What began as a way to give rural youth new agriculture skills has grown into Americas largest youth development organization.

4-H gives young people experiences where they can learn by doing, grow from failure, express their ideas, and lead. We tap into their potential and empower them to become true leaders.

With over 200 projects to choose from and youth development programs in 56 counties and 7 reservations across Montana, 4-H provides the kinds of experiences that help young people grow into true leaders.

According to a 10-year longitudinal study conducted by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H youth are:

- **4x** more likely to contribute to their communities
- **2x** more likely to participate in science programs outside of schooltime
- **2x** more likely to make healthier choices

**HEALTHY LIVING**  
Recalling its agricultural roots, 4-H has a long history of promoting healthy living among youth and their families.

**SCIENCE**  
The need for science, engineering, technology and math education is essential for today's young people.

**CITIZENSHIP**  
Since its inception, 4-H has placed emphasis on the importance of young people being engaged, well-informed citizens.

**AGRICULTURE**  
4-H programs engage and excite young people in agricultural science topics such as veterinary science, biotechnology, raising and training animals and forestry.

Montana State University Extension is a statewide educational outreach network that applies unbiased, research-based university resources to practical needs as identified by the people of Montana in their home communities.

Montana 4-H is proud to be the youth development program of MSU Extension. Cooperating with local governments and citizens, MSU Extension agents and campus based specialists collaborate to develop educational programs and partnerships that make a positive difference in people's daily lives.