

Bringing 4-H to Harrisonburg City

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What is 4-H?



- Positive Youth Development – Ages 5-19
- Largest Out-of-School Youth Organization in U.S.
 - Only federally approved and organized youth development organization
 - 188,563 Virginia 4-H Members Enrolled in 2017
- Learn By Doing, Age Appropriate
- Mission Mandates
 - Healthy Living
 - Science, Engineering, and Technology
 - Citizenship



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What is 4-H?



- FREE
- Connection to Land Grant Universities
- Broad Reach – 108 Units (counties and cities)
 - Lynchburg – 2,239 youth members
 - Albemarle/Charlottesville – 2,953 youth members
 - Richmond – 9,322 youth members
- 13 Delivery Modes – community clubs, after-school clubs, project clubs, camping (overnight and day)
- Volunteers as extenders of knowledge



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4-H Research

4-H participation increases confidence, independence, resilience, and compassion within youth.



- **2x** more likely to get **better grades** in school
- **2x** more likely to plan to **go to college**
- **Females** are **2x** more likely to **pursue science careers**
- **2x** more likely to **exercise and be physically active**
- **3x** more likely to actively **contribute to their communities**



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4-H in Harrisonburg City – What VCE can provide

- Office Space
- Secretarial Support
- Computer Equipment & Support
- Training
- Travel Funding
- Position Management
- Urban Focused Programming – Needs based
- 4-H Opportunities – Local, District, State, National, and International



4-H'ers Tell It Best!



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Thank You!

Questions?



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