



4-H Youth Development: Investing in South Carolina's Future

4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach, the involvement of caring adults, and the knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land grant university system to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.

Providing Positive Youth Development

Research has found that 4-H provides the eight essential elements for positive youth development:

1. A positive relationship with a caring adult
2. A safe environment
3. An inclusive environment
4. Engagement in learning
5. Opportunity for mastery of knowledge and skills
6. Opportunity to see oneself as an active participant in the future
7. Opportunity for self-determination
8. Opportunity to value and practice service for others

Nationally ...

4-H programs are conducted in 3,051 counties throughout the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia, and North Mariana Islands, with over six million youth participating. There also are 4-H-type programs in more than 60 other countries. 4-H Alumni total over 60 million.

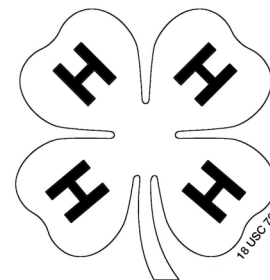
The 4-H's ...

Head - clearer thinking and decision making, knowledge useful throughout life, science and technology literacy.

Heart - greater loyalty, strong personal values, positive self concept, concern for others.

Hands - larger service, workforce preparedness, leadership development, youth empowerment.

Health - better living, healthy lifestyles.



Major 4-H Programming Priority Areas

- Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Stewardship
- Science, Technology, & Engineering
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Leadership, Personal Development, & Citizenship

Participation in South Carolina 4-H

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of the Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, ages 5-19, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status. Clemson University cooperates with South Carolina State University in providing 4-H programs.

In 2005:

- 61,512 youth participated in South Carolina 4-H.
- 2,742 adult 4-H volunteers contributed over \$3.8 million worth of volunteer time to 4-H.

See reverse for 4-H enrollment details.

Program Highlights & Accomplishments

- 4H₂O Pontoon Classroom, a South Carolina 4-H water resources education program, won a national award
- 4-H Leader Training Series curriculum, a new resource for volunteer orientation and training, was developed
- 4-H Ambassador Program was established to train youth and adults in leadership, communication, and civic engagement
- South Carolina 4-H was awarded a \$25,000 Rural Youth Development grant for "Engaging Youth, Serving Communities"
- South Carolina hosted the Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

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Youth in South Carolina 4-H

In 2005, more than 61,500 youth participated in 4-H in the following ways:

- 9,527 youth were members of organized 4-H clubs
- 17,331 youth participated in 4-H special interest/short-term programs
- 28,383 youth participated in 4-H school enrichment programs
- 282 youth participated in 4-H individual study, mentoring or family learning programs
- 2,753 youth participated in after-school child care education programs
- 3,221 youth participated in 4-H overnight and day camping programs

Of the youth participating in South Carolina 4-H:

- 7% lived on farms
- 54% lived in small towns and rural areas
- 30% lived in cities and suburbs
- 9% lived in central cities

Grade in school:

- K-3rd 47%
- 4th-6th 30%
- 7th-9th 14%
- 10th & up 9%



4-H Project Enrollment

Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Stewardship

Animals	5,213
Plant Science	4,238
Environmental Education/Earth Sciences	5,874

Science, Technology, & Engineering

Technology & Engineering	1,477
Biological & Physical Sciences	1,873

Healthy Lifestyles

Foods and Nutrition	14,682
Health	2,848
Personal Safety	10,491

Leadership, Personal Development, & Citizenship

Leadership and Personal Development	6,561
Civic Engagement	1,802
Community/Volunteer Service.....	1,958
Communications and Expressive Arts	2,754
Consumer and Family Sciences	3,612

Volunteers Serve 4-H Youth

Volunteers are essential to the successful delivery of 4-H programs to youth. Adults donate numerous hours per year in preparing for club meetings and teaching youth. This year there were 2,742 adult 4-H volunteers in S.C. At a conservative estimate of two hours per week and a standard rate of \$13.50 per hour, the value of volunteer time contributed to 4-H was over \$3.8 million! There were also 462 4-H youth volunteers ... teens who shared their skills with younger 4-H members and with other youth in their communities.

*For more information about 4-H in South Carolina,
contact the local Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service office in your county
or the State 4-H Office by phone (864-656-3848) or email (sc4h@clemson.edu)*

*You can also visit the state 4-H web site at:
www.clemson.edu/4h*

4-H is the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension Service, a nationwide partnership of federal, state, and county governments, and the private sector. The Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status and is an equal opportunity employer.