ✿ **Learning Experiences** of 6 or more sequential learning experiences of 20-60 minutes in length totaling 2 hours or more.
- ✿ **Community Service**
- ✿ **Leadership**
- ✿ **Exhibition** of Project Work

So...what does this all mean???

**Learning Experiences** can be:

✿ Educational tours	✿ Bowl contests
✿ Workshops	✿ Self-study
✿ Clinics	✿ Exhibits
✿ Contests	✿ Expos
✿ Demonstrations	✿ Speeches
✿ Interviewing the experts	✿ Videos/DVDS
✿ Educational presentations	✿ Television shows

**Community Service** can be any type of community service activity associated with your project.

**Leadership** can include but is not limited to:

✿ Teaching/Guiding others	✿ Demonstration/speech
✿ Conducting a workshop	✿ Assist an adult
✿ Organize a group activity	✿ Plan a tour
✿ Lead an activity	✿ Junior/Teen Leader
✿ Share information with others	

**Exhibition** can include:

✿ Contest	✿ Fair
✿ Livestock show	✿ Exhibit
✿ Educational presentation	✿ Project meeting
✿ Speech	

There is no set timeline for any specific project; it just needs to be accomplished within the 4-H year (September 1 through August 31). Contests are not the whole project, 6 experiences within the project are!!!

So now you know what a 4-H project is...but where is the support??? The support lies in Club Managers and Project Leaders. There are Adult, Teen, and Junior Project Leaders. Volunteers are the KEY to success. When we have Project Leaders, they can find resources to support the 4-Her's and their projects through ...

✿ Curriculum	✿ Hobbyists
✿ Books	✿ Associations/Organizations
✿ Magazines	✿ Internet

✿ Experts	✿ AND your County Extension Agents will be there to help support you
✿ Professionals	

Once kids join and participate in a project...They should definitely be recognized!!! Completing a 4-H Project is an awesome accomplishment and should always be praised. Recognition should also be extended to our VOLUNTEERS and PROJECT LEADERS!

Now here were we? What is a possible 4-H Project you say?.....

✿ Aquatic Science	✿ Health
✿ Automotive	✿ Horse
✿ Beef	✿ Horticulture
✿ Bicycle	✿ Housing
✿ Biological Sciences	✿ Investigating Water
✿ Citizenship	✿ Leadership
✿ Clothing & Textiles	✿ Meat Science
✿ County Government	✿ Open
✿ Companion Animals	✿ Photography
✿ Computer Sciences	✿ Poultry
✿ Consumer & Financial Education	✿ Public Speaking
✿ Dairy Cattle	✿ Rabbits
✿ Dog Care & Training	✿ Range Science
✿ Electric	✿ Recreation
✿ Energy	✿ Safety
✿ Entomology	✿ Sea Science
✿ Entrepreneurship	✿ Sheep
✿ Exotic Animals	✿ Shooting Sports
✿ Family Life	✿ Small Engines
✿ Field & Stream	✿ Sportfishing
✿ Food & Nutrition	✿ Swine
✿ Forestry	✿ Veterinary Science
✿ Goats (Dairy)	✿ Wood Science
✿ Goats (Hair)	✿ Wildlife
✿ Goats (Meat)	

As you can tell, you can do a 4-H project with just about anything. To find out more information about the projects, the cost range, corresponding curriculum, timeline, contests, educational activities, and recordbook category, see the Texas 4-H website [Project Page](#). Happy Hunting and welcome to the 4-H Family!