

Youth Agency Info for UMC-DSMC

4-H Today

4-H has grown into a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H can be found in every county in every state, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and over 80 countries around the world. The 4-H community also includes 3,500 staff, 518,000 volunteers and 60 million alumni. 4-H'ers participate in fun, hands-on learning activities, supported by the latest research of land-grant universities, that are focused on three areas called [Mission Mandates](#):

- [Science, Engineering and Technology](#)
- [Healthy Living](#)
- [Citizenship](#)

The [106 land-grant universities](#) across the country deliver research driven programs through Extension agents in each of the more than 3,000 counties. The 4-H leadership builds on the strength of our state and local professionals in partnership with the National 4-H Headquarters.

The 4-H Pledge, Mission, Vision & Motto

The 4-H Pledge

The pledge tells what 4-H is all about. 4-H has as its goal the four-fold development of youth: Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The pledge was adopted by the delegates to the 1927 National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, DC. State club leaders voted for and adopted the pledge for universal use. The phrase "and my world" was added in 1973. The saying of the pledge has prominent place in 4-H activities at regular 4-H meetings, achievement days, and other club events.

"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 Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Vision

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

Motto:

"To Make The Best Better"

The motto was adopted at about the same time as the 4-H Club Pledge. Its intent is to inspire young people to continue to learn and grow, to make their best efforts better through participating in educational experiences.

"Learning by Doing"

This phrase sums up the educational philosophy of the 4-H program. Young people learn best when they are involved in their learning. The intent is to do, reflect, and apply.

<http://4-h.org> – Website for National 4-H information, has links to resources for youth and adults

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/index.html> - Website for Michigan 4-H information
Michigan State University (the Michigan land grant university that oversees the state 4-H program)
(517) 432-7575

At the local level 4-H activities are administered through the MSU Extension office in each County.

http://www.clareco.net/MSU_Extension/4H/4H_Yourth_Programs.htm - Website for Clare County 4-H

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