



## 4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project-learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

### What is a **project**?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects may be done individually or in a group such as performing arts. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. Wisconsin 4-H has eight major project areas for 4-H members in 3rd grade and up:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Family, Home, & Health
- Mechanical Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

A ninth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**, is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.



*Experiential Learning Model, Based on the Kolb Learning Model (1975) and Bybee's Learning Cycle (1977). Iowa State University Extension and Outreach*

### What **resources** are available?

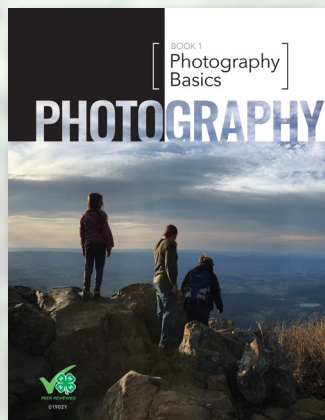
Each 4-H program differs in how they offer project-learning opportunities. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

### What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

The home also provides a great place for project-learning where the adult serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org) or your local 4-H office.

### What is a **project leader**?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have an expertise. Adults can register to volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!







## Pick a Project!

Through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

E. I like to build with LEGOs	D. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	A. I like animals	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	C. I would like to create my own project
E. Rube Goldeberg Machines interest me	D. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I am passionate about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden someday	C. I like to lead & organize events
E. I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	D. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	D. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	E. I like radio controlled cars	H. I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
D. I like babysitting little kids	G. I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
D. I like to decorate my room	E. I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H. I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

**Totals: A:\_\_\_ B:\_\_\_ C:\_\_\_ D:\_\_\_ E:\_\_\_ F:\_\_\_ G:\_\_\_ H:\_\_\_**

A: Animal Sciences

D: Family, Home, & Health

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

B: Arts & Communication

E: Mechanical Sciences

H: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

C: Community Involvement

F: Natural Sciences

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