

After-School and In-School 4-H Programs

Why 4-H and Schools?

- 4-H has resources to deliver quality enrichment programs.
- Provides sense of belonging for youth who may not have other club opportunities outside of school.
- Opportunities for youth to earn recognition and develop life skills leading to long-term impacts.
- Club meeting times and frequency can be tailored to meet needs of each school. During school or after school is based on school delivery preference.



How to get started:

- Orange County 4-H Extension staff will arrange meetings with school staff to best meet the needs of the student participants at each school.
- Select the best-fit delivery method and project topic for the 4-H Club.
- Recruit the key personnel (teachers, staff, volunteer parents, etc.)
- Orange County 4-H staff will guide and support a plan for the 4-H year.
- Complete 4-H group enrollment paperwork to establish the school club.



4-H focuses on three priorities for youth: Citizenship, Healthy Living and S.T.E.M.

- Major Project Areas Include:
- Animal Science
- Engineering Science
- Citizenship/Leadership
- Communication Arts
- Plants/Gardening
- Nature and Outdoors
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Nutrition and Healthy Living



UF/IFAS 4-H will provide: Educational Program Curriculum; Recognition for Project Work; Training and Support.

School Site will Provide: Recruitment of staff/volunteers to deliver 4-H programming at least once per month during school year.

Plan for 4-H School Club: 4-H will provide training, materials and continued support to staff/volunteers who take lead role in program delivery. Students and adult leaders would be allowed to select from whatever project (programming topic) they find most interesting. In addition to project work (i.e. gardening, nutrition, etc.) the volunteers will incorporate life skill development through leadership opportunities, community service and student sharing of what they have learned through exhibits and talks.

To learn more visit: <http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu> or to discuss opportunities for your school, please contact the Orange County 4-H staff at: Orange4h@ifas.ufl.edu or call 407-254-9222.

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