

Mecklenburg County 4-H

Be a Leader . . . Join 4-H!

4-H Stats and Facts

- 3,490 Mecklenburg County young people, grades K-12, participated in 141 different 4-H led programs or groups.
- 88% of Mecklenburg County 4-H participants increased subject matter knowledge.
- 129 community volunteers contributed time and energy to support 4-H programs in Mecklenburg County.
- 4-H provides research-based curriculum in over 100 different subject areas including financial literacy, photography, health & fitness, and electricity.
- Nationally, more than 6.8 million youth benefit from 4-H experiences.
- The 4-H Youth Development program is active in all of the nation's 3,067 counties.



How Do I Participate in 4-H?

- Community Clubs— volunteer-led groups of youth learning together in their community. These clubs can be held in community centers, recreation centers, libraries, churches, or personal homes.
- After School Clubs— 4-H clubs led by trained school-age care professionals in an after school setting.
- Special Interest — short-term focused learning in a small group, day camp or after school setting.
- School Enrichment — partnerships with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools enrich elementary school science classrooms with 4-H's "Magic of Electricity" and "Embryology" curriculum.
- Overnight Camps — one week experiences away from home where youth learn self-discipline, environmental responsibility, healthy lifestyles, and marketable skills.



Mecklenburg County 4-H Demographics

White	17%
Black	82%
Hispanic	5%
Asian/Other	2%
Farm	<1%
Small Town	2%
Large Town	5%
Suburbs	13%
Urban Area	79%





Mecklenburg County 4-H Youth Development 's Mission.

Mecklenburg County 4-H Youth Development mobilizes and unites the resources of North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University with local partners to educate and enable youth to build foundations for life. We enrich urban communities through caring relationships and community partnerships.

Mecklenburg County 4-H Youth Development 's Values.

- Learning:** We value guided exploration of self and world using innovative strategies and proven, fun, hands-on educational opportunities.
- Partnerships:** We value relationships that provide support and structure, linking youth and adults to each other and their communities.
- Openness:** We value a variety of opportunities in safe, accepting environments that actively encourage and support participation by all members of the community.
- Independence:** We value youth and adults using their strengths to make choices that improve their lives and those of others.

4-H is a **community**
of **young**
people
across America
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.

Mecklenburg County 4-H Youth Development builds foundations for life.

Youth participants acquire life-long skills as they become competent, coping, contributing citizens in the world around them. Their commitment to well-rounded youth development is embodied by the 4-H member's pledge:

**I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.**

Mecklenburg County 4-H Youth Development is a resource for YOU.

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