

At-Large (Independent) 4-H Member Description

Active Independent/At-Large 4-H members do not belong to any club but still participate in the St. Johns County 4-H Program. Being an independent/at-large member is a good option for youth whose club has suspended activity for the foreseeable future and are not able find another club to join. Youth still participating in an *active* club cannot be independent/at-large members.

Benefits

As an active at-large member, youth may:

- Participate in all St. Johns County 4-H activities and events including County Council, contests, workshops, and training.
- Participate in district and state events and activities.
- Apply for 4-H continuing education scholarships.
- Receive one (1) project book (curriculum). Parents may opt to receive a photocopied version of the companion facilitator's guide. Contact the 4-H office to select your book. Do not order on your own.
- Register early for summer day camps.

Requirements

- Enroll in 4-H Online and pay the \$20 enrollment fee directly to the county 4-H office to become active.
- Complete Project Report and Project Record Book due in the 4-H office by June 1, 2023.
- Meet on Zoom or comparable platform (virtual meeting) with Ms. Julia for 10-15 minutes in September, November, January, March, and May to update the 4-H office on Project Report and Project Record Book progress. Demonstration of progress required to remain active in St. Johns County 4-H program.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: In 2021-2022 I belonged to two clubs. This year, only one of these clubs will be active. If I enroll in the club that is active, do I still need to be an independent/at-large member?

A: No. The option of being an independent/at-large member is only available to youth who do not belong to ANY 4-H clubs.

Q: What happens if I do not have a virtual meeting with Ms. Julia in any of the months listed?

A: You will not be eligible for any 4-H activities/events at any level until you meet with Ms. Julia.

Q: What will we do at these meetings?

A: We will review progress of your Project Report form and Project Record book, and you can ask Ms. Julia questions about your progress or the program.

Q: Can my parent/guardian attend the meetings?

A: It is preferred that your parent/guardian attend the meetings.

Q: If I decide to join a club later in the year, do I have to remain an at-large member?

A: No. If you join a club, you are no longer an at-large member and do not have to complete the independent/at-large requirements. You will be expected to fulfill the requirements of the club of which you became a member.

If you have more questions, contact Ms. Julia julia.kelly@ufl.edu.