The phrase “Learning by Doing” sums up the educational philosophy of the Otoe County 4-H program. Young people learn best when they are involved in their learning.

Nebraska 4-H helps youth discover their passion. Joseph is a former 4-H’er who discovered a passion in meats judging. Members of our 4-H Meats judging team practice on Saturdays, visit cold meat lockers and learn cuts of meat. After months of practice, Joseph placed second in the state meats contest, while the team placed first. Joseph’s passion led to him graduating from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with an Animal Science degree and a Meat Science option. Currently Joseph is a production manager for a meat processing company. Nebraska 4-H succeeded in helping Joseph discover his passion.