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# KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL 4-H CLUB

**A Resource for  
4-H Club Volunteers**

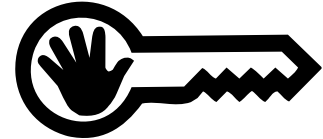
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## On the Web

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# Introduction

Involvement in 4-H can help kids explore new ideas, experience a variety of new opportunities and friendships, and build skills designed to help them achieve. Clubs and groups are one key way Michigan 4-H helps young people to do these things.



## The ultimate goal of 4-H is positive youth development.

Our commitment to the young people and parents who seek community-based learning opportunities — and to the volunteers and organizations who become our partners in positive youth development — is that 4-H will:

- Help young people explore their interests through fun, engaging, hands-on learning experiences led by committed adults in their local communities.
- Give youth and adults opportunities to experience the benefits of working together to reach common goals.
- Help young people achieve through knowledge, success and friendships that last a lifetime!

In 4-H we are committed to helping young people:

- Connect with positive adult role models and make new friends in safe learning environments.

- Take the lead in what they do and how they develop.
- Set the pace for their own learning.
- Recognize, understand and appreciate diversity.
- Become active citizens through their service and leadership.

All of which provides an environment in which they can develop skills that help them succeed!

This guide was developed as a reference for 4-H volunteers who work with 4-H clubs and groups. Much of the information contained in this publication can also be found on the Michigan 4-H Youth Development Web site at <http://www.msue.msu.edu/cyff/youth/>. You are strongly encouraged to visit this Web site regularly for new information and resources that will help you be more effective as a 4-H volunteer working with a 4-H club or group, have a stronger more active 4-H club and better achieve the ultimate goal of positive youth development.

*Keys to a Successful 4-H Club* is one piece of the Michigan 4-H Club Kit. This kit is made available to 4-H club volunteers through local county Extension offices. In addition to this guide, the kit contains a gavel, 4-H flag set and posters of the 4-H pledge and Michigan 4-H Youth Development Guiding Principles. For more information on how to receive one of these kits, contact your county 4-H staff.



### 4-H Emblem

A four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaflet. This emblem—symbolizing the four-fold development of head, heart, hands and health—is protected under federal law.

### 4-H 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 Motto

To make the best better

### 4-H Colors

4-H colors are green and white.

### Michigan 4-H Youth Development Mission

Michigan 4-H Youth Development is a youth development program that involves volunteers in providing positive, experiential, educational opportunities for and with youth. Our mission is to create environments, through collaborations, that build strong, healthy youth who are proactive in a complex and changing world.







































