4-H Curriculum FAQs

- **What is 4-H curriculum?**
  - 4-H curriculum promotes positive youth development through experiential learning. We believe that kids retain more information -- and have more fun! -- when they are part of the learning process. All curriculum is developed by experts at universities across the country.

- **What age groups are your curriculum appropriate for?**
  - We have materials appropriate for grades K-12.

- **What topics does your curriculum cover?**
  - We offer over 400 items, including books, digital products, and educational kits, in eight main fields: Animal & Agricultural Science, Business & Citizenship, Creative Arts, Environment & Outdoor Science, Healthy Living & Foods, Practical Skills, Professional Development, and STEM. Topics include robotics, electricity, cooking, entomology, mentor training, computer science, theatre arts, career readiness, woodworking, water conservation, and veterinary science.

- **Are activities more suitable for a group or individuals?**
  - Most of our 4-H curriculum materials are suited for small groups or clubs; however, many books can be used to guide a young person through an individual course of study. A unique feature of 4-H curriculum is that it can be adapted for use in a variety of settings and situations.

- **Has your curriculum been reviewed? How do I know it’s high quality?**
  - All national 4-H curriculum has been reviewed and recommended through a blind peer review process, signifying excellence in providing hands-on learning experiences for youth and excellence in training and guidance for facilitators.

- **Does your curriculum tie to national education standards?**
  - Most of our curriculum does tie to national education standards. The standards are typically listed in the back of each book or in the Helper’s Guide. Examples of standards used include Next Generation Science Standards, National Standards for Art Education, National Entrepreneur Standards, and Standards for Technological Literacy.

- **Who can use 4-H curriculum? Do I have to be a part of 4-H?**
  - 4-H curriculum is available for anyone to use; you do not need to be a part of or associated with 4-H. 4-H curriculum is appropriate for afterschool and homeschool programs, school enrichment, summer camps, and any setting where positive youth development and fun are encouraged!

- **Where do I find the answers for questions in Youth Guides?**
  - Many of the Helper’s Guides provide answers to the questions in the Youth Guides.

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- **Am I required to purchase the Helper's Guide in addition to the Youth Books for the project area?**
  o We strongly recommend purchasing one Helper's Guide for each facilitator working with a group of youth. Helper’s Guides (sometimes called Facilitator Guides) provide tips and essential background information about youth development and the experiential learning process. Many of the Helper’s Guides also provide answers to specific questions that are within the Youth Guides. The Helper's Guides are similar to a Teacher's Manual for leading a group of students.

- **Do you offer any training materials for youth workers or volunteers?**
  o Yes, we do! We have a variety of curriculum materials to help you train your teams -- whether you are training professionals, volunteers, or teen leaders! Check out the selection at [https://shop4-h.org/collections/professional-development-curriculum](https://shop4-h.org/collections/professional-development-curriculum).

- **If I want to partner with 4-H, how do I find my local office?**
  o We’re glad to hear you are interested in working with 4-H! You can find your local office at [https://4-h.org/find/](https://4-h.org/find/).

- **If I am completely new to 4-H curriculum, where should I start?**
  o If you are interested in starting a 4-H club, you may want to start with a book like *Welcome to 4-H*. This curriculum is great for new 4-H members and their families. If you have a young child who is new to 4-H, you may want to start with a sampling of our Cloverbud materials for ages 5-8. [Cloverbud materials](https://shop4-h.org/collections/curriculum) serve as an easy and fun introduction to various project areas.

**Interested in learning more, or have additional questions?**
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