



Selecting a 4-H Club Name



Selecting a Club name is an important process. Each 4-H club is a unique group of individuals who work together toward common goals. A club name can reflect the interests of the club members, often relating to the project area the club participates in or the geographic area where members live. Allow all the members to participate in selecting a name for the club, which is often done during the first or second meeting.

4-H does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap. Therefore, please be sure that the club name you select is not biased for or against certain groups in any of these categories. Consider whether potential club members might shy away just because of a misleading name. For example "The Sewing Susan's" would discriminate against or discourage boys from participating, whereas "The Nimble Thimbles 4-H Club" might be a better idea. Creative or cute names for 4-H clubs are fine – but plan for the name to identify the group at the county level and beyond. Trendy names may not stand the test of time.

When in doubt, you may contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office to determine the appropriateness of a name. You will also want to check to ensure that your club name does not duplicate the name of an existing club.

For 4-H Clubs, the name should read like this:

The "XZY" 4-H Club

For 4-H Cloverbud Clubs, the name should read like this:

The "ABC" 4-H Cloverbud Club