



*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.*

## **MARYLAND 4-H QUICK FACTS**

### **IN 2005...**

#### **Youth participated in 4-H in the following ways:**

10,796	Members of 4-H clubs
18,663	Members of 4-H special interest groups
13,472	In 4-H school-enrichment groups
2,148	Attended 4-H day and overnight camps
1,579	Participated in 4-H Afterschool programs
84	Enrolled in individual study programs

#### **Youth participate in 4-H in these subject areas:**

- Citizenship and Civic Education
- Communications and Expressive Arts
- Consumer and Family Sciences
- Environmental Education and Earth Sciences
- Healthy Lifestyle Education
- Personal Development and Leadership
- Plants and Animals
- Science and Technology

#### **Operation Military Kids**

This is our newest 4-H outreach program. Operation Military Kids is a partnership funded by the U.S. Army Child & Youth Services and administered through the National 4-H Headquarters, USDA.

National partners include Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Military Child Education Coalition, National Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Veterans Service Organizations, as well as the Army Reserve and National Guard.

## **Volunteers in 4-H**

Volunteers are essential to the successful delivery of 4-H programs to youth. In 2005, there were 3,350 enrolled volunteers, adult and youth, working directly with youth in Maryland 4-H.

## **Reaching Out to the Community**

An important part of the 4-H experience is youth and adults working with community partners to meet the needs of the community.

Thousands of youth and adults were engaged in community service-learning through 4-H. Examples of the projects conducted include:

- **Reading Buddies Literacy Projects**
- **Community Arts Projects**
- **Therapeutic Riding Programs**
- **Gleaning and Food Collection Projects**
- **Dads Make A Difference**
- **Teens as Teachers**
- **Tobacco Use Prevention Education**
- **Pet Visitation**
- **Tutoring and Mentoring Projects**
- **Intergenerational Computer Projects**
- **Community Beautification and Neighborhood Clean Up Projects**
- **Homeless Shelter and Soup Kitchen Projects**
- **Nursing Home and Child Care Center Visits**

4-H is the youth development program of the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Want to learn more? Visit the Maryland 4-H Web Site to learn more about 4-H in Maryland and to locate the 4-H office nearest to you!

<http://www.maryland4h.org>