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Finding Community in 4-H

Nebraska 4-H is open for enrollment for the 2024 programming year. 4-H offers a multitude of opportunities for youth and families to develop their community.

Community can be defined as, "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals." 4-H offers programming through camps, traditional clubs, school enrichment, afterschool programs and special interest programs, focusing on the following educational focus areas, agriculture literacy, environmental education, science, technology, engineering and math, leadership development, entrepreneurship, college and career success and healthy living.

Youth are able to select project areas that interest them and work with other youth and caring adults to develop skills from completing hands-on projects. Often times clubs contribute to their local community by completing community service projects. These projects not only allow youth to develop their leadership skills as well as improve their local community by fulfilling a need. The interaction between youth members assists them in developing lifelong friendships with youth who may be from another community.

4-H also allows youth to find a community of young people who have similar interests and allows them a safe place to be comfortable to gain life skills. Often community is gained over the snack during a meeting or following an activity. The Buffalo County Extension Office can help you find the right projects for you, as well as

aid in finding other youth members who want to develop a community. To look at all of the project areas available visit our website, <https://buffalo.unl.edu> or contact the Buffalo County Extension Office at 236-1235 or kerry.elsen@unl.edu.