



2024-2025 Urban Clark County 4-H Volunteer Program Highlights

Strengthening Our Volunteer Community

In the 2024-2025 4-H year, **120** fully-enrolled volunteers joined and strengthened clubs, representing a **12%** increase from last year, and **525** adults participated across all programs, up **7.5%** from the previous year. This growth reflects a strong community commitment to youth development and a culture of mentorship, and we are excited to welcome even more volunteers eager to make a difference.



Launching New Clubs and Projects

Clark County 4-H saw continued growth in both project offerings and volunteer involvement within existing clubs. Volunteers contributed **2,219 hours** to club programming, a **13%** increase from the previous year, supporting established projects and launching new offerings. In addition, volunteers worked alongside 4-H staff to deliver **4,504 hours** of research-based curriculum, programs and projects for a minimum of 6 contact hours to youth. That is a combined total of **6,723 hours** of 4-H programming delivered to youth in Clark County! Across 4-H clubs, new and exciting projects have been launched alongside long-time offerings, giving youth more opportunities to explore their interests. This momentum is driven by volunteers who, inspired by the positive impact on youth, are stepping up to strengthen club leadership and expand hands-on learning experiences. Below are just some of the exciting 2024-2025 volunteer-led projects:

Categories

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)



Projects

4-H STEM education emphasizes experiential learning that builds scientific literacy, critical thinking and real-world application across a range of disciplines. Volunteers gave over **1,450** hours of their time to lead hands-on projects in lamb, goat, swine, beef, poultry and rabbit programs, including showmanship. Volunteer-led gardening and hydroponics projects gave youth hands-on experience in growing food and developing practical science skills. Volunteers guided youth through Lego Robotics competitions, building problem-solving and technical skills. Shooting sports projects, including archery, air rifle and air pistol, helped youth build focus, discipline and safety skills.

Healthy Living and College and Career Readiness



In 4-H, Healthy Living extends beyond physical wellness. Through financial-literacy and career-exploration projects, volunteers helped youth develop life readiness and connect learning to future education and career paths. Volunteers promoted wellness and healthy eating through cooking, baking and Dutch oven cooking projects. Youth engaged in physical activity and teamwork in basketball, dancing and skateboarding, with volunteers contributing nearly **1,250 hours** of overall service in Healthy Living programs.

Civic Engagement, Communications and Creative and Expressive Arts



Projects centered around civic engagement, communications, and creative and expressive arts promote inspiration and leadership while strengthening connections to community. Through **1,180 hours** of service, 4-H volunteers supported creative growth through art, painting, crafts, crocheting and sewing projects. They also led Cloverbud-focused projects, teaching our youngest members skills, such as painting using acrylics and watercolors. Volunteers also guided youth in developing communication skills, teamwork and confidence through service-learning projects.

Beyond leading these project areas, volunteers generously gave their time leading club meetings, assisting at day and overnight camps, supporting fundraising activities and helping out with all the day-to-day tasks that are involved in running a great 4-H club.

"Youth are the next generation, and passing on my knowledge and expertise can help them in their journey. Shaping their minds to look for opportunities for growth and curiosity will help our future."
- Kym Stephenson, Sandy Valley 4-H Volunteer



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