Hale County
4-H Handbook

Name: ____________________________
Hale County 4-H County Team

Tyrone Smith
County Extension Coordinator

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4-H Regional Extension Agent

Sharon Stewart
Administrative Support Associate
4-H Club Information

Name: __________________________________________________________

My 4-H Extension Agent: _________________________________

My 4-H Club: _____________________________________________

My 4-H Volunteer Leader: ________________________________

4-H Club President: ______________________________________

4-H Club Vice President: _________________________________

4-H Club Secretary: _______________________________________

4-H Club Historian: _______________________________________

Hale County Extension Office

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
What is 4-H?
4-H is a learning-by-doing education program for boys and girls 9-19. It can involve “any kid...any time...anywhere” through one-time 4-H events, 4-H camps, 4-H clubs, or 4-H enrichment programs. Young people have an array of choices in their 4-H experience. Wherever energy, creativity, and involvement match the 4-H mission, values, and objectives—that is 4-H!

4-H Club Motto
To make the Best Better

4-H Club 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 Colors
The National 4-H colors are green and white. The white background is for purity, the green stands for growing things—plants, flowers, and crops—and is a symbol of life, youth, and growth.

4-H Club Emblem
The National 4-H Club emblem is a four leaf clover with the H in each lobe of the leaf. This clover is the symbol of achievement of the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. This emblem is protected by a U.S. copyright and cannot be altered, overprinted, or over inscribed.
What can you do in 4-H?

4-H is the largest rural and urban youth organization in the world. When you join 4-H, you become part of a tradition that dates back to 1909. Alabama 4-H has evolved over the years, but the traditions and ideals of 4-H still hold true today. Here are some ways that you can become part of that legacy.

- **4-H At Home Projects**
- **4-H Competitive Events**
- **4-H Special Interest Clubs**
- **4-H In-School Clubs**
- **4-H After-School**
- **4-H Enrichment Programs**
- **4-H Youth Council**
- **4-H Local, Regional, and State Events**

**4-H AGE DIVISIONS**

**CLOVERBUDS**: 9 YRS. AND UNDER  
**JUNIOR**: 9-11 YRS. OLD  
**INTERMEDIATE**: 12-13 YRS. OLD  
**SENIOR I**: 14-15 YRS. OLD  
**SENIOR II**: 16-18 YRS. OLD  

*CLOVERBUDS CAN PARTICIPATE IN 4-H, BUT THEY ARE NOT 4-H MEMBERS UNTIL THEY ARE 9 YEARS-OLD!*
**4-H Calendar of Events**

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| **August** | State Competitive Events Day  
Youth Leadership Conference |
| **September** | Start a New 4-H Year |
| **October** | Alabama National Fair  
4-H Football Day |
| **November** | National 4-H Congress |
| **December** | Christmas Holidays |
| **January** | 4-H State Council Meeting |
| **February** | 4-H Mid-Winter Leadership Retreat  
North AL Jr. Beef Expo |
| **March** | 4-H Summer Camp deposits due  
AL Jr. Livestock Expo  
State 4-H Rifle, BB, and Archery Championship |
| **April** | OMK Purple Up Day! |
| **May** | 4-H Summer Camp final payments due  
State 22 Smallbore Championship  
State Shotgun Championship |
| **June** | Citizenship Washington Focus  
4-H Summer Camp  
State Forestry Invitational  
State Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest |
| **July** | State 4-H Horse Show |

**4-H Opportunities for Kids!**
To become an Alabama 4-H Volunteer you must:

- Be at least 21 years-old
- Fill out an Alabama 4-H Volunteer form and Background Check form
- Participate in an Alabama 4-H Volunteer Training with your 4-H Regional Extension Agent, Lauren Chapman
- Enjoy teaching kids and be excited about being a part of Alabama 4-H

What do you get to do as an Alabama 4-H Volunteer?

- Help young people develop as individuals and as responsible citizens in their communities
- Inspire youth to develop hidden talents and foster an interest in something new
- Acquire training in new curriculum and participate in exciting Alabama 4-H Events
- Meet other Alabama 4-H Volunteers at the yearly 4-H Volunteer Spring Training

Duties of an Alabama 4-H Volunteer:

- Have 4Her’s complete 4-H Member Enrollment every year
- Assist with the election of club officers
- Assist 4-H members in planning 4-H Club meetings
- Meet with 4-H members at all club meetings and assist officers
- Encourage 4-H members to attend 4-H events
- Serve on 4-H Advisory Board if asked to do so
- Complete 4-H Volunteer trainings requested by 4-H REA
- Return any necessary forms to Tuscaloosa County Extension office in a timely manner
- Inform the 4-H REA of any assistance they club may need and any issues with club members or parents.
How can I serve as a 4-H Volunteer?

- **4-H Special Interest Clubs**
  - Lead a group of 4-Her’s as a 4-H club. The club can focus on a certain area like bird watching, cooking, gardening, photography, camping or whatever the volunteer and 4Her’s are interested in. The club can also just be a group of 4Her’s in a community who want to meet monthly and learn about things that interest them.

- **4-H In-School Clubs**
  - Assist the 4-H REA, Lauren Chapman, with 4-H In-School club meetings in local schools.

- **4-H Enrichment Programs**
  - Assist 4-H REA with Enrichment programs done in local schools.

- **4-H County Events**
  - Assist 4-H REA and other 4-H Clubs with local county events and regional events.

- **4-H Advisory Committee**
  - Serve as a member of the ACES County 4-H Youth Development Advisory Committee that helps organize the County 4-H program.

For more information on 4-H Volunteers go to: [http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/forvolunteers/ForVolunteers.php](http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/forvolunteers/ForVolunteers.php)
Find us on Facebook:
Hale County Extension Office

Hale County Website
http://www.aces.edu/counties/Hale/

Alabama 4-H Website
http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/index.php

If you’re interested in starting a 4-H club with your school or organization, contact your 4-H Regional Extension Agent, Lauren Chapman.
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