



# Fun Facts to Know & Tell

## 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 in SLO County

With over **1500 members** and nearly **400 adult volunteers**, San Luis Obispo County is the second largest 4-H program in the State of California!

SLO County 4-H members can participate in either the **California Mid-State Fair** or the **Santa Barbara County Fair**. Last year our 4-H members exhibited more than 500 hogs, 275 sheep, 300 rabbits, 200 head of cattle, 75 goats, 150 chickens, and 100 horses, as well as other animals and still exhibits.

There are **33** 4-H clubs in San Luis Obispo County.

4-H Motto:

**"To Make the Best Better"**

**Did you know** California is the only state to have a 4-H club hat?



The first 4-H club was founded in **1902**. However, it was actually a 3-H club, representing "Head, Heart, and Hands". It wasn't until 1911 that the 4th H was added: "Health".

## 4-H in America



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning **citizenship, leadership, and life skills**.



More than **60 million** people across America have been 4-H members since the program began in 1902.

4-H is one of the largest youth development programs in the country, with more than **7 million members** and 640,000 volunteers nationwide.

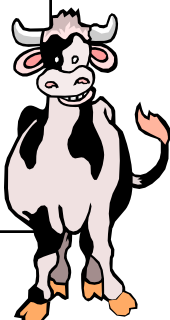
Today, 4-H clubs are located in all **50 states**, U.S. territories, and U.S. military installations worldwide.

**Any person age 5 to 19 can join 4-H!**

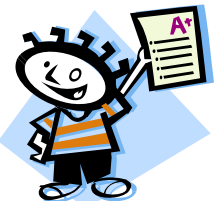
Although the 4-H uniform has become a proud tradition, it is not required to participate as a 4-H member.

The 4-H Philosophy:  
**LEARN-BY-DOING**

4-H is so much more than cows and cooking! There are over **1000 projects** that youth can participate in. From aerospace to zoology and everything in-between.



Studies show that **4-H members do better in school and are more motivated to help others.**



**Community service** is an important part of 4-H. 4-Hers learn to have **FUN** helping others in their communities.