

February is Nebraska 4-H Month

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The Mission of Nebraska 4-H is to empower youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. Nebraska 4-H strives to help young people achieve their greatest potential by introducing high-quality youth development experiences into the lives of Nebraska youth and families. Engagement in 4-H results in youth who are making positive decisions related to their health and their future goals. Further, they are advocates and leaders determined to leave a lasting impact on Nebraska communities.

In Nebraska, 1 in 3 age-eligible youth across all 93 counties are enrolled in 4-H, for a total enrollment reaching approximately 140,000 youth. There are nearly 50,000 youth participate in school enrichment experiences and over 33,000 Nebraska youth were members of a 4-H Club. There are 11, 000 youth and adults participate in 4-H camping programs and 12,000 volunteers share their time and resources with Nebraska 4-H.

By taking part in Nebraska 4-H, youth are preparing for a successful future by focusing on Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development and College Readiness, Community Engagement, and Healthy Living.

Nebraska 4-H club membership is open to youth who are 5 years of age as of December 31, 2016 and who had not yet turned 19 as of December 31, 2016. To join one of the nine 4-H Clubs in Wayne County contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County at 402-375-3310 or visit [wayne.unl.edu](http://wayne.unl.edu).

Some of the things that youth in 4-H have the opportunity to do are develop friendships and work with their family on various projects and activities. These youth also have access to project materials developed by Nebraska Extension that is based on the latest research. 4-Hers attend monthly 4-H meetings and have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops.