4-H prepares youths to make a positive impact in our communities.

The results are proven.

4-H is unique!

West Virginia 4-H transforms lives.

West Virginia 4-H offers youth opportunities.

- 4-H serves more than 7 million youths worldwide – the largest organization serving elementary through high school youths.
- 4-H focuses on positive youth development and promotes hands-on skill-building experiences, including science and technology; leadership; citizenship; and healthy lifestyles.
- Caring adult mentors help 4-H youths make positive decisions, build self-confidence, learn responsibility, and improve their communities.

A recent Tuft’s University research study found that 4-H’ers:
- achieve higher grades in school
- are more likely to attend college
- are more likely to pursue careers in science, engineering, or computer technology
- are more likely than their peers to positively contribute to communities
- are less likely to participate in risky behavior such as drug and cigarette use and sexual promiscuity
- are less likely to drop out of school

- Celebrating 99 years of state land-grant university partnerships, 4-H is delivered by the Cooperative Extension System. Cooperative Extension members include local governments, state land-grant universities, and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Through county and state offices, Extension Service personnel enable self-reliance and improve lives by providing research-based information, educational programs, and technical advice directly to individuals, families, and communities.
- The West Virginia 4-H program is part of West Virginia University Extension Service and West Virginia State University Extension Service.
- One in four youths have been part of a West Virginia program.
- West Virginia University offers 4-H programming in all 55 West Virginia counties.
- State programs emphasize wise decision-making and responsible leadership, and include special initiatives for military kids, science and technology, finances, literacy, heritage, health and safety.
- 4-H brings hands-on technology and science education and training to rural communities through programs like Lego Robotics, rocketry, GPS exercise and more.

In 2013:
- 80,000 youths were served by in-school and after-school programs, community clubs, outdoor classrooms, and nutrition outreach programs.
- 23,000 youths participated in summer camping programs, including day and residential camps.
- 15,000 youths participated in 4-H afterschool programs designed to promote healthy habits such as more physical activity and better food choices.