

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Throughout the year, 4-H offers a variety of classes, workshops, and tours that we call Special Interest Programs. Many of these programs are open to youth who are not active with 4-H. In fact, children often learn about 4-H for the first time through Special Interest Programs. Children can be 4-H club members and participate in Special Interest Programs too!

Unlike 4-H clubs, Special Interest Programs are short-term in nature. How long each program lasts depends a great deal on the topic being explored and the volunteer who teaches the program. For example, 4-H might conduct a robotics camp that just lasts a week, or shooting sports classes that may meet once a week for several months.

Following is a list of county and state Special Interest Programs that are typically offered annually. In addition, new programs are added during the year based upon volunteer availability. To keep informed of Special Interest Programs throughout the year, make sure you read the *Clover Connection 4-H Newsletter* each month.

4-H AGGIE ADVENTURES for KIDS Weber County offers a summer full of science-based adventure with its exciting day-camp program. The week-long, half-day camps fill up quickly and are open to both 4-H and non-4-H youth.

ADVENTURE CAMP 4-H members in 7th & 8th grades are invited to enjoy Adventure Camp at Utah State University – a statewide, three day, two night experience teaching life skills, friendship, teamwork, and more!

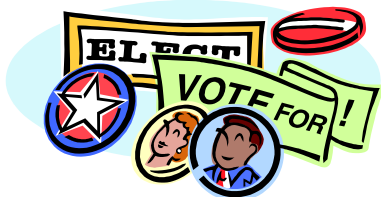
Activities include a ropes course, camping, a tour of Minnetonka Cave, songs around the campfire, and outdoor education. Youth are also introduced to the GPS program. With the knowledge gained through this program, the youth are sent on a scavenger hunt in the forest only able to use the skills and knowledge they have obtained from the camp.



JUNIOR YOUTH CONFERENCE (JYC) Every summer in Ephraim, on the Snow College campus, 4-H presents its camp for 5th and 6th grade aged 4-H members. Junior Youth Conference is held the last week in June every year.

Youth who attend JYC are split into groups upon arrival and assigned to a Teen Leader. Youth are able to make new friends and experience new things as it is usually the first time for the youth to be on such a trip. While at the conference, all youth get the opportunity to go through many workshops that teach them about teamwork, trust, friendship, and many other life skills. Teen Leaders manage each group in order to keep the youth busy with games, activities, or a project of some kind.

Activities at JYC also include Snow Follies, a Snow College sponsored event, in which Snow College Ambassadors throw a huge water fight that everyone gets involved in!



OFFICER'S TRAINING Youth who have been selected to serve as an officer in their club, as well as those who hope to be an officer one day, are invited to attend 4-H Officer's Training. During this fun, hands-on workshop, they will learn how to conduct a business meeting, the basics of parliamentary procedure, officer duties, teamwork, and communication skills.