

What is 4-H?

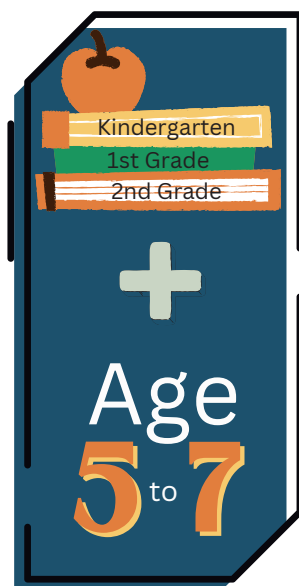
4-H is a **COMMUNITY** of young people across America who are learning **LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, and LIFE SKILLS** as they work in partnership with caring adults. What does that mean? In 4-H we are committed to helping young people develop skills that will help them **SUCCEED**. We want to empower all youth to reach their **FULL POTENTIAL**.

In 4-H, youth **LEARN BY DOING** projects that are designed to fit their needs at different ages. Through a variety of projects—from food and forestry to rockets and rabbits—4-H gives children and teens opportunities to **LEARN** life skills, to **PRACTICE** them, and become confident in their ability to **USE THEM** in the future.

4-H teaches young people how to meet their needs **FOR BELONGING, MASTERY, INDEPENDENCE, and GENEROSITY** in positive ways.



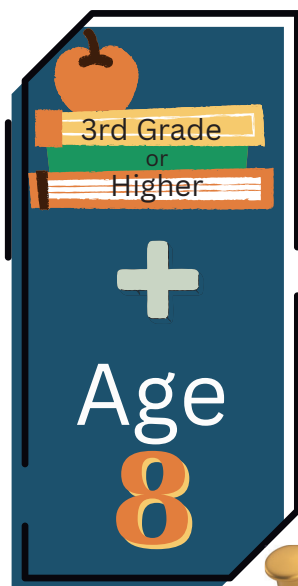
Who Can Join 4-H?



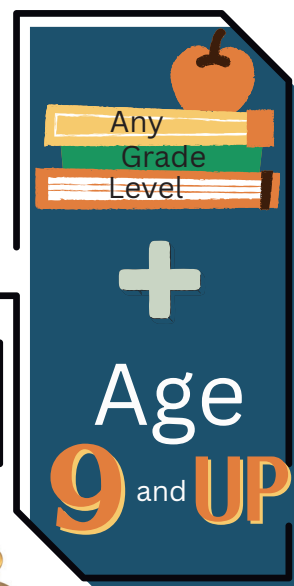
**CLOVERBUD
ELIGIBLE**



Ages are
As of January 1st
of the current
program year



**4-H PROJECT
&
COMPETITIVE
ELIGIBLE**



4-H Project &
Competitive
Eligibility Ends on
December 31st the
Year You Turn

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Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H Club or Group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer.

Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

Eligibility Overview

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age and grade as of January 1 of the current project year.

Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is enrolled in Kindergarten and is at least five years old.

Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is at least age 8 and in the 3rd grade.


Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level.

The History of 4-H

In 1902, **ALBERT BELMONT GRAHAM** (1868-1960), a schoolteacher and superintendent, established the Boys and Girls Agricultural Experiment Club in Springfield, Ohio.

Graham believed in **LEARNING BY DOING**, a concept at the core of 4-H, which stands for **HEAD, HEART, HANDS, AND HEALTH**.

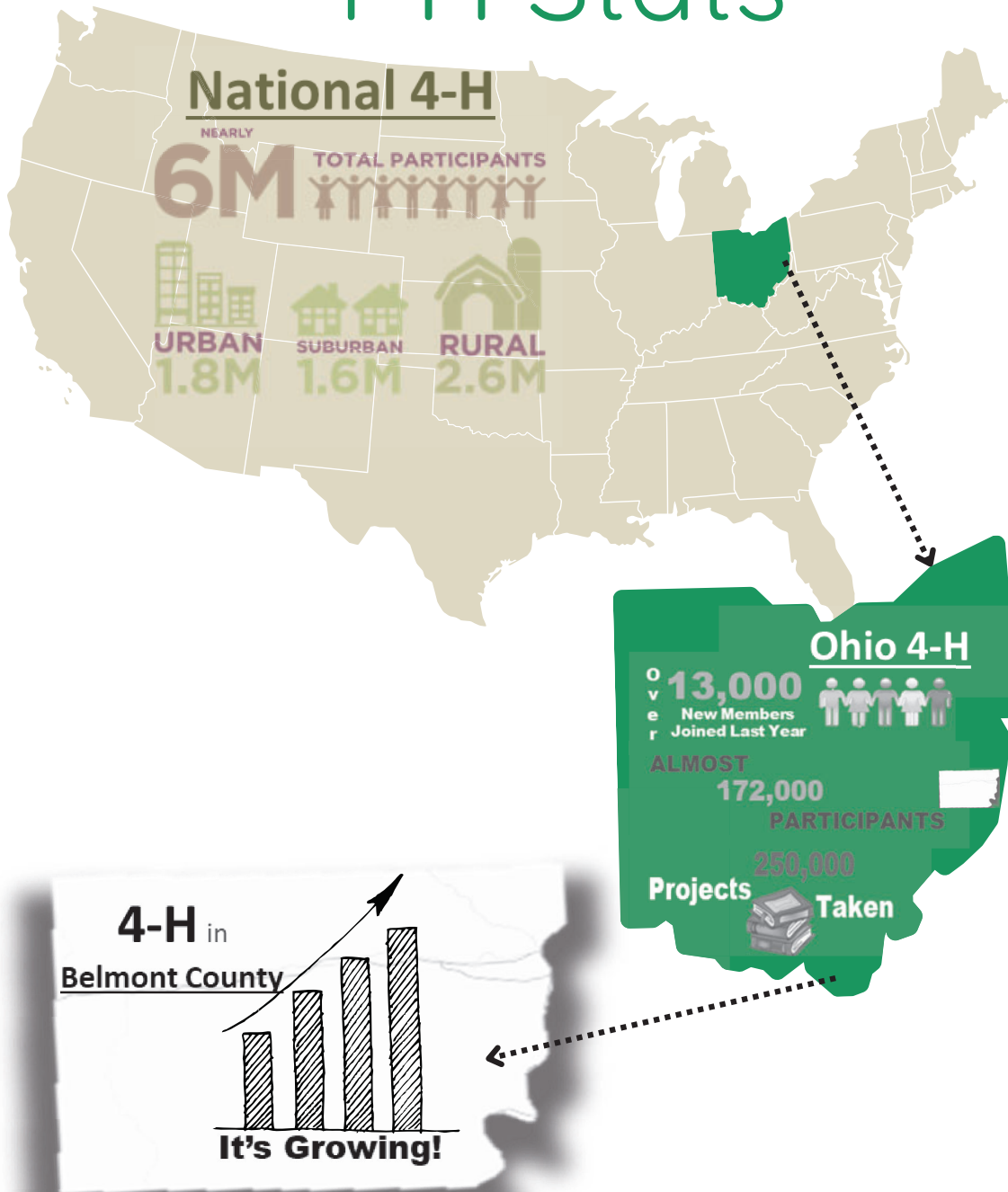
In 1905, Graham became the first Superintendent of Agricultural Extension at **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY** and he brought the idea of 4-H with him.



4-H is in
**ALL 50 STATES AND
OVER 70 COUNTRIES,**
and more than
7 MILLION MEMBERS ENROLL ANNUALLY.

4-H is no longer only for members of the farming community but **EXTENDS** into the **SUBURBS** and **INNER-CITIES** all over America.

4-H Stats



WHAT DOES 4-H DO FOR YOUTH?



2X MORE LIKELY TO PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE

2X MORE LIKELY TO GET BETTER GRADES IN SCHOOL

41% LESS LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN RISKY BEHAVIORS

GIRLS ARE **2X** MORE LIKELY TO PURSUE SCIENCE CAREERS OVER THEIR PEERS

4-H Emblem

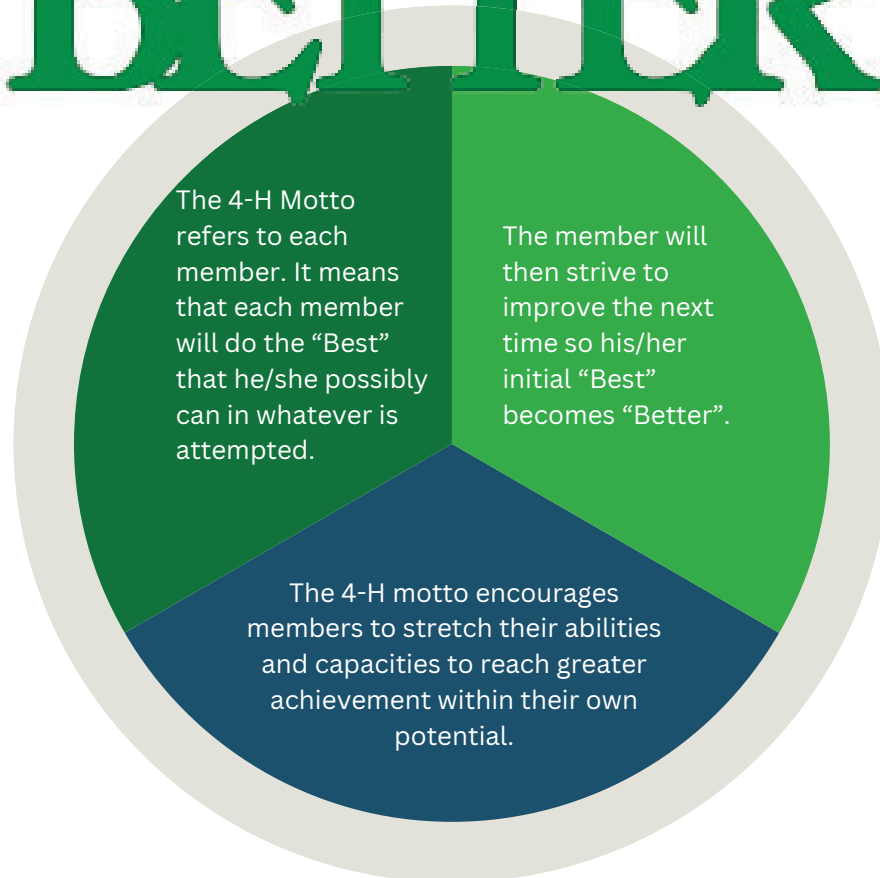
The 4-H Emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. As such it was granted a very unique status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic emblem.



The "18 USC 707" marking that appears along the right lower left is coding that protects the use of the clover.

It is protected by the federal government and is under the responsibility and stewardship of the Secretary of Agriculture.

4-H Motto



4-H Pledge

I pledge my



head

to clearer thinking



heart

to greater loyalty



hands

to larger service



health

to better living

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

4-H Colors

GREEN

Youth

Nature's Most
Common Color

Growth

Life

WHITE

Purity

High Ideals

4-H Slogan

LEARN BY DOING