A note from Alabama 4-H

**Our Mission:** Alabama 4-H seeks to empower young people with the skills to lead our communities, our state, our nation, and our world.

**Our Vision:** Growing Alabama’s Future

**Our Promise to Youth:** To reflect the population demographics, vulnerable populations, diverse needs, and social conditions of the state.

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2017–2018 Enrollment & Delivery Snapshot

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<td>Participants Reside on Farms (5%)</td>
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<td>Participants Reside in Suburbs/Cities (10%)</td>
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<td>Participants Reside in Urban Areas (11%)</td>
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4-H’ers are...

- 4X more likely to give back to their communities
- 2X more likely to make healthier choices
- 2X more likely to participate in STEM activities

Tufts University 2010
4-H doubled Golden Egg Contest participation, increased Chick Chain and Pig Squeal participation by 11% (10,920 chickens in Chick Chain; 1,920 sold), 75 Dairy Poster participants, 10 Dairy Judging Contest teams, 6 Dairy Bowl Teams, 11 Beef It Up entries, 136 youth in the Junior Beef Expo, 81 participants in Livestock Weekend, 99 State Horse Show Entries, and 34 Livestock Judging Contest participants.

The first Alabama 4-H Poultry Week was supported by the Auburn University Department of Poultry Science. Other events included the 4-H Avian Bowl, Poultry Judging, Golden Egg, Poultry Que, and Egg Preparation Demonstration. Alabama 4-H also had winners in Turkey Que and Egg Preparation and Demonstration at the 2017 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference.

4-H staff managed 46 in-school gardens, 12 community gardens, 6 gardens in local housing authorities, 3 gardens at local Extension offices, and 2 other gardens.

- 28% of produce was consumed by youth.
- 23% of produce was divided by youth and taken home.
- 13% of produce was used in cooking demonstrations.
- 7% of produce was taken to cafeterias.
- 2% of produce was donated to local food banks.
- 10% of produce was shared through a community garden.
- 17% of produce was shared with teachers and other adults.

71% of graduating seniors indicated that they spent one hour or more in 4-H activities each week. This signifies the value of 4-H in their lives and career choices and suggests the extent of their participation.
Leadership

- 3,111 clubs with approximately 9,333 club officers learning and engaging in leadership development.
- 728 youth serving 67 county youth councils to make the local program and community better.
- 21 state ambassadors representing the 4-H program to local, regional, state, and national stakeholders.

Our youth say that 4-H leadership opportunities improve their abilities.

- 89% successfully work with adults
- 65% appreciate the difference in others, an increase of 25%
- 74% engage in teamwork, an increase of 15%
- 56% express and communicate verbally
- 74% develop an independent work ethic, an increase of 15%
- 85% make a difference and give back to their communities, an increase of 20%

“Leadership, belonging, independence, and generosity. 4-H has provided me opportunities to experience these things. Now, I want to share what I have learned with the world.”

Alabama 4-H Ambassador President Taylor Keel (far left) with fellow 4-H State Ambassadors

STEM

- 8,500 youth explored the world using Google Expedition Virtual Reality kits and Chromebook computers.
- Another 2,400 young people engaged in computational thinking through CS Unplugged Activities, computer science activities without devices or the Internet.
- Youth practiced problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and innovation to improve computer literacy and develop twenty-first century skills to become more college and career ready.

4-H STEM Camp participants indicate positive development in their ability to respond positively after participating in the camp.

- 95% know how to plan an experiment.
- 95% know how to communicate the results to others.
- 95% know how to evaluate test results to identify the best solution.

95% of STEM Camp participants love science.
Outdoor Education

- 800 kids paddled 182 miles of Alabama freshwater, 77 became certified water monitors, and more than 2,700 participated in fishing activities.
- 179 adults were trained and certified to engage youth through Project WILD, outdoor recreation, aquatic science, natural resource management, and stewardship.
- Alabama 4-H Science School reached 22,000 students through residential outdoor environmental education, summer camp, and off-site animal outreach programs.
- 4-H RiverKids
  - 45% more paddle time
  - 24% more youth
  - 33% more programs
  - 19% more certified instructors
  - 50% more certified assistants
  - 23% greater volunteer impact
- 2,200 participated in 4-H S.A.F.E. programs—archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, hunting skills, and Western Heritage.
- 423 youth and 103 volunteers engaged in eight statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.
- Two 4-H members received scholarships as National 4-H Ambassadors for a week of intensive training in communication, planning, and leadership development in Missoula, Montana.
- Alabama 4-H hosted a National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational with six tournaments attracting youth from eight states. Tournaments included Hunting Bow, Genesis Bow, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, BB Gun, and Shotgun.
- 43% of youth were interested or participated in natural resources and environmental education.

Contact Us

With your help, Alabama 4-H will continue to empower thousands of young people and strengthen hundreds of communities across Alabama.

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