

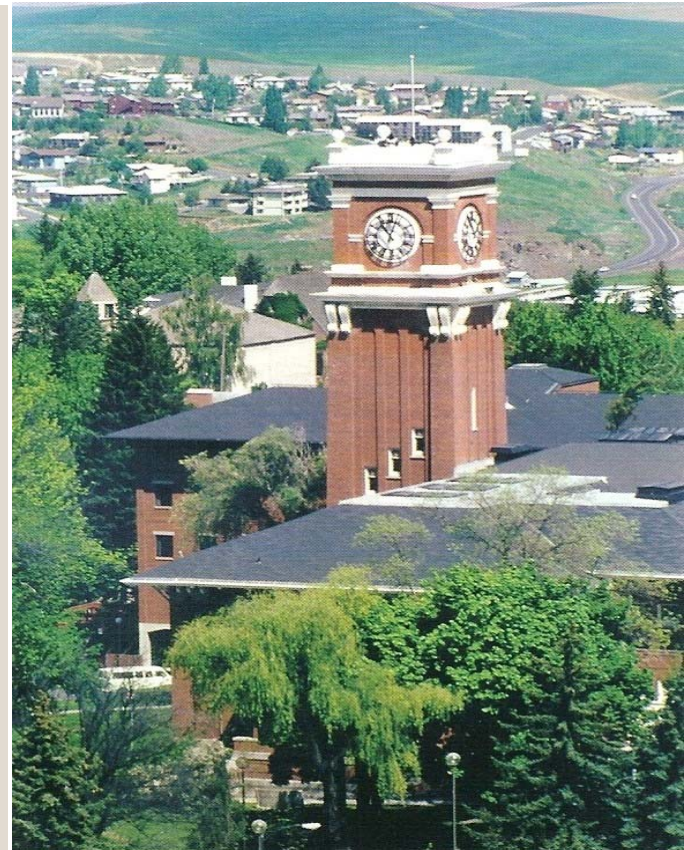
Swine Projects Improve Life Skill Development

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Mission of the WSU 4-H Youth Development Program



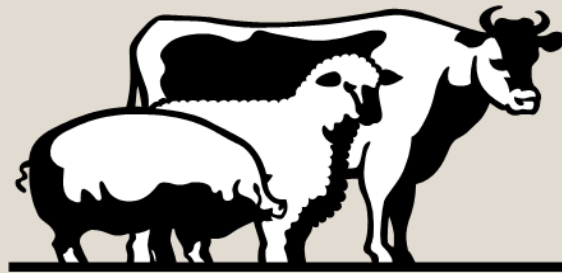
4-H teaches life-skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of society.

These skills give young people the tools necessary for successful adulthood.

Purpose of the 4-H Program



- Raise Blue Ribbon Kids!
- Create Future Leaders
- The project is the means to the end
 - 8 major project categories
 - Animal Science big in 4-H & FFA!
 - Over 80 projects + self-determined



FFA Mission

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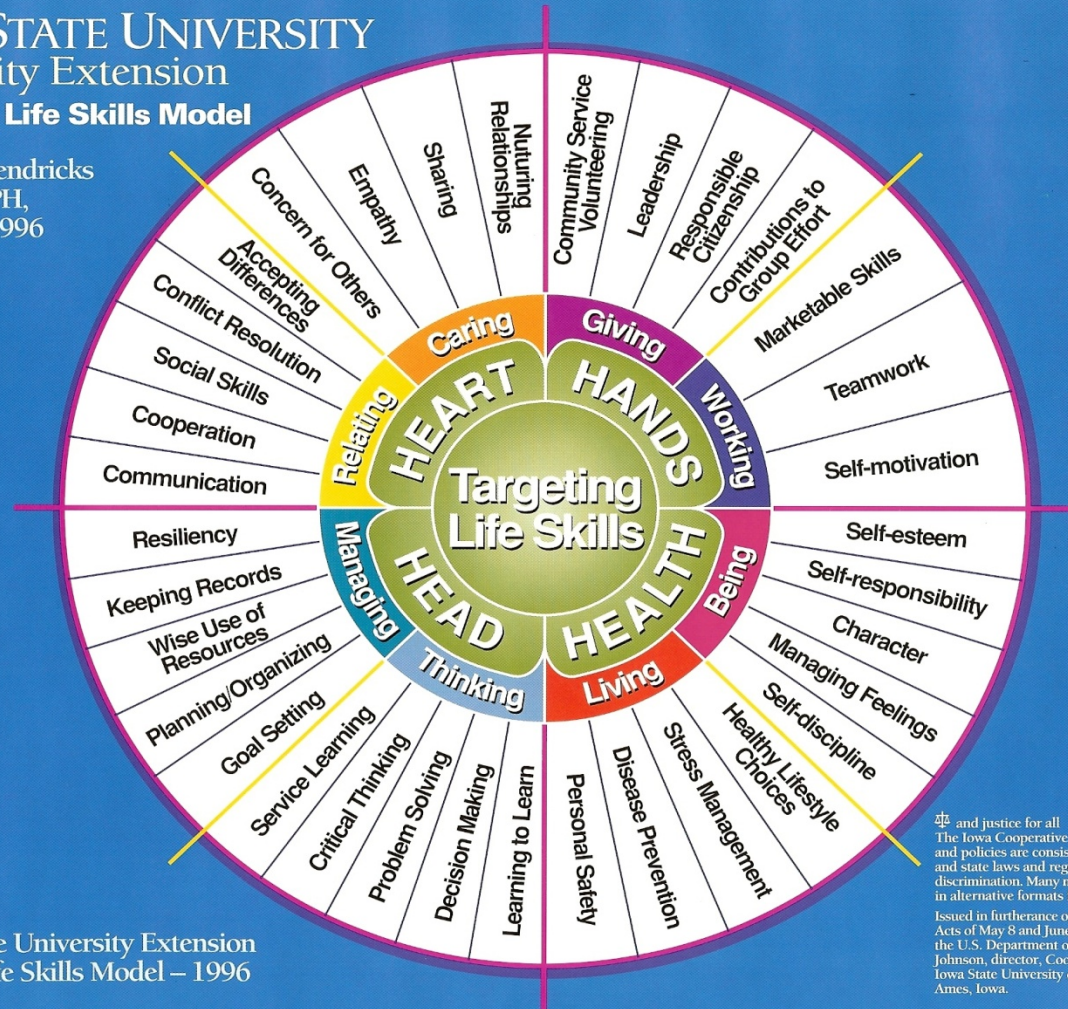
Life Skill Wheel



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Targeting Life Skills Model

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Life Skill Wheel

Provides the framework to:

- More clearly define life skills
- More clearly defend life skill development
- Incorporates the 4-H Clover Head, Heart, Hands, Health



Life Skill Wheel



- HEAD
 - Managing & Thinking
- HEART
 - Living & Being
- HANDS
 - Giving & Working
- HEALTH
 - Relating & Caring

Life Skills from Swine Projects



☒ Decision making

- Ability to select a project animal
- Observation – seeing differences and similarities
- Learn to make good decisions

☒ Goal setting

- Finished weight for the pig
- Learning goal for the project
- Exhibition goals
- Record keeping

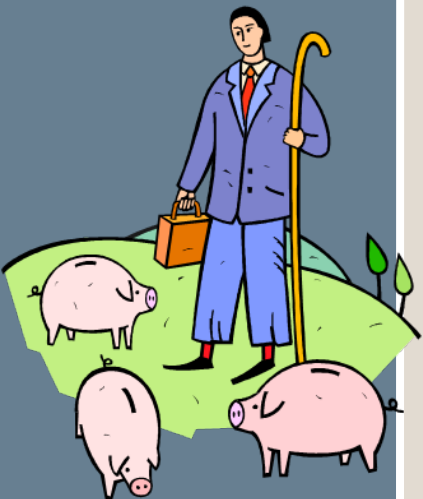
☒ Time management

- Busy youth
- Balance time between school, sports, family, project

☒ Responsibility & commitment

- Feed, water, care for animal day
- 6 month project or all year

Life Skills from Swine Projects



✓ Leadership

- Within club, chapter, school or community
- Teamwork, conflict resolution

✓ Cause & Effect – consequences

- Feed & water~pig grows
- Work with pig~do well in fair or show

✓ Competencies & Self-confidence

- Gain abilities that can share with others
- Gained skill that feel good about

✓ Cope with Grief – death loss

- Market animals ~ terminal project
- Loss of animal ~ euthanasia decision

6 "C's" of Success



- Competence
- Confidence
- Connection
- Character
- Compassion
- Communication



Career Opportunities in the Swine Industry

Positive life skill development



Success in college



Many satisfying career opportunities

- Business
- Bio-technology
- Public Relations
- Agronomy
- Communications
- Marketing
- Animal Science
- Education
- Veterinary Science



Swine Projects

**Yes, Swine Projects
most definitely improve
life skill development !**





Sources of information:

<http://4h.wsu.edu>

<http://www.ffa.org>

Thank You!