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Learn More About Bucks County 4-H



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4-H Pledge

I pledge:

**My head to clearer thinking, My
heart to greater loyalty, My hands
to larger service and My health to
better living,
for my Club, my Community, my
Country, and my World**

4-H Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

The motto was adopted about the same time as the 4-H Club Pledge. Its intent is to inspire young people to continue to learn and grow, to make their best efforts better through participating in educational experiences.

“Learning by Doing”

This phrase sums up the educational philosophy of the 4-H program. Young people learn best when they are involved in their learning. The intent is to do, reflect and apply.

4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Vision

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

What is 4-H?

The 4-H Youth Development Program is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H enables kids to have fun, meet new people, learn new life skills, build self-confidence, learn responsibility and set and achieve



life skills, build self-confidence, learn responsibility and set and achieve goals!

New research shows that youth development programs, like 4-H, play a special and vital role in the lives of America's young people.

According to '*The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development*', youth have the capacity to thrive when presented with the resources for healthy development found in families, schools, and communities, regardless of background, socioeconomic status, race, or gender.

(<http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/>)

What do 4-H clubs do?

It is up to 4-H members what their club does! Clubs usually focus on one or more topics of the members' choosing. They conduct project-related activities, for example; a gardening club may have a year round garden or a technology club may work on web design at meetings. 4-H clubs also do community service in both their project area and or wherever there is need.

Who can join 4-H?

To be eligible to join you must be at least 8 years old by January 1, of the current year, but not older than 18 as of January 1, of the current year.

How many states have 4-H?

4-H is found in every county in every state, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and U.S. Army and Air Force installations worldwide. 4-H and 4-H related programs also exist in more than 80 other countries around the world.

What is the cost?

There is a \$25 yearly educational materials fee for each 4-H member. The cost for horse/pony members is \$50.

How do I enroll in 4-H?

The first step is to choose which club you would like to visit. Call the club leader to ask when and where the next meeting will be and projects to be offered. Feel free to visit multiple clubs to find the right one. After finding a club or clubs you would like to attend regularly, ask the club leader or call the Extension Office for 4-H Online enrollment instructions. Be sure to contact the club leader about the schedule for meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

What are the expectations of a 4-H member?

Yearly expectations for members (8-18) are: attend club meetings regularly, complete a project, enroll in the online enrollment system and participate in a community service project. To get the most from 4-H, members are encouraged to participate in multiple activities. These are not required but can be very beneficial in a well-rounded experience.

Famous people who have a 4-H background

Faith Hill, Reba McEntyre, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Jim Davis (the creator of Garfield), Al Gore, Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Lamar Alexander, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Herschel Walker, Reggie White, Orville Redenbacher, Luke Bryan, David Letterman, Johnny Carson, Julia Roberts, Alan Shepard, Roy Rogers, Trisha Yearwood, Roslyn Carter are just a few distinguished alumni who are now in entertainment, government, sports, education and business careers. For a complete listing visit: <http://www.nae4ha.com/distinguishedalum.htm>

Community Clubs

What is a “community” 4-H club?

A community club is a club located in or near your area that typically meets in the evening, once a month and offers self- chosen projects. Closer to 4-H Fair, the club may break into “project” groups and meet with a leader to complete their projects to display at the Middletown Grange Fair in August. The following is a listing of the community clubs in Bucks County.

Buckingham – Club Leaders: Vicky and Hannah Smith (mkfsmith@verizon.net) Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Buckingham. Projects offered in the past include cooking 101, wildlife, and knitty gritty.

Chal- Brit – Club Leaders: Erin Arnoldi (psutpt@verizon.net) and Melanie Hazelrigg (melanie@hazelriggbrothers.com) Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown. Projects offered in the past include cooking 101, home grown science, and stitch by stitch.

Danboro – Club Leaders: Sue Young (rsiyoung@verizon.net) and Linda Ochoco (Luke4@msn.com) Meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Plumsteadville Grange. Projects offered in the past include first aid in action, forestry, and sewing.

Heritage - Club Leaders: Bonnie Tobin (pangolin6@gmail.com) and Nancy Lukomski (nlukomski@hotmail.com) Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month 2:00 p.m. at Tyler State Park. This club is focused on Bucks County heritage and history. Past projects include colonial living.

Animal Clubs

What is an “Animal” Club?

A 4-H animal club focuses solely on one specific animal instead of projects. Some of these clubs are “market” animal clubs. This means that the animal is raised, then at the county 4-H Livestock Show and Sale, the member “shows” their animal to a judge for placing, animals are then sold at an auction later in the week. Other animal clubs do not end their year with a sale. These clubs focus on learning about the characteristics, health, and caring of the animal.

Lease projects available. The animals are owned and housed by a sponsor and then are leased by 4-H members for the project year.



Always call the leader to verify the meeting date, time and location before attending.

Occasionally meetings are moved or times have been changed.

Beef Club – Club Leaders: Bruce & Tracey Awckland (awcksrwe@comcast.net) and Dan & Annette Crooke (215-766-8785) Meets the 1st Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Plumsteadville Grange. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**

Bucks Clucks - Club Leader: Shannon Monson (duckma71@yahoo.com) Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in Doylestown at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Members raise many different kinds of poultry including chickens, turkeys, and ducks.

Dairy Club -Leaders: Annette Worthington (curlyhillfarm@verizon.net) and Sharon Bishop (ensenada4@verizon.net) Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Plumsteadville Grange. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**

Feline Frenzy- Club Leaders: Melissa Traub (momjuly5@aol.com) Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 pm at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown. Learn about cats, make cat toys, and go on field trips including visiting cat shelters.



Goat Club - Club Leaders: Melissa Boess (mboess27@gmail.com), Olivia Rush (oliviarush3@gmail.com), and Laura DiDonato (Ldidonato@hughes.net) Meetings are held the 4th Sunday of the month, 1:30 p.m at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown. Projects offered in the past include market goat, breeding goat, dairy goats, and pygmy goats. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**

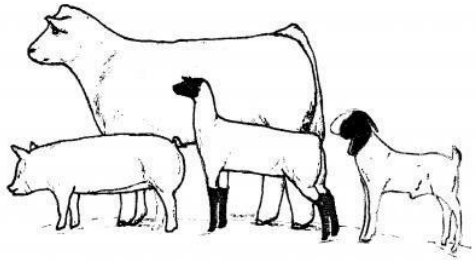
Pet Club- Club Leader: Jennifer Eagen-McCloskey (buckisyellow@gmail.com) Meetings are held 1st Monday of the month, 5:00 pm at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown. All pets accepted, ones with fur, scales & feathers; warm blooded & cold blooded; two feet, 4 feet and even 0 feet!

Paca Pals Alpaca Club - Club Leader: Rhea Paci (hypaci@verizon.net) Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:45 PM at Callowhill Farm, Perkasie. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**

Pronking Pacas Alpaca Club - Club Leaders: Bill & Lori Oraschin (harleyhillfarm@live.com) Meetings are held various times of the month at Harley Hill Farm, Quakertown. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**

Scales N' Tails Reptile Club - Club Leader: Lorrianne Deleo ([scalestailsbc4h@gmail.com](mailto:scaletailsbc4h@gmail.com)) Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month 2:00-4:00 p.m. at various locations. Past projects include, bearded dragons, snakes, turtles, frogs, lizards, geckos, etc.

Swine Club - Club Leaders: Mark & Monica Scheetz (fivemfarm@verizon.net) and Leah Kochersperger (leah.kochersperger@gmail.com) Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month, typically at the Scheetz Homestead Hog Farm, Sellersville. Projects offered in the past include raising a market hog for auction. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**



Sheep Club - Club Leaders: Joanne Chase (jcchase@verizon.net) and Lauren Rizzitano (Lnrizzitano@aol.com) Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:30 p.m at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown. Projects offered in the past include market lamb and breeding sheep. **No animal needed, lease projects available.**



Horse Clubs:

Projects offered in the past include performance horse, horse production, model horse and projects for those without horses.



Horsin' Around - Club Leader: Lorrianne DeLeo (LDL85@verizon.net)

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Hilltown or Quakertown. Horseless and model horse too.

Riders of Dark Hollow - Club Leader: Faith Sherman

(fsshorses@gmail.com) Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Round -A - Bit - Club Leader: Jan Cobb (pokajoy1@yahoo.com)

Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Palisades High School.

Ruff Riders - Club Leader: Erin Merlino (cambriastables@aol.com)

Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month 6:00 p.m. at Cambria Stables in Yardley.

Spurs N Burrs - Club Leaders: Cindy Rosson

(cindyrosson623@gmail.com) and Alisha Walters

(alishaandmike@hotmail.com) Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Coopersburg.



Rabbit & Cavy Clubs:

Rabbits and cavies (guinea pigs) are the perfect animal for many 4-H members who do not have enough land to own livestock.



Our 4 clubs teach members the proper care and management of these animals. At meetings, club members learn about handling and grooming techniques, proper care and nutrition, husbandry practices, breeding and showing and participate in community service activities.

Carrot Crunchers - Club Leaders: Christy Przybylowski

(Christyprz@verizon.net) and Michelle Landis

(roughnecksm@verizon.net) Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Landis in Telford.

Fuzzy Buddies - Club Leaders: Denise & Andy Stutler

(jellybeanbunny28@yahoo.com) Meetings are held the 1st

Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. at Harriman Methodist Church in Bensalem.

Little Rascals - Club Leaders: Denise & Andy Stutler

(jellybeanbunny28@yahoo.com) Meetings are held the 2nd

Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. at Wrightstown Library.

Fuzzy Critters Club Leader: Jennifer Eagen-McCloskey

(buckisyellow@gmail.com) Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown.

Specialty Clubs:

What is a 4-H Specialty Club?

A 4-H "Specialty" club is a club that focuses on learning one project or skill. Some of these clubs are "countywide", meaning there is only one club in Bucks County for that particular project or skill. The following are the specialty clubs for Bucks County:



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Outdoor Adventure - Club Leaders: Paula Williams (paulawilliams57@yahoo.com) and Joe Dougherty (doc9771@yahoo.com) . Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Tyler State Park. This club is focused on outdoor activities. Past projects include beyond the grill and first aid in action.

Robotics - Club Leader: Harvey Kostinsky. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Northampton Library. Club members' ages 10-14 years old learn about the basics of robotics while building Lego robots. Registration is taken in the fall.
Call the Northampton Library to register.



Sew Much Fun! - Club Leader: Sheila Wiltshire (Msrew2@gmail.com) Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Neshaminy Manor Center in Doylestown. The club teaches youth how to sew while learning about textiles, construction techniques and design principles.

Shooting Stars- Club Leaders: Scott McKenney (kennaman929@gmail.com) & Danielle Steinbacher (daniellensteinbacher@gmail.com). Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 4:30-6:20 p.m. at The Langhorne Rod & Gun Club. Projects Include: Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Fishing, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun.

Teen Council - Club Leaders: Sarah Gregory (sqg5392@psu.edu) Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month 4:00 p.m. at various locations. 4-H'ers ages 13-18 already in a 4-H club are invited to participate. Teens plan and assist with programs for younger 4-H'ers in the county, become familiar with parliamentary procedure and professional etiquette, learn valuable leadership skills, and become empowered to be confident role models for their community.

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Short Courses:

What is a 4-H Short Course?

Short courses range from 4 to 9 weeks long. They meet one night a week to complete a project. Please contact the extension office to register for these courses.

Shooting Sports

Bucks County 4-H offers the following programs under shooting sports .22 Rifle, Muzzleloaders, and Archery.

Muzzleloaders: 4 weeks in October

.22 Rifle: 10 weeks starting in February

Archery: 6 weeks starting in May



Vet Science I & II/Clinics

Provides youth ideas and activities as they set goals, identify resources, practice presentations and evaluate their own progress while completing the Veterinary Science Program. There are hands on components involving dissections, hoof trimming, learning how to give a shot, and field trips. 6 weeks beginning in March.

Tractor Safety

Provides youth with educational information about agricultural tractors and machinery that develops project skills (i.e., principles of engine operation, hydraulic systems, electrical systems, safe operation) and life skills (i.e., decision making, using science and technology, developing communication skills). These fun-filled, hands-on learning experiences are provided under the direction of caring adults. 10 weeks beginning in March.

Toastmaster's Junior Leadership Club

Toastmaster's Junior Leadership Club is for teens, ages 13 -18 years old that would like to gain self-confidence while improving their public speaking skills. 8 weeks beginning in January.

Judging Teams:

Livestock Judging

Livestock judging is a process of evaluating, selecting, placing, and learning the various livestock species—beef cattle, sheep, and swine. The basic level of livestock judging consists of two primary components: 1) the placing of animals; and 2) orally justifying your decision (reasons). The team meets periodically throughout the year and competes at local and state livestock judging competitions.



Hippology

Hippology is the study of horses. It is designed to encourage youths and leaders to study and obtain a more thorough and complete knowledge of horses and related subject matter. Youth study all things equine and compete at regional, state, and national events. The contest entails a test, stations of identification, and judging classes of horses.

Horse Bowl

The Horse Bowl team competes in a quiz contest that is made up of questions pertaining to horse topics. Pairs of four-person teams compete against each other responding to questions asked by a contest moderator. Our Horse Bowl teams compete at regional, state, and national events.

Poultry Judging

The 4-H contestant learns how to tell the difference between good and poor layers and how to determine the USDA grades of dressed poultry and identification of parts. The contestant also will learn how to grade eggs according to USDA standards. The team competes at the state event.

Other 4-H Opportunities

PA 4-H State Leadership Conference: 4-H teens 13 to 18 who have demonstrated their willingness to learn and who are committed to using their leadership skills may attend this weekend-long educational experience. They will work with leadership educators from around the country to build and perfect their skills. At the end of the weekend, these delegates will implement a leadership experience for their peers and younger members in their own communities.



The kinds of skills that teens will develop during this weekend experience are the kind of personal assets that research says make teens competent, capable, and caring adults. Our agenda includes communication techniques, team building, decision making, and goal setting. Particular highlights for the conference are the keynote speakers. These individuals are known throughout the country as top leadership educators in their respective fields.



PA 4-H State Junior Leadership Conference: A precursor to the 4-H State Leadership Conference, this one-day conference is designed to introduce leadership skills to the middle school age-group. The event also serves as a way to introduce younger 4-H'ers to the state opportunities available to them as teens. Open to 4-H members ages 10-13.

Regional 4-H Overnight Camp:

Every summer, 4-H'ers from Bucks, Chester, and Delaware counties gather together to camp for five days and four nights of outdoor camping fun! Sleep in rustic cabins, hike through the woods, splash in the pool, and delight in many other fun educated activities for an enjoyable camping adventure!



Fabulous 4-H Friday Day Camps: Summer is a good time to try a new activity. 4-H offers day camps for just about every interest and is open to any youth 8-12 years of age. Day camps are held on Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The topics vary from year to year; specific information for the summer is usually available in April or May. Day camp topics offered in the past include: sewing, baking, rocketry, wildlife, wacky science, craft, and many others.



Pet Care Camps: Meets once per week, a total of four weeks in nine Bucks County libraries. Members learn about a variety of different animals including reptiles, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, miniature horses, tropical fish and exotic pets.



Regional Fashion Revue: 4-H members taking a sewing project may be interested in participating in the regional Fashion Revue in June. The junior division is for youth ages 8- 12 and the senior division for teens 13-18.

Fashion Revue consists of modeling, garment judging, and workshops. Contestants are judged on modeling ability, presentation, and how well the clothing and accessory choices complemented their skin tone, hair color,

figure, personality, and activities. Prior to Fashion Revue, the participant must create a narration about themselves and the garment to be read during their modeling. The narration will include difficulties they experienced while sewing, the fun and easy parts of the garment, and where they plan to wear their attire. Members are encouraged to write the 100 word narrative to reflect the year's theme.

4-H Officers' Training Night: Yearly each 4-H club elects a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and some clubs elect a News Reporter and Song/Game Leader. Speakers teach youth about the responsibilities of each office and why they are important to have in each club. The training is open to any 4-H youth even if they do not hold an officer positions. Skills learned during this event can be helpful throughout life.

4-H Club
Officers



Pennsylvania 4-H Capital Days: 4-H Capital Days is a unique experience designed to teach youth about citizenship and civic engagement while providing an opportunity to share their stories and be heard by those who make the decisions, set the budget and change laws for our state. This annual event also provides 4-H members ages 14-18 with the opportunity to share with legislators the impact 4-H has on Pennsylvania's youth and communities across the state. Capital Days is held in Harrisburg in April.

State Achievement Days: 4-H State Achievement Days is an educational three-day program for 4-H members (ages 13-18), sponsored each year by Penn State Extension. This annual event is held to demonstrate achievement of 4-H members and provide recognition of their accomplishments in competitive as well as non-competitive events.

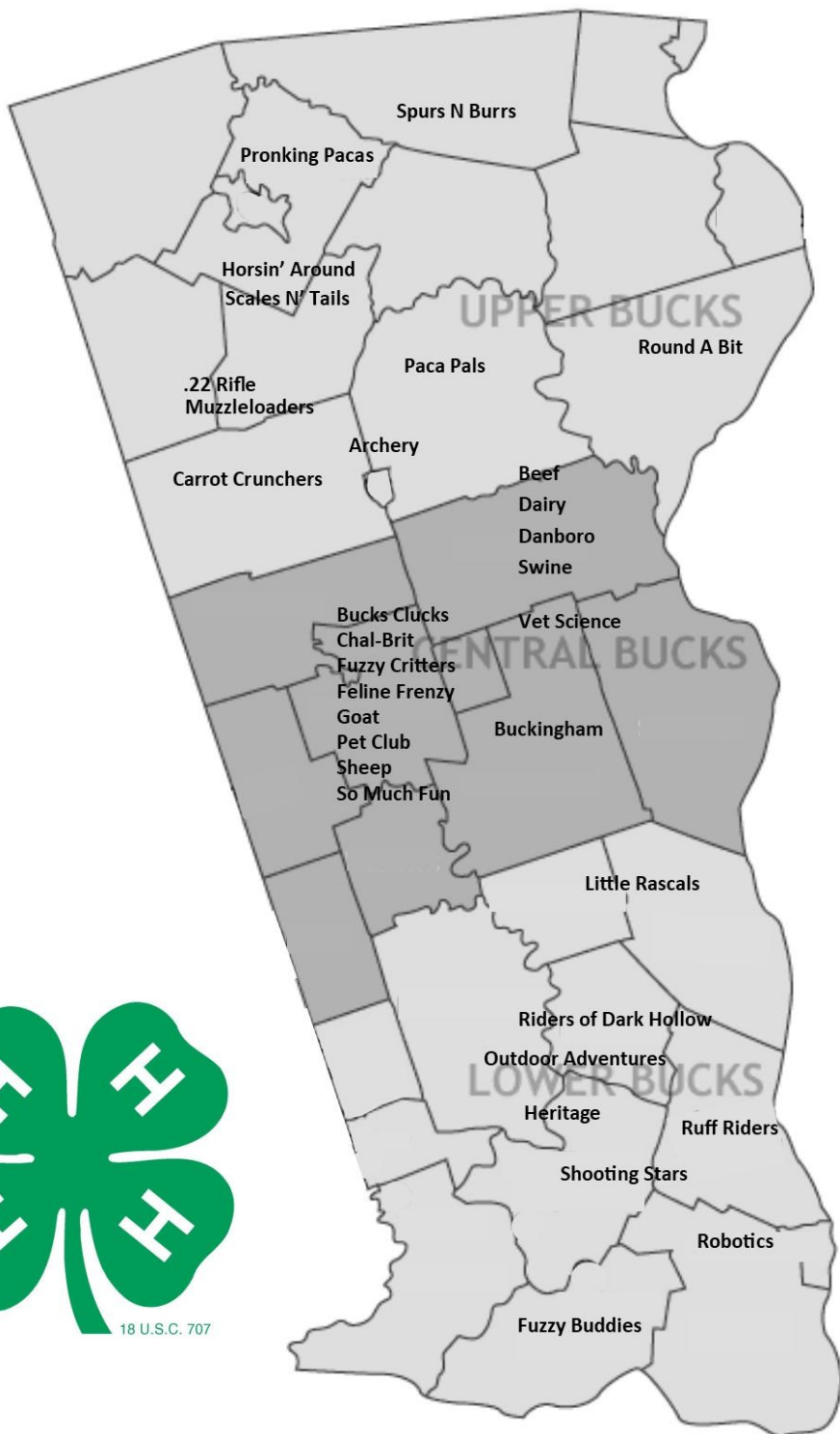


4-H Achievement Night: Held at the end of the 4-H year in November/December, Achievement Night recognizes volunteer leaders for their years of service to the 4-H program, 4-H members with significant accomplishments, leadership awards, and memorial awards are presented.

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