

# 31 Reasons to Join 4-H

Looking for a reason to join or get your children involved in 4-H? Take it from 4-H'ers themselves! Here are just a few of the many reasons why 4-H'ers have joined (and stay in) 4-H!



1. *"...because I believe in the power of community and [my] family values 'heart'."* - **Brittany Benson**
2. *"I was a scrawny kid, looking for a company of people interested in some of the same things. I learned to love service to community and leadership."* - **Member of Landsong Farm**
3. *"I didn't join 4-H but I became a Leader because, I saw the positive impact it was having on my children who joined and I wanted to be a part of that awesomeness."* - **May Suchan Jerzak**
4. *"My mother wanted me to and my friend joined. I stayed in because it was FUN-FUN-FUN! Best thing I ever did."* - **Jane S. Turner**
5. *"To keep me busy after my father passed away. I loved 4-H, it got me through some hard times! I finished all ten years!"* - **Veronica Lovelace**
6. *"I joined because it showed me I can be a normal person not just a kid with a challenge, and I'm a 3rd generation 4-H'er."* - **Lynley Halajian**
7. *"I wanted to!"* - **Nita Ogden**
8. *"I grew up in a small Nebraska town, was a shy kid, hated sports, kinda bullied...signed up and a whole new life opened up for me..it presented opportunities that I would have never imagined...now 20+ years later I've come full circle and am a program assistant in Oklahoma! Thanks just doesn't cover it!!!"* - **Tracie Smith Mullendore**
9. *"I was 9 years old. I joined because I was ready to raise show pigs. All of my friends did too. Some of the best childhood memories are from those days."* - **Robert McCutchen**
10. *"I was a little kid so I started in clover buds while my older sister was in the regular 4-H. I'm so glad I stayed in it! I met my husband in 4-H. Our families have been best friends going on 20 years! I plan on putting our kids in 4-H."* - **Tricia L. Schul**
11. *"I thought it would be fun."* - **Madison Duren**
12. *"I wanted to learn cooking, sewing, gardening, canning, raising my pig and fellowship."* - **Jeanne Sansbury Bell**
13. *"I love cows and I love the dairy business and I love people and educating the public on what really happens behind the barn doors."* - **Kylie Elizabeth Boon**
14. *"Because I knew I had 'found my people'. I started dragging critters home to our suburban home at age 5....I was horse crazy, tree climbing tomboy....my mom got me and my sister signed up. I never left."* - **Joan Crandell**

15. *"Because my brother was in it... I stayed because I loved it."* - **Trisha Kirkendall**
16. *"I joined because my mom didn't want my younger sister going to camp alone! Then I fell in love with it! I was a VCA and now a leader! And yes I made my kids join!"* - **Chasity McBee-Musgrove**
17. *"I want to expand my knowledge of horses and have people to share in my passion with."* - **Erica Erin Anschuetz**
18. *"I joined 4-H because it was fun. I stayed in 4-H because I was learning. Now that I'm a 4-H Leader, I hope I am giving today's 4-Hers that same degree of fun and learning."* - **Lonna Kennedy**
19. *"I wanted to learn more about horses and help out in my community."* - **Selah Lowery**
20. *"It's a family tradition."* - **Mason Lee**
21. *"I joined 4-H because it looked fun and is a great opportunity for youth to learn more!"* - **Ashley Candelas**
22. *"Having the opportunity to meet new people and be educated and most of all have fun with my projects!"* - **Claire Ann Leiseth**
23. *"Because I wanted to be like my older sister. It was there I found my own interests and identity, Lifelong friends, and a sense of pride and leadership. #AlwaysA4Her"* - **Jill Plummer**
24. *"I love spending time with other horse loving people. And I also love having a better reason to go to the fair."* - **Madison Mcfarland**
25. *"I joined 4-H because it taught me to respect my neighbor regardless of ethnicity."* - **Josette Elaine McWilliams**
26. *"I joined 4-H because it's very family oriented and we helped people out. I got to spend time with my parents as they helped me with my projects. I loved being a part of an awesome community."* - **Cathy Hackett**
27. *"It is in my blood. Born into 4-H family; raised in a 4-H family; raising a 4-H family; and 4-H will continue for generations to bleed green..."* - **S. Sue Lechner-Schroder**
28. *"I joined because I wanted to be a part of a group - that would teach me values, respect and how to help others. I learned so much from 4-H; we had the best leaders with Randall County 4-H."* - **Jay Stephen Sims**
29. *"Joining 4-H was a family tradition. It was a very good program to meet life-long friends, learn about citizenship, leadership and caring for animals. It was a lot of fun and came with great opportunities to grow as a person and as a member of a club."* - **Sue Ferguson Van Wyk**
30. *"Lol I didn't know it was an option to not be in 4-H it was just part of life where we grew up."* - **Erica Johnson**
31. *"I don't remember why I joined 4-H; but it must have been compelling because all 5 of my kids were in 4-H because of the awesome experience. I am still a leader because of the awesome experience and now I am helping my daughter lead my granddaughters (cloverbuds). I have seen too many amazing opportunities come along for myself and my children because of 4-H. The question then becomes, "Why don't you join 4-H?"* - **Melody Kauer**