

Dear Lynn,

My eleven year old son is interested in joining a 4-H Club in Santa Cruz County; can you tell me how he can enroll?

Sincerely, Connie Clover

Dear Connie Clover,

Now is the perfect time to be thinking about joining a 4-H Club. In Santa Cruz County, we have community club programs in the communities of Watsonville, Pinto Lake, Corralitos, La Selva Beach, Soquel, Scotts Valley, Felton and Boulder Creek, all which offer a variety of education, social and civic opportunities.

The Santa Cruz County 4-H Club program is open to youth ages 5 to 19, and utilizes over 200 adult volunteers that coach, mentor and support youth in their 4-H activities. The cost of membership is kept at a minimum and is under \$10 a year for program fees, although additional costs may be incurred by individual projects.

Every 4-H member regularly participates in monthly 4-H Club meetings and in one or more projects. In a project, with the help of a caring adult, youth learn about interesting things such as photography, computers, cooking, auto mechanics, raising an animal, and public speaking. There is almost no limitation to the kinds of things youth can do in 4-H.

Some highlights of the Santa Cruz County 4-H program include going to summer camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, participating in the Santa Cruz County Fair, participation in local, regional and state leadership conferences, participating in the annual 4-H Spring Fair and being engaged in their community.

For more information on the 4-H program, visit our website at: <http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>, or contact the 4-H Program Representative Heather Holmstadt at 763-8015 or haholmstadt@ucdavis.edu.