

How to Become a 4-H Member

Youth who are between the ages of eight and eighteen years old on or before December 31, 2010, may enroll in 4-H clubs and groups as a traditional 4-H Member. Youth who are five through seven years of age on or before December 31, 2010, may enroll in 4-H as a Cloverbud (for additional information on Cloverbuds please contact the Extension Office).



Step 1

The first step in becoming a 4-H member is to choose a club that is right for you. Contact a local 4-H Club Leader to determine if the club schedule is compatible with your family schedule. Ask questions like: When are club meetings? What are the club requirements? How many activities does the club participate in yearly?



Step 2

Find the project that is right for you. There are over 60 different projects divided into more than 225 divisions. These divisions range from creative arts, photography, model rocketry, foods, clothing, gardening, wildlife, woodworking, to dog obedience, small animals, horses, and livestock. Project costs vary. A description of our available projects and estimated cost is available at http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/clover_guide/psguide_main.shtml.



Step 3

The 4-H program is offered at a very nominal annual fee (\$20/member) by Colorado State University Extension in Crowley County. The enrollment fee covers insurance, state and district dues. All educational project manuals are at the expense of the member. Enrollment forms for members planning to show/participate in Crowley County Days or the Arkansas Valley Fair are due on/or before March 1st; however, to take full advantage of the 4-H experience, youth are encouraged to enroll in the fall of the year. Contact the leader of the group you are interested in joining, and pick up your enrollment form at the next club meeting.



Step 4

Have fun! The mission of 4-H is to help children grow into healthy, productive, and successful adults. This mission is accomplished through involvement of parents, volunteer leaders, and other adults who organize and conduct fun educational experiences in community and family settings.

Stay involved throughout the year with the [Crowley County Monthly Newsletter](#) and our website, <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/SEA/CROWLEY/4-H%20master.html> which are both available online for free. They are both great resources for a first year 4-H family!

As you can see, Crowley County has two clubs to choose from with each having so much to offer. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Brooke Matthew, Extension Agent, at the Crowley County Extension Office at (719) 267-5243 or brooke.matthew@colostate.edu.

