

4-H Delivery Methods

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Before You Get Started...

- *Delivery Methods* categories are from National 4-H Headquarters and used in the required year-end report.
- ES 237 – This is the required year-end report and most likely stands for Extension Service report # 237.
- Because the *delivery method* categories are used nationally they are also used in the 4-H Plus reporting system.
- The definitions below best represent Idaho 4-H Youth Development program and are in keeping with the intended national definitions.
- The national definitions have not changed in years!
- The terms *club*, *member*, and *project* are not interchangeable. (See below)
- Multi-county events – each county should report only youth from their county.

Note that there are eight delivery methods.

1. Organized Clubⁱ
 - Organized 4-H Community Club
 - Organized 4-H In-school Club
 - Organized 4-H Afterschool Club
 - Military 4-H Clubs
2. 4-H Special Interest/Short Term Programs
3. 4-H Overnight Camping Program
4. 4-H School Enrichment Programs
5. 4-H Individual Study/Mentoring/Family Learning
6. School Age Child Care Education Program
7. Instructional TV/Video
8. Group Volunteer Training

<i>Delivery Method</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Additional Information</i>
000 Activity	(Not applicable to Idaho 4-H YD)		
101 Organized 4-H Community Clubs	A club that is chartered through the county Extension office. Clubs should include at least 5 members. ⁱⁱ (See national definition below.) ⁱⁱⁱ		More information on <i>chartering</i> is coming to the Idaho 4-H web site. Currently, in Idaho

			“Project Clubs” and “Family Clubs” are entered under this delivery method.
102 Organized 4-H In-School Clubs	A club that meets during the course of the academic day within a school and that is chartered through the county Extension office.		
103 Organized 4-H After School Clubs	A club that meets during an afterschool (after the school day, fifth-day, early-out or release day) program and that is chartered through the county Extension office.	<i>YMCA has an afterschool program that meets 5 days per week. They asked 4-H to start a club during their afterschool program. The club meets every Tuesday and uses community member as certified volunteer leaders.</i>	The afterschool program may have other components in addition to a 4-H club.
104 Military 4-H Clubs	A club whose members are part of a military family and chartered through the nearest county Extension office.	<i>Parents in a local National Guard unit decided 4-H was a good program for their children. They organized a club with the county Extension support, certified volunteers and chartered their club. They hold club meetings, do activities and events at a community center.</i>	The club may meet on or off a military installation. If the reason for coming together is because the youth are members of military families then they would fit under this delivery method. (It is OK if the military club has children from a non-military family.) There is no national definition.

<p>200 4-H Special Interest/Short-term Programs</p>	<p>A variety of youth development activities and events that involve direct teaching by Extension staff or trained volunteers.^{iv}</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>4-H Friday Activity Day is held twice a month at a local school. Children do a variety of activities using 4-H curricula.</i> • <i>Ambassador Training, a teen leadership training held over a 3-day weekend at a camp facility.</i> • <i>Farm & Forest Fair-Extension faculty offer a day-long fair for elementary students, teaching them about best farm practices, food production and forest management practices.</i> • <i>Gardening classes offered to children every Saturday for six weeks. Children may attend one or all the classes.</i> 	<p>Multi-day meetings or conference on a college campus should be reported as short-term programs.^v</p> <p>Community event where 4-H has a booth and offers self-directed activities are marketing experiences, not educational experiences and should not be reported to 4-H Plus.</p>
<p>301 4-H Overnight Camping Programs</p>	<p>Educational experience of group living in the out-of-doors that includes an overnight stay.^{vi}</p>		

302 4-H Day Camping Programs	Day camps are usually theme based and <i>may</i> consist of multi-day programs with the youth returning home each evening. ^{vii}	<i>District III Lamb camp, wildlife camp, etc.</i>	
400 4-H School Enrichment Programs	Experiential learning activities that take place within a school setting during the academic day. They may take place at public or private school or for a home-school association.		Nutrition education programs <i>may</i> be reported here.
500 4-H Individual Study/Mentoring/Family Learning	A single child doing a project or activity, working independently, not in a club. One-to-one training may take place. May include working with a single family doing a specific activity.		
600 School Aged Child Care Education Programs Note: This category is referred to as “4-H Afterschool”	Experiential learning activities or sequential hands-on activities that take place afterschool, on early release days, and fifth-day or when school is not in session during the standard academic year. This includes learning labs, programs, and project activities. The children may engage in project work, do community service, and exhibit projects and other creative works.	<i>Extension 4-H partners with a school-funded afterschool program. The children do two 4-H projects during the year, a community serves project, and exhibit their project at a community fair. They have opted not to set up a charter and become a 4-H Afterschool club.</i> <i>Extension staff teach at a community-funded afterschool program. They teach the children six activities on bugs over a six week period in the Fall and six activities on bread in the Spring.</i>	The 4-H Afterschool program may be Extension run or in partnership with a community organization or school. 4-H clubs in afterschool setting should be reported under <i>103 Organized 4-H After School Clubs</i> . If the reason for offering the program is to reach youth because school is not in session then it is considered “4-H Afterschool.”

		<p><i>The county Extension office has a learning lab on a science topic every third-Friday of the month at the Extension office. This is an early-release day at the school. Children from the elementary school sign-up and come to the learning lab.</i></p>	
700 Instructional TV/ Video Programs	Programs, activities, events that are <i>not</i> face-to-face instruction. May be done through a variety of media. (For example: pod-casts, web-based, on-line learning)		
900 Group Volunteer Training	Any training/instruction provided to volunteers, done in a group setting.		This category is not usually used by Idaho 4-H.

Other Definitions:

- Club – Clubs should consist of at least 5 members, (4-H Policy & Procedures, p.4)
- Member– No definition as of Spring 2009
- Project
 - A 4-H Project is a planned sequence of age-appropriate and research-based learning opportunities. As a result of long-term active engagement in the project, the youth gains knowledge and develops skills based on planned goals and identified outcomes. 4-H project work is guided by trained adults who help youth set goals and provide access to appropriate curricula and resources.^{viii}
 - Projects are designed to provide progressive learning for the 4-H member, (4-H Policy & Procedures, p.5)
 - Project requirements listed in 4-H Policy & Procedures, p.5
- 4-H Participant (not in a club) – No definition as of Spring 2009

ⁱ Although the 2008-09 4-H Policy and Procedures, 4-H Program Delivery Options, page 3 states the term “club” includes all delivery methods, this is not how participation in 4-H YD program is reported.

ⁱⁱ 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures 2008-09, Membership: Membership & Age Requirements, page 4.

ⁱⁱⁱ National 4-H Headquarters Fact Sheet, What is a 4-H Club. “An organized group of at least five youth from three different families who meet regularly with adult volunteers or staff for a long-term, progressive series of educational experiences.”

^{iv} ES 237 Definitions and Information. Allan T. Smith, Program Leader ES-USDA 4-H.

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^{viii} National 4-H Headquarters Fact Sheet, What is a 4-H Club. <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs-clubs9-08.pdf>