Join Us!

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm from October - July. The 4-H fair is held in August.

Meeting Locations:
- Strong Farm (in Spring) 274 West St., Vernon, CT
- Ellington Library (in Winter) 93 Main St., Ellington, CT

Cost:
There is no charge to become a member. If you do not own a rabbit you can lease a rabbit from a current member for a minimal cost.

Contact:
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The Hop Along Gang
A Tolland County 4-H Club

Our 4-H club focuses on educating kids on handling and caring for rabbits.
children a chance to showcase all the work they put into their rabbit project.

**Community Service**

Community service is a big part of being a member of 4-H. Our club volunteers at a few local events throughout the 4-H year. At these events we bring our rabbits to show the community how to care for a rabbit and answer any questions they may have about rabbits and/or 4-H while giving them a chance to be hands on with the rabbits.

**4-H Fair**

At the 4-H Fair the children get to showcase all they have worked on throughout the 4-H year. They handle and show their rabbit, take a short knowledge test and hand in their record book.

**Meetings**

The monthly meetings are run by the kids. They work on handling the rabbits including how to properly flip a rabbit and practice showmanship. They work on gaining knowledge about rabbits while discussing fun facts. Did you know rabbits are born with their eyes closed? They work on completing a record book. At each meeting they do a fun game/craft/activity.

**Showmanship**

Showmanship is a combination of: (1) your appearance; (2) knowledge about rabbits; (3) handling and showing your rabbit, including knowing its faults according to the ARBA breed standard; and (4) sportsmanship and show ring ethics. We teach this while providing a fun and interesting environment for our youth.

**Record Books**

A record book is a “snapshot” of the entire 4-H year. In the record book you document what you worked on, how long you worked with the rabbit, the cost of caring for the rabbit and any community service you completed. It gives the