



There's A 4-H Club Near You!



Contact the leader(s) below if you are interested in joining a 4-H club in your area.
(See over for 4-H enrollment deadlines for tenured (returning) and new 4-H members.)

COMMUNITY CLUBS

- Barnyard Buddies (Countywide)
Sandy Summey, (269) 718-7524
- Burr Oak (Burr Oak)
Deb Adamski, (269) 489-2836
Laurie Maystead, (269) 651-6347
- Circle 8 (White Pigeon)
Sherry Gipson, (269) 483-8189
- Country Side (Centreville/Nottawa)
Gail Miller, (269) 467-6395
Debbie Davis, (269) 806-7889
- Farmtastic (Mendon/Vicksburg)
Greg & Emily Redmond, (269) 209-7112
- Fawn River Clovers (Sturgis)
Jodi Kelley, (269) 651-1312
Joan Lindsley, (269) 651-5369
- Happy Herdsman (Mendon/Three Rivers)
Ralph & Sandy Gage, (269) 273-0083
- Howardsville (Howardsville/Three Rivers)
Brittany Bogema, (269) 598-6638
Samantha Hoekstra, (269) 352-7534
- Kuntry Starz (Sturgis/White Pigeon)
Holly Jones-Gushwa, (269) 625-7184
- Leonidas Do-Best (Leonidas)
Nancy Mangus, (269) 760-8808
Corey Iobe, (269) 496-9078
Connie Myers (269) 317-7099
- Lucky (Constantine)
Dolores Kulp, (269) 435-7298
- Mendon Green Clover (Mendon)
Michelle Chupp-Shears, (269) 535-4711
- Rolling Clovers (Centreville/Three Rivers)
Betsy Rambadt, (269) 651-6879
Barb Weston, (269) 816-0290
Diana Yeager, (269) 467-8922
- Sunshine Hills (Constantine/White Pigeon)
Bonnie Alvarado, (269) 873-3927
- Tri-Township (Sturgis)
Denise Holtz, (269) 625-1280

DOG CLUBS

- Courageous K-9's (Sturgis)
Brian Quirin, (269) 506-4367
- K-9 Pals (Three Rivers/Constantine)
Dixie Strawser, (269) 435-8123

HORSE CLUBS

- Desperados (Mendon/Vicksburg)
Mindy Stuart, (269) 506-6300
- Town & Country (Countywide)
Sara Franklin, (269) 492-2929
- Trail Blazers (Centreville/Sturgis)
Jaime Terry, (269) 720-5086
- Tumbleweed (Countywide)
Andrea Littlefield, (269) 625-7998
Tereasa Hufstedler, (269) 816-3675

ROBOTICS CLUB

- Clover B.O.T.S. (Centreville)
Michele Kelley, (269) 651-4485
Jennifer Gump, (269) 251-7306

SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

- Straight Shooters (SJC Conservation Club - Shooting Sports)
Erin Hackett, (269) 651-2537



St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program



What Is 4-H? 4-H is a fun, learn-by-doing educational program for young people. Its mission is to help youth become self-directed, contributing members of their communities. 4-H is open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

How Old Do You Have To Be To Join 4-H? The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program is open to all youth 8-19 years of age by January 1 of the year they will exhibit their completed projects at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair. St. Joseph County offers a Cloverbud program for youth 6-7 years of age by January 1.

Enrollment Procedure: Young people interested in enrolling in 4-H may do so by contacting the organizational leader of the 4-H club(s) they are interested in joining (see reverse side for club listing).

Open Enrollment Deadline (for the current 4-H Project Year): Enrollment forms for tenured (returning) 4-H members are due in the MSU Extension Office by December 1 of the current year. Enrollment of youth new to 4-H will be accepted through May 1 of the program year (unless the 4-H project animal registration deadline have passed for a given animal project).

Who Is In Charge Of 4-H? 4-H is the youth development program of Michigan State University Extension (MSUE). Nationally, 4-H is part of the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). There is a Michigan State University Extension office located in each of Michigan's 83 counties.

The St. Joseph County MSU Extension office is located in Centreville, Michigan. The MSU Extension office address and phone number are as follows:

Michigan State University Extension
Courthouse Annex II, 612 E. Main St.
Centreville, MI 49032
(269) 467-5521
msue.stjoseph@county.msu.edu
https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph

What Do The H's Stand for in 4-H? 4-H's goal is to develop the whole person as evidenced by the 4-H pledge:

I pledge

My **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world

4-H Project Offerings: The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program offers young people their choice of participating in over 100 different 4-H projects. 4-H projects teach young people to work with others, take on responsibility, make decisions and set achievable goals. Helping kids develop self-confidence and effective communication skills through their project work is an important goal of 4-H.

4-H Club Meetings: Participation in 4-H club meetings is an important part of being a 4-H member. The 4-H club structure offers young people a unique opportunity to learn about parliamentary procedure and group decision-making/goal setting, develop interpersonal communication and leadership skills and learn how to work effectively with adults and other youth toward a common goal.

Interested In Learning More About 4-H? Please call, write or email the MSU Extension office at the phone number/address/email address listed above if you are interested in learning more about the 4-H Youth Program!