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)**
  - Valerie Bungart, (269) 506-9543
  - Sandy Summey, (269) 267-7219

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

- **Circle 8 (White Pigeon)**
  - Sherry Gipson, 483-8189

- **Country Side (Centreville/Nottawa)**
  - Gail Miller, 467-6395

- **Fawn River Clovers (Sturgis)**
  - Jodi Kelley, 651-1312
  - Joan Lindsley, 651-5369

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

- **Howardsville (Howardsville/Three Rivers)**
  - Mike & Carmen Bell, 377-1074

- **Kuntry Starz (Sturgis, White Pigeon)**
  - Steve Gushwa, 689-4411

- **Leonidas Do-Best (Leonidas)**
  - Nancy Hiemstra, (269) 760-8808
  - Corey Iobe, 496-9078

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

- **Mendon Green Clover (Mendon)**
  - Diane Zinsmaster, 496-7585

- **Rolling Clovers (Centreville/Three Rivers)**
  - Brent Beeker, 467-7883

- **Straight Shooters (Countywide - Shooting Sports)**
  - Nelson Schug, 279-2127

- **Sunshine Hills (Constantine/White Pigeon)**
  - Lisa Wicken, 858-3213

- **Tri-Township (Sturgis)**
  - Denise Holtz, 625-1280
  - Reid Holtz, 625-1580

**DOG CLUBS**

- **Courageous K-9’s (Sturgis)**
  - Connie Pagels, 651-8035

- **K-9 Pals (Three Rivers/Constantine)**
  - Dixie Strawser, 435-8123

- **Muttley Crew (Mendon/Three Rivers)**
  - Lora Huff, 496-8136

**GOAT CLUBS**

- **Country Kids (Centreville/Nottawa/Sturgis)**
  - Connie Culp, 496-7488

**HORSE CLUBS**

- **Buckaroos (Centreville/Three Rivers)**
  - Tereasa Hufstedler, 816-3675

- **Tumbleweed (Countywide)**
  - Andrea Littlefield, 625-7998
  - Regina Schinker, 496-8818

- **Desperados (Mendon/Vicksburg)**
  - Diane Zinsmaster, 496-7585

- **Sauwauseebee (Countywide)**
  - Jaye Nevins, 506-2125

- **Stirrup Fun (Colon/Mendon)**
  - Patti Adams, 625-5656

- **Town & Country (Countywide)**
  - Connie Miracle, 207-6306

- **Trail Blazers (Centreville/Sturgis)**
  - Lisa DeLeo, 506-2682
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 9-19 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 6-8 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 2014-15 4-H Project Year): Enrollment forms for tenured (returning) 4-H members are due in the MSU Extension Office by December 1, 2014. Enrollment of youth new to 4-H will be accepted through May 1, 2015 (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, and is open to serve you from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. 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
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/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!