

# What is 4-H Project Work? ...SIMPLIFIED!!!



## 4-H Project Work has 4 Components:

- Six or more Learning Experiences of 20-60 minutes in length per year.
- Civic Engagement/Citizenship/Community Service/Service Learning
- Leadership
- Evaluation/Exhibition of Project Work

## SO...what does this all mean?

### LEARNING EXPERIENCES can be:

Educational Tours	Quiz Bowls, Skill-A-Thons	Job Shadowing
Workshops	Judging Contests	- Working Alongside Anyone
Clinics	Self-Study Exhibits	That Has A Skill To Teach
Contests	Expos/Conferences	
Live Actions	Public Speaking	
Interviewing the Experts	Videos	
Educational Presentations	Television Shows	

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Community Engagement (Youth Voice, Social Justice), Service (Service Learning, Community Service), Civic Education (Government, History, Culture), Personal Development (Character Development, Thinking and Problem Solving)

**LEADERSHIP** can include (but not limited to...) Teaching/Guiding Others, Conducting A Workshop, Organize A Group Activity, Lead an Activity, Share Information with Others Through Public Speaking, Assist an Adult, Plan A Tour, Local Club Officer, Junior Ambassador, Teen Leader

**EXHIBITION** can include Contests, Livestock Show, Fair Exhibit, Club/Project Meeting. There is no set timeline for project work, just the 4-H project year. The only thing project work can revolve around at times are times and dates of contests. That means...CONTESTS ARE NOT THE WHOLE PROJECT!!!

**PROJECT WORK SUPPORT** lies with the Family, Parents, Grandparents, 4-H Volunteers, Teens, Online Resources, Curriculum, Expert Professionals, Hobbyists, Associations/Organizations, and Extension Educators.

A **RECORD BOOK** is the record of what youth did and learned doing the project work and documents goals, knowledge and skills gained, leadership experiences, awards earned, and service to the community.