Sign Up Information
2026-2027 Club Year

Laveen Pathfinders 4-H Club

What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth development organization for young people ages 5-18.

4-H is about having fun, making friends and learning about things that interest YOU!

4-H is about learning skills that will help you both now as a young person and later as an adult – record keeping, decision making, critical thinking, leadership, serving others and more!

Who Can Join 4-H?

Anyone who is 5 years old and not yet 19 years old as of December 31, 2026 is eligible to join 4-H!

4-H has four main age groups:

- Cloverbuds Members (5-7 years old)
- Junior Members (8-10 years old)
- Intermediate Members (11-13 years old)
- Senior Members (14-18 years old)

How Do I Join 4-H?

Joining 4-H is easy! Follow these easy steps:

- ✓ Find a club near you
- ✓ Attend club sign up event & pick your project(s)
- ✓ Complete club enrollment form
- ✓ Complete county on-line enrollment
- ✓ Pay county & club enrollment fees
- ✓ Start attending club activities

How Much Does it Cost to Join 4-H?

At the beginning of each club year (October 1st), members are charged an annual enrollment fee.

Maricopa County 4-H enrollment fee is $35.00 per member (paid through Zingbooks with online enrollment – stipend available to help offset).

Laveen Pathfinders 4-H enrollment fee is $0.00 per member this year!

Total enrollment fees are $35.00 per member each club year (October 1st – September 30th).

Are There Other Costs?

In addition to enrollment fees, members will have other costs that will vary depending on how many and what types of projects they choose.

For example, animal projects will have the cost of the animal, feed, housing, etc.

In 4-H members keep financial records, learn about the costs of projects and activities and ways to enjoy their projects in a cost-effective way.

What is a 4-H Project?

A 4-H Project is a focus area of interest, study and activity the member engages in during the 4-H club year. A member should plan to spend a minimum of 6 hours working on each chosen project area(s) during the 4-H year. Members will learn to keep records for each project they will complete during the year.

How Do I Choose Projects?

If you are a Cloverbud member (5-7 year old), you can only be enrolled in Cloverbuds. The Cloverbud project explores many areas of 4-H project work.

If you are a regular age member (8-18 year old), you have a wide variety of project areas to choose from. You must have at least one project, but you may choose more than one project.

More on Project Selection

Project selection is all about the member's choice! Member should ask themselves the following questions to help select projects:

- What are my interests (animals, art, etc.).
- What do I enjoy doing in my free time?
- What things would I like to learn more about?
- How much time/commitment would a project that interests me take?
- Do I have the time, energy and resources to commit to the project?

Project Categories

Projects fall into a few main categories:

- ✓ Animals – Small Animals & Pets (Small Animals Project Group)
- ✓ Arts & Crafts (Visual Arts Project Group)
- ✓ Cloverbuds (5-7 Year Olds Only!)
- ✓ Cooking/Food Science (FCS Project Group)
- ✓ Gardening (FCS Project Group)
- ✓ Photography (Visual Arts Project Group)
- ✓ Sewing (FCS Project Group)

Check our club's project offerings in these categories on the Project Selection/Enrollment & Project Information Sheet.

What Do We Do in 4-H?

- Club Business Meetings
- Project Group Meetings
- Field Trips & Outings
- Recreational Activities
- Communications Activities
- Community Service Activities
- Competitions (fairs, contests, etc.)
- Record Keeping
- Awards Programs and more!

To Summarize…

- Find a club
- Select projects
- Complete Club Enrollment Form
- Complete On-line Enrollment
- Pay Enrollment Fees
- Complete additional project requirements if needed (see leader/checklist for assistance)
- Attend 4-H activities & have fun!