

Join us for the EXPLORE 4-H afterschool club!

For more than a century, 4-H has made an impact on many lives and continues to expand programming while transferring the latest research of the land grant university system to young people. 4-H is not just about animal science, either! While a large group of our youth in Huntingdon County do focus on animals, 4-H also offers programming in:

*STEM

*Healthy Living & Expressive Arts

*Environmental Science

*Leadership and Civic Engagement

4-H is possible through a cooperative effort of local, state and national funding, and in Pennsylvania 4-H is administered by our land grant institution, Penn State. The connection to Penn State allows us to offer great opportunities to our youth that may help them determine a career path and future plans as well!

Huntingdon Area Schools are supporting an opportunity for students, grades 6-12, to learn more about 4-H this fall, and discover what 4-H can offer to them. Please consider joining us for Mondays in November and December to get a taste of 4-H through the EXPLORE 4-H afterschool club. Each session will focus on a different area of 4-H programs, and will feature speakers and activities representing those areas. We'll have snacks, develop friendships and most importantly have FUN! Future programming opportunities will be determined after this initial outreach program, so plan to attend and bring a friend along! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Dates and Topics Include:

November 7: Introduction to 4-H & STEM programs – We'll cover the basics about what 4-H is and what it can do for you. We'll be joined by 4-H'ers from your school who you probably already know! Ice cream sundaes and fun activities, including a hands-on STEM activity!

November 14: Healthy Living & Expressive Arts – More snacks and drinks, as well as a hands-on activity in Expressive Arts that can be used as a community service. Questions and answers about the 4-H program and opportunities you can take advantage of provided by current 4-H'ers from HAMS and HAHS.

November 21: Environmental Science – Do you love to camp? Is hunting your thing? How about archery? We have these and more in the area of Environmental Science programs in 4-H! We'll visit with contacts from the 4-H Environmental Science team to learn what you can do, and participate in a hands-on Environmental Science activity!

December 5: Animal Science – Introduction to opportunities in Animal Science projects, even if you don't have the space to raise a farm animal, or if you live 'in town.' We'll be joined by several 4-H'ers who participate in these project areas who might surprise you! Pizza is planned for our snack this time, and we'll have more questions and answers!

December 12: Leadership and Civic Engagement – Let's talk leadership! What does it mean to be a leader, and how can you lead in your own lives? We'll have camp counselors, clover award winners and club officers share their experiences in leading 4-H groups, and talk about how that has helped in other areas of their lives. More great snacks and hands-on activities as well!

December 19: Future plans! – Not just for our 4-H after school program, but for YOU! How can 4-H help you prepare for your future career? Hear from 4-H'ers whose involvement has influenced their career choices, and how 4-H helped them to spark their interest areas for life! Of course...snacks and fun too! Then we'll make plans for the new year if the group wishes to continue meeting!