

What is a 4-H Club?

- ✿ A typical 4-H club has a minimum of five members
- ✿ Youth members maybe from a single family or a number of families
- ✿ The club may have a single focus (for example dairy) or may work on a variety of programs
- ✿ The club must have at least one leader who has completed the mandatory New Leader Orientation
- ✿ The club determines how often they meet, but each member MUST complete one project during the course of the year
- ✿ The club year follows the Federal fiscal year (starts October 1 and runs through September 30)
- ✿ Each club MUST complete a single community service project
- ✿ A club does NOT have to charge dues to belong to the club. They may charge dues to cover the cost of project materials if they so choose.
- ✿ If the club has a treasury, it is responsible to complete the required financial statements for Cornell Cooperative Extension
- ✿ Beginning in 2007, all NYS 4-H clubs MUST be chartered (the form is in the front of the club secretary's book and needs only be completed once)
- ✿ The club is also responsible to track which members have paid their general 4-H dues of \$5 per youth or \$10 per family (these are paid to the Cornell Cooperative Extension office and cover the cost of printing the newsletter and secondary insurance)

How do you find a club for your youth?

For confidentiality reasons, Cornell Cooperative Extension does not publish the names and contact information of their members or leaders. If you have child interested in joining 4-H please call the CCE/4-H office at 746-2560 or 1-800-548-0881 or send us an email ([Link](#)). We will review the age, interest, and geographic area you are seeking a club in and that select contacts that are related.