



## What is 4-H Afterschool?

### For young people

- fun exciting things for me to do with my friends in the afterschool program
- a special time when we can try a lot of different projects that interest us
- a chance to belong to 4-H

### For parents & family members

- a chance for my child to belong to a youth organization that cares about a young person's social, emotional, physical and academic development and success
- a variety of projects for my child to explore within the safe environment of the afterschool program

### For afterschool programs

- extensive resources to help train staff
- positive youth development practices and a broad selection of tested curriculum
- affiliation with a county, state and national organization

### For communities

- a partnership with UNH Cooperative Extension
- a customized program to fit the diverse interests and needs of our youth

## Key Elements of 4-H Afterschool

- Caring adults build positive relationships with every child
- Volunteer leaders use sequential, experiential learning strategies
- Program environment is safe and inclusive
- Leadership is shared by youth and adults
- All youth and adults are included and accepted
- Youth and adults receive recognition
- Service to others is valued and practiced
- Youth make choices about their own 4-H projects and activities
- Youth have a chance to see themselves as active participants in the future

## How Do We Know It Is 4-H? Because youth...

- are enrolled as 4-H members and have membership cards
- recognize the 4-H clover and know what it stands for
- have a sense of "I am in 4-H" and of belonging to a group
- know and recite the 4-H pledge
- know their connection to the University of New Hampshire
- participate in a minimum of six hours of 4-H program time
- have opportunity to show accomplishments in their program and county events
- and adults are recognized with awards and certificates that bear the 4-H clover
- plan, participate and reflect on community service learning project(s)