



# 4-H Afterschool

## WHAT IS 4-H AFTERSCHOOL?

For **YOUTH** in afterschool programs

- Fun exciting things to do with friends
- A special time for 4-H projects
- A chance to belong to 4-H

For **PARENTS**

- Opportunity for their child to belong to a positive youth development organization
- A variety of projects to be explored within a safe environment

For **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

- Extensive resources to help train staff
- Positive youth development practices
- 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 youth

## INTERESTED?

**CONTACT** the 4-H staff in your county to bring 4-H into your afterschool program.

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## 10 KEY ELEMENTS OF 4-H AFTERSCHOOL

1. Youth are enrolled as 4-H members
2. Youth recognize the **4-H clover**, what it stands for; youth know and recite the **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*

3. Youth know 4-H is connected to UNH
4. Youth experience 6 or more hours of dedicated 4-H program time
5. Youth make choices about their own 4-H projects and activities, and share leadership with program adults
6. Youth have a chance to see themselves as active participants in their own future
7. Afterschool program staff are trained as 4-H volunteer leaders; create a safe and inclusive environment; build positive relationships with every youth; and use sequential, experiential learning strategies
8. All youth and adults are included and accepted
9. Youth and adults receive 4-H recognition and opportunities to share their successes
10. Service to others is valued and practiced through planning, doing, and reflecting on community service learning projects

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