# WHY BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

June 26-30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Volunteer to Help Grow True Leaders

Our network of over 500,000 volunteers provide caring and supportive mentoring to all 6 million 4-H'ers, helping them grow into true leaders. Volunteers are managed through local 4-H offices so we recommend contacting your community's 4-H office to learn how you can get involved.

"You become aware that 4-H isn't just about raising an animal. It's about life skills and learning leadership, and that's what drew me in .... I was contributing to the kids and helping this organization which is helping kids grow into great citizens."

-4-H Volunteer



## As a volunteer, you will partner with youth so they can:

- Discover their passions
- Adopt a growth mindset
- Practice self-reflection
- Set goals



### WHY ARE 4-H CAMPS IMPORTANT?

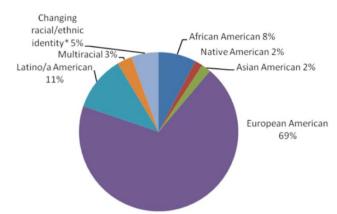
4-H camps are county-based programs that foster healthy living in the outdoors. Participating in camp programs help youth:

- build self-confidence
- meet new people
- experience new opportunities

### Youth Impacts







### 4-H'ers Excel

- Nearly 4x more likely to make contributions to their communities
- About 2x more likely to be civically active
- Nearly 2x more likely to participate in science programs during out-of-school time
- 2x more likely (Grade 10)
   and nearly 3x more likely (Grade
   12) to take part in science programs
   compared to girls in other out-of-school time activities
- Nearly 2x more likely to make healthier choices













| 4-H                     | 6.3M |
|-------------------------|------|
| Boys & Girls Club       | 4.8M |
| Junior Achievement 4.2M |      |
| Boy Scouts              | 2.8M |
| Girl Scouts             | 2.7M |
| Girls Inc.              | 0.9M |
| National FFA            | 0.5M |

Big Brothers

Big Sisters 0.25M

**US Numbers** 

### Life Skills

The life skills that 4-H kids learn are as diverse as the kids themselves.

Rocketry Robotics

GPS Mapping Agricultural Science
DNA Analysis Public Speaking

Photography Nutrition
Community Service Leadership



#### Mendocino Lake 4-H Camp Website

http://ucanr.edu/mendolakecamp

Lake County UCCE Website https://celake.ucanr.edu/



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