

Essential Elements of 4-H

Belonging

4-H members don't just join, they belong to 4-H. This is natural and brings youth in contact with each other and adults.



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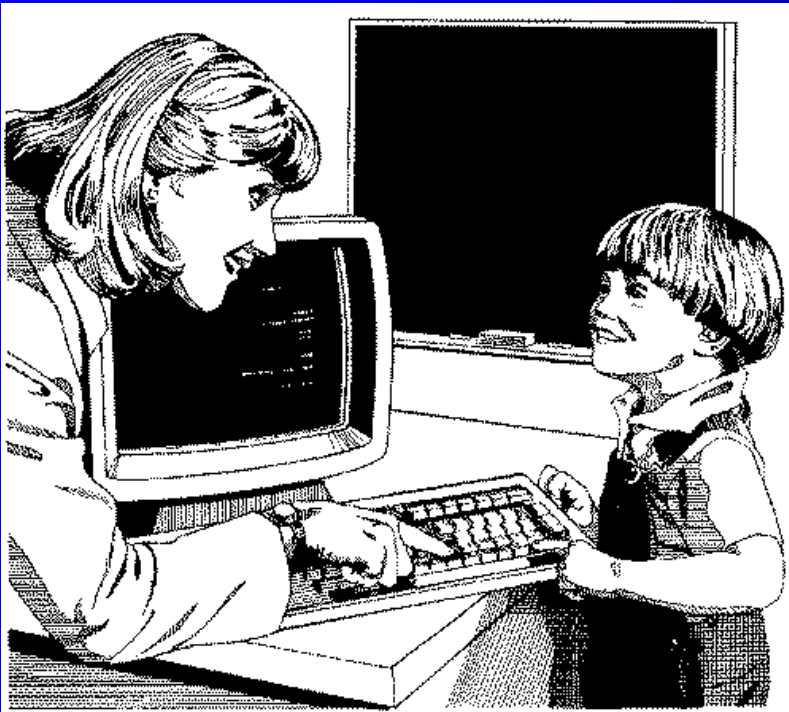
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Youth need to know they are wanted and loved and can form trusting relationships
Youth need to know that others accept them and their efforts.



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Young people need to experience a sense of physical and emotional safety in secure surroundings with appropriate parameters on behavior.

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Mastery

Youth need to be able to master new things and do something well. Mastery includes development of skill, knowledge and attitudes.

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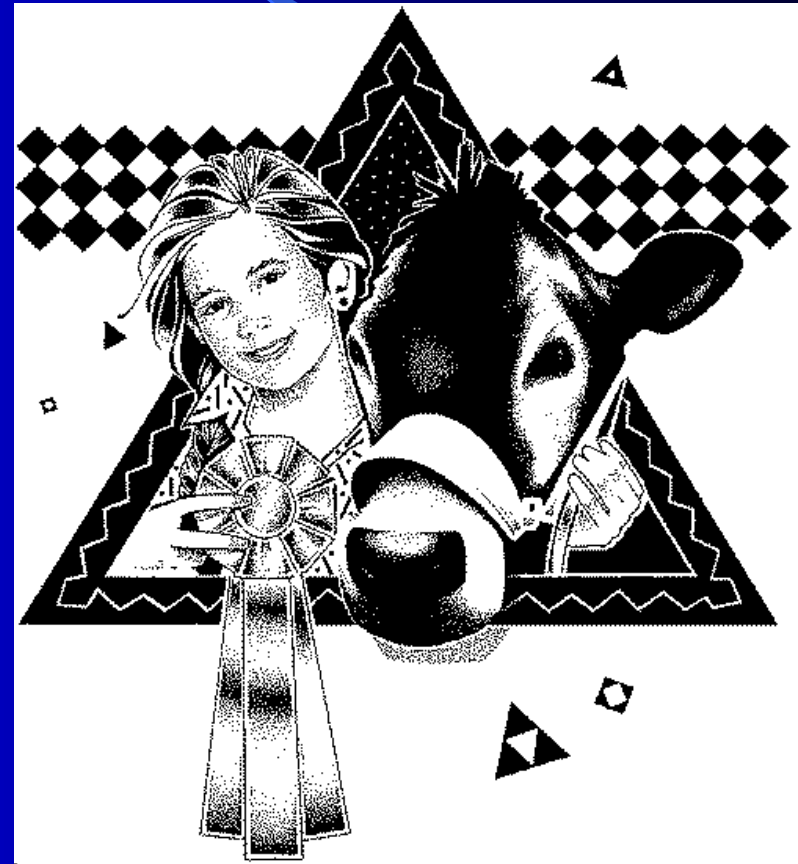
Youth need opportunities to try things they haven't tried before to develop self-confidence and a sense that they matter and are capable.



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Generosity

Youth need to know that their lives have meaning and purpose. They need opportunities to connect to their communities and learn how to give back to others.



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- Generosity

Includes the development of values such as compassion and the ability to take the perspective of others

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Independence

**Young people
have opportunities
to choose...and
learn to make
good choices.**

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By gaining independence, youth develop personal responsibility and discipline.



So what do we want for our 4-H members?

To Be Safe

To Have Fun

To Learn

To Practice New Skills

To Make Friends

To Gain Confidence

To Become Productive Citizens