

The 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.



Ionia County 4-H

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To make the best, better!

Open Enrollment:
September 1-May 1



What is 4-H?

- 4-H is open to all ages 5-19 years of age. However, enrolled 4-H youth aged 5 to 8 years of age will be separated into two categories:
Clover Climbers: 5 and 6 yr. olds
Cloverbuds: 7 and 8 year olds
- Involvement in 4-H provides many opportunities for members to gain skills in leadership, responsibility, and civic engagement in order to be successful throughout their lifetime. Some opportunities are:
 - * 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
 - * 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
 - * 4-H Exploration Days
 - * 4-H Capitol Experience
 - * Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership Conference
 - * 4-H State Shows
 - * Kettunen Center workshops
 - * Ionia County Bake Off
 - * Teen Leader Program
 - * 4-H Community Garden
 - * Exchange Programs
- 4-H provides a variety of experiences to learn and grow personal interests from crafts to community service to entrepreneurship to animals.
- 4-H members join clubs that interest them. They attend club meetings and club events throughout the year.

Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Youth Development

1. Youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers.
2. Youth are physically and emotionally safe.
3. Youth are actively engaged in their own development.
4. Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in the learning process.
5. Youth develop skills that help them succeed.
6. Youth recognize, understand and appreciate multiculturalism.
7. Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and leadership.

How Do You Join 4-H?

1. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO OWN AN ANIMAL.** There are many different clubs that are not involved with animals or that you can learn about animals without having one of your own.
2. Contact the leader of the club that you are interested in learning more about.
3. Attend the club's meetings and participate in the events to decide if it's the right fit. The leader will help you register and pay the \$20 participation fee (scholarships are available).
4. **HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.**

Ionia County 4-H Clubs

4 Corners 4-H Club

Linda Krieger – (616) 498-1158
Belding
Swine, Sheep

4-H 4-Paws

LeeAnne Sims – (616) 527-8843
Ionia
Dog care and training

4-H Service Club

Cynthia Cole - (616) 240-2354
Ionia
Community service, State exchanges

Balebreakers

Kay Tischer – (616) 374-7645
Clarksville
Community service, Crafts, Foods,
Gardening, Woodworking

Barnyard Bunch (North)

Martha Woolston – (616) 755-0420
Ionia
Crafts, Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Sheep,
Swine, Goats

Bits 'n' Bridles Saddle Club

Kim Godby – (616) 302-0490
Belding
Horse

Blazin Bridles

Anetra Whalon - (616) 523-2168
Ionia
Horse

Bovine Brats

Brenda Jackson - (517) 566-8178
Sunfield
Dairy

Clarksville Country Club

Brooke Rooks - (616) 240-1665
Clarksville
Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine

Dairyland Sons and Daughters

Carolyn Smith – (269) 838-2185
Ionia
Dairy

Grand Valley

Steve & Sue Ferris – (616) 527-6118
Lyons/Ionia
Beef, Sheep, Meat goats, Swine, Crafts, Folk
patterns, Photography

Happy Hoppers

Teresa Boike - (616) 527-1248
Saranac
Rabbits, Poultry

Hare Raisers

Colleen & Jim Wood - (616) 902-0469
Ionia
Rabbits, Cavies

Haynor Hawks

Linda Emelander - (616) 522-0316
Ionia
Crafts, Foods, Sewing

Hippology

Swinging Gaits
Dianne Sheaffer – (989) 637-4762
Ionia
Crafts, Hippology, Vet science, Horse

Hobby Horse Riders

Shawn Frisbie—(517) 719-3643
Ionia
Horse

Hoe Down Hoggs

Rachelle Lehman - (269) 838-2384
Lake Odessa
Swine

LeValley Clovers Foods

LeValley Dairy Club

Kim Schrauben - (517) 647-7794
Ionia
Cultural education, Food, Dairy goats

LeValley Handicrafters

Brian Kuhlman - (616) 293-4848
Greenville
Woodworking

Livestock Etc.

Rosemary Wolthuis - (616) 527-0778
Ionia
Rabbits, Poultry, Crafts

Miracle of Life

Katie Holcomb - (616) 477-1289
Ionia
Community education, Vet science

Prairie Creek Hustlers

Paula Kruger – (616) 902-0495
Ionia
Beef, Sheep, Meat goats, Swine

Pride In Pork

Brad & Kasie Rockey - (517) 526-4099
Lyons
Swine

River Valley Trailblazers 4-H Club

Patricia DeRuischer - (616) 446-0263
Ionia
Goat, Crafts, Poultry, Sheep, Rabbits

Shining Faces

Kay Pettengill - (616) 375-5563
Ionia
Crafts, Rabbits, Chickens

The Chicken Pluckers

Sweet Endings

Rosemary Reams - (616) 527-4206
Ionia
Poultry, Cake decorating

Town & Country Riders

Abbey Miller - (616) 902-2748
Ionia
Horse

Two Rivers Crafts Club

Jean Hengesbach – (517) 202-1751
Ionia
Crafts, Food, Sewing

Udderly Delicious 4-H Club

Jenny & Kyle Janetzke - (616) 642-6637
Saranac
Meat goats, Dairy goats

Udders & Such

Dianne Dykema - (616) 902-4501
Lake Odessa
Dairy

World Wide Kids

Judy Huynh - (616) 374-4764
Karen Merchant - (616) 522-1495
Ionia
Global cultural education

If you do not see a club or project area that interests you please contact our office. We have new clubs opening year-round. If you are interested in joining one of these 4-H clubs please contact our office at 616-527-5357 or the club directly.