



4-H Nature Clubs

Get into the outdoors!

What Are Nature Clubs?

Inspired by the Backyards & Beyond curriculum developed by Arizona 4-H, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Phenology Network, and Children & Nature Network, **Nature Clubs** are designed to “connect youth with the outdoors through creative, active, and meaningful experiences in nature.”

The intention of **Nature Clubs** participation is to connect youth with the outdoors by:

- Nurturing a child/nature relationship
- Inspiring a sense of wonder
- Enjoying the freedom to play
- Instilling a sense of place
- Engaging in environmental action

Nature Club Leaders serve as mentors who guide children in explorations of the nature in their own neighborhoods. Together they explore the nature around them and initiate environmental projects that conserve natural resources in their communities. Through Nature Clubs, children hone the leadership skills to become environmental stewards of the future.



A lifetime connection to the natural world can start right in your own backyard.



Conservation Benefits

Engage youth and families in exploring the natural environment around them.

Develop a sense of place based on knowledge and appreciation of nature.

Lead participants to make personal commitments that benefit the environment.

Explore topics and engage in activities related to sustainability practices, natural resource conservation, citizen science, community development and environmental action.

Help build an ethic of stewardship in daily life .

Lead to involvement in volunteer activities generate interest in natural resource professions .

