

4-H Projects 2015–2016

Projects are offered in the Independence area. All kids ages 5 to 18 are welcome to join 4-H!

A few notes before you begin:

1. To sign up for a project, list the exact project name and leader's name on your enrollment form.
2. Many projects have minimum age requirements that need to be considered.
3. Limited enrollment: if a project is restricted to a certain number of participants, members will be enrolled first come first serve. All members signing up at the Sign Up Fair will be given a spot. If you sign up after the Sign Up Fair, you risk the chance of the project already being full. If more than the maximum number sign up at the Sign Up Fair, we will draw names randomly to fill the slots.
4. There is a \$40 enrollment fee per youth to join 4-H for the entire year. They may take as many projects as they wish. There can be additional project material fees, depending on which project they choose. See the project descriptions for more information.

Parents & Community Members: Would you like to join our group of volunteer project leaders? Do you have a skill or talent that you would like to share? You have the power and ability to make 4-H a meaningful experience for all kids by teaching important life skills. Each volunteer completes an enrollment form, is fingerprinted, and attends a mandatory new volunteer orientation. From there, we'll assist you in planning your meetings.

If you see a project needing a leader and you would like to become the leader for that project or if you have an idea for a project you would like to be a leader for, please call the 4-H Office at 873-7854. We hope you'll join us!

Arts & Crafts, Healthy Living



Beginning Adventures in Sewing

Members will learn the basics of sewing and how a sewing machine can be used to create cool and useful projects that reflect their personality. Sewing is more than just clothes, learn about all the ways in which our lives are truly stitched together! Each member will get to create their very own drawstring backpack. Project will be three two hour meetings. A materials list will be provided at the first meeting and members are required for the fabric and supplies needed for their project.

Project Leader: Allie Wilder



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Members will get a complete introduction to gardening including choosing a type of garden, composting, building a worm farm, starting seeds, and caring for plants. The project will start in October and is open to members ages 5 and up.

Project Leader: Jennifer Wilder



Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Members will learn about the impact that their daily choices and personal waste have on the environment while making fun craft projects with things found in their daily lives! Water Bottles, Cereal Boxes, Old Books, it all adds up, and in this project it will all add up to fun! Get green, and get creative! Project will have three 2 hour meetings in November, December and January. Must be 9 years of age or older by January First. Five Dollar Materials Fee Due at the first meeting.

Project Leaders: Allie Wilder and Jennifer Wilder



Independence 4-H Club

Projects Continued



Animal Science Projects

Shooting Sports



Market Lamb:

Learn about the management and care of sheep. You will learn about selecting proper feeds and managing a balanced diet for your lamb; showmanship skills and getting your lamb ready to show. Members may raise animals for market to show at the July Junior Livestock Show. Must be 9 years of age or older.

Project Leader: Jennifer Wilder



Market Turkey:

The 4-H Market Turkey Project is a fun project designed to help you learn how to raise, show and auction a turkey. You will gain knowledge on how to pick the right poult (baby turkey) and how to properly brood, feed and manage your turkeys growth. You will also learn how to prepare for your market classes and auctioning your turkey at the Jr. Livestock Fair. Must be 9 years of age or older.

Project Leader: Allie Wilder



Poultry

Learn about the different breeds of chickens, how to pick the best type for you, and the best care and management practices to care for your new birds! We will cover the basics for first-time poultry members. Returning members will find it more challenging and will learn new stuff! We will work on showmanship skills for all age groups for the Jr. Livestock Show in July. Must be 5 years of age or older by January First.

Project Leader: Jennifer Wilder



Archery

Members will get an introduction to archery. This course will focus on safety, equipment, and shooting techniques. Try out different kinds of targets and learn a new skill! Equipment is available for member use or members may bring their own equipment. Must be 9 years of age or older by January First.

Project Leader: Norm Wilder



Beginning Rifle

Learn how to safely handle and respect guns. Explore all the different things you need to do to be safe and responsible while picking up a fun and exciting new hobby. Members must be 9 years of age or older by January first, and have a commitment to safe practices.

Project Leader: Cecil Faircloth

* Shooting sports projects will begin after leaders have been certified.