

Ready for the Future



With a direct connection to research at the University of California, 4-H is the first experience many young people have with higher education. These hands-on learning opportunities help young people in 4-H develop into mature young adults ready to serve as leaders and role models in their communities and enter today's challenging workforce.

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Being in 4-H to me means I have a place where I can explore my ability to lead in a safe environment. I have people who I can look up to and who look up to me.

16 year old 4-H'er
El Dorado County

4-H Youth Development Program is a Dynamic Education Program

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is a dynamic non-formal education program. 4-H provides opportunities to learn life skills, gain knowledge while having fun, and make contributions in such areas as environmental education, community service, and current youth issues. The 4-H program is dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to develop leadership and management skills, positive self-esteem, effective communication skills, a solid sense of personal responsibility and the ability to make sound decisions. The life-skills learned in 4-H enable youth to become productive, well-informed, self-reliant responsible adults.

In California 4-H, there are:



More than
49,000 youth



More than 5,700
adult volunteers



More than 260
projects available