

**Mission:**

Orange County 4-H enhances communities by providing the premier youth development program through exceptional volunteer leadership, direct access to technological advances from University research, utilizing time-tested strategies.

Statistics:

Youth: 922 members
Volunteers: 257 volunteers
Staff: 3 paid staff

Member Demographics:**Gender:**

Female: 58%
Male: 42%

Race:

White or Caucasian: 75%
Black or African American: 12%
Asian: 6%
Other: 7%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino: 15%

Residence:

Cities, towns, suburbs: 85%
Small towns, farms: 15%

Locations:

There are currently 28 4-H clubs located across Orange County with projects ranging from robotics and public speaking to horseback riding and gardening.

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 my club, my community, my
country and my world."

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Orange County 4-H: Partners in Education

Orange County 4-H is a positive youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential. There are currently over 900 Orange County youth engaged in 4-H programs, with activities ranging from robotics and public speaking to horseback riding and gardening. 4-H mentorship enables America's youth to emerge as leaders through hands-on educational programs grounded in University-tested research.

Contemporary Focus

The fundamental 4-H ideal of practical, "learn by doing" experiences encourages youth to experiment, innovate and think independently.

4-H has three mission mandates: **science, engineering and technology**; **healthy living**; and **citizenship**. Youth learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through more than 1,000 projects with topics as varied as rocketry, GPS mapping, DNA analysis, public speaking, photography, nutrition and community service.

Supporting Educators

4-H works with top University scientists to develop research-based educational curriculum. These curricula were designed for use in a classroom setting and include useful planning tools such as Sunshine State Standards.

Tropicana Public Speaking

The 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking program is a public speaking educational program for grades 4-6. Participants learn the process of preparing and giving a speech through engaging in a five part series of lessons. The program culminates in a competition in which youth present a speech on a topic of their choice.

NEFE High School Financial Planning Program

This seven unit educational program teaches high school youth basic financial literacy concepts through hands-on activities. Topics addressed include budgeting, banking, credit/debt, insurance and saving/investing.

Science Curriculum

4-H offers hands-on programming in gardening, conservation, alternative energy, robotics, and other fields of scientific discovery.

Educational Partners

- Cheney Elementary School
- Good Shepherd Catholic School
- Lake Nona Middle School
- Leaders Prep School
- Page Private School
- Park Maitland School
- St. Andrews Catholic School
- Southwest Middle School