# Miami County 4-H Foundation

## Beyond Ready: Empowering Youth to Lead, Serve, and Succeed in Marais des Cygnes District 4-H 2026

The Marais des Cygnes District 4-H Program enrollment:

**4-H Club Members = 470**

**4-H Cloverbud Members (5-6 year olds) = 42**

**Screened Adult Volunteers = 105**

**In 2026, District 4-H Staff taught**
**78 Workshops/Day Camps/Activities reaching 2,162 contacts**







**The Miami County 4-H Foundation's financial support helps expand opportunities for youth participation and engagement in the following ways:**

### Library STEM Afterschool

Thanks to support from the Miami County 4-H Foundation, our Library STEM Programs continue to grow. Through partnerships with four district libraries, we provide monthly afterschool STEM workshops for Kindergarten through 5th-grade youth, with a fifth library joining in Fall 2026. Your investment is helping expand access to hands-on STEM learning for more youth across our communities.

### County Day Camps

Support from the Miami County 4-H Foundation helped make our district day camps affordable and accessible for families. A total of 66 youth participated in the two day camps, where local 4-H Leadership Team members planned and led engaging educational activities. Foundation funding helped offset program costs, allowing us to provide a full day of learning and leadership experiences for just $10 per participant.

## Kansas State Fair Recognition at Achievement Celebration!

New this year, the Miami County 4-H Foundation sponsored recognition stickers for 4-H members who participated in the Kansas State Fair. These stickers celebrated youth who exhibited projects, competed in contests, or showed animals, providing a visible way to recognize their achievements and encourage continued participation.

## Mood Board Workshops

With support from the Miami County 4-H Foundation, we offered hands-on learning opportunities in the newly redesigned 4-H Interior Design and Architecture Project. Youth explored design principles by creating mood boards and participated in Marble Run activities that can be exhibited as project entries, helping them develop creativity, problem-solving, and design skills.

## Art Afterschool

With support from the Miami County Quilt Guild and the Miami County 4-H Foundation, our 4-H Art Afterschool Program expanded to both Paola and Mound City, serving 80 youth. The workshops provided free, hands-on experiences in visual and fiber arts, helping youth build creativity and artistic skills.

## District 4-H Cloverbuds

Miami County 4-H Foundation funding supports monthly Cloverbud meetings for 5- and 6-year-olds by providing supplies for hands-on activities such as Building Block Engineering. These experiences introduce our youngest members to 4-H projects while encouraging creativity, exploration, and learning.

## Pie Camp

Eleven 4-H members and leaders participated in a Pie Day Camp, where they learned the art of pie making through hands-on experiences. Participants compared pie crusts made with butter, oil, and shortening and created either an apple or cherry pie to take home and bake. Foundation support helped make this affordable learning experience possible.

## Volunteer Screening

Miami County 4-H Foundation funding helps keep our program safe by providing free background screenings for 4-H volunteers. This investment supports strong youth-adult partnerships and ensures a safe, positive environment for all participants.

**Funding from the Miami County 4-H Foundation helped make these workshops, day camps, and activities free or low cost for local youth. Through these educational adventures, young people gained access to hands-on 4-H learning opportunities that inspired growth, exploration, and new skills.**