

## **BASIC 4-H FACTS**

### **Motto**

“To Make the Best Better”

### **Emblem**

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H Clover and name are protected under 18U.S.C. 707. Permission is required to duplicate it.

### **Colors**

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime and youth. White symbolizes purity.

### **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.

### **Prayer**

“Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better, because Thou didst make me.”

### **4-H Year**

October 1 to September 30

### **4-H Membership/Age Requirement**

- Any youth who is 5 years old on Oct. 1 may join a 4-H Cloverbud group.
- Cloverbuds is a non-competitive educational program for youth ages 5 to 8 years of age and is the ONLY project they can enroll in.
- Youth age 8 on Oct. 1 may join a regular 4-H club as a full member who can enroll in several different projects. Given the differing maturity and ability of youth this age, a family may choose to have their child continue in a Cloverbud group even though s/he will turn 8 during the coming year. If a youth turns 19 years of age prior to the beginning of the program year (Oct. 1), s/he is not eligible to re-enroll in 4-H unless still in high school.

- Individuals older than 18 years of age who have special needs are eligible to participate in 4-H provided they are still enrolled in high school.
- 4-H membership is open to all eligible youth. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Montana State University and Montana State University Extension prohibit discrimination in all of their programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital and family status.
- In recognition of the educational and developmental needs of youth, a general guideline is listed below to help determine which level of projects a youth might be enrolled in based on age.

### **Classifications Age Range**

Cloverbuds 5 to 7 years old

Junior/ Intermediate 8 to 13 years old

Senior 14 to 19 years old

Youth who are 19 must be enrolled in high school to participate in 4-H.

### **4-H Creed**

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.  
I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan, and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.