



Alabama 4-H Core Values

Alabama 4-H is a community of young people learning citizenship, leadership, and life skills.

Focus on *The Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development*

- Mastery
- Belonging
- Independence
- Generosity

Guardianship of the 4-H Name and Emblem (As Mandated by Congress)

Youth in Governance

USDA Mission Mandates

- Science, Engineering, and Technology - SET
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Citizenship

Age Appropriate Programs

Our Educational Programs are based upon the Experiential Learning Model

Volunteer-Delivered Programs

- Screened Volunteers
- Volunteers trained in 4-H Youth Development science and principles

Provide a safe, nurturing environment for learning

4-H is for ages 9 to 19 years old

Delivery Methods:

- Self-directed learning
- Workshops
- Tours
- Team Experiences
- Curriculum
- Leadership

- Conferences
- Competition
- Other

Cloverbud programming is for ages 5 - 8

- Leader-directed learning
- Cooperative learning
- Age appropriate activities
- No competition - National 4-H Youth D

Community role as we function within our mission and the guidelines of the USDA and the Land-Grant System

4-H is a learning-by-doing education program for boys and girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. It can involve “any kid...any time...anywhere” through one-time events, camps, organized 4-H clubs (with officers and membership cards), or activities. 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 is the youth development and education program of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. For more than 100 years, Alabama 4-H has helped young people develop into resourceful citizens and responsible leaders. To achieve the goal of helping youth become productive individuals, professional Extension staff enlist support from caring, concerned parents as well as volunteer and business leaders.

The purpose of 4-H is to foster skill development in young people. Youth are given opportunities to select from a variety of programs and projects. Individuality is valued, and each person is encouraged to discover his or her own skills, talents, and interests. 4-H helps young people learn to make decisions, think critically, build relationships, practice leadership, and develop a concern for their community and their world.