



# 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) 718-7521

Burr Oak (Burr Oak)  
Deb Adamski, (269) 489-2836  
Laurie Maystead, (269) 651-6347

Circle 8 (White Pigeon)  
Sherry Gipson, (269) 464-9097

Country Side (Centreville/Nottawa)  
Debbie Davis, (269) 806-7889  
Gail Miller, (269) 467-6395

Farmtastic (Mendon/Vicksburg)  
Greg & Emily Redmond, (269) 209-7112

Fawn River Clovers (Sturgis)  
Jodi Kelley, (269) 625-2408  
Joan Lindsley, (269) 651-5369

Happy Herdsman (Mendon/Three Rivers)  
Ralph & Sandy Gage, (269) 273-0083

Howardsville (Howardsville/Three Rivers)  
Chelsie Beadle, (269) 646-9409  
Bill Kruger, (269) 271-0779  
Kaley Thornburgh, (269) 760-2975

Kuntry Starz (Sturgis/White Pigeon)  
Holly Jones-Gushwa, (269) 625-7184

Leonidas Do-Best (Leonidas)  
Corey lobe, (269) 496-9078  
Nancy Mangus, (269) 760-8808  
Connie Myers (269) 317-7099

Lucky (Constantine)  
Dolores Kulp, (269) 435-7298

Mendon Green Clovers  
Ed Klein, (269) 998-4720

Rolling Clovers (Centreville/Three Rivers)  
Tegan Stuby-Hekter, (269) 251-0785  
Diana Yeager, (269) 503-4131

Sunshine Hills (Constantine/White Pigeon)  
Bonnie Alvarado, (269) 873-3927

## **DOG CLUB**

Courageous K-9's (Countywide)  
Katy Myers, 269-858-9670

## **HORSE CLUBS**

Desperados (Mendon/Vicksburg)  
Shajnett Huffman, (269) 567-8708  
Mindy Stuart, (269) 506-6300

Town & Country (Countywide)  
Teresa Howk, (269) 625-8922  
Cindy Mingus, (269) 625-7195

Tumbleweed (Countywide)  
Julie Bruce, (269) 503-9123  
Racheal Hartman, (269) 718-2161  
Katie Staples, (269) 689-3600

## **SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB**

Straight Shooters (SJC Conservation Club)  
Nelson Schug, (248) 379-8654



# St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program



**What is 4-H?** 4-H is a fun, learn-by-doing educational program for youth 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 5-7 years of age by January 1 of the year they will exhibit.

**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 by December 1 of the current year. Enrollment of youth new to 4-H will be accepted through April 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) 467-5511  
[msue.stjoseph@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.stjoseph@county.msu.edu)  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/st\\_joseph](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!