

Let the journey begin!

4-H Backpack to Adventure: Youth Leaders in a Global World is an innovative, competency-driven and research-based curriculum from Michigan State University Extension. It is designed for adult and teen volunteers, parents, professionals and others to use in working with young people aged 9 to 19 to develop the knowledge and skills they need to become youth leaders in an interconnected, global environment.

The learning activities are appropriate for use in nonformal educational settings such as 4-H clubs and groups, after-school and out-of-school programs, home school classes, school enrichment programs and camps. The activities can also be used in classrooms.

Unique features of this flexible curriculum include:

- ▶ The “4-H Backpacks to Adventure” that young people create either on their own or in teams.
- ▶ A focus on five competencies (5Cs) that young people will need to become leaders – locally and globally – in a globalized, rapidly changing and interconnected world. The 5Cs are character, citizenship, communication, creativity and culture.
- ▶ A “Resource Matrix” that shows which of the 5Cs are addressed in each activity and that links to many more learning opportunities.
- ▶ The activities are matched to the 2010 National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies.

You don’t have to be a leadership or international studies expert to work with young people using this curriculum.



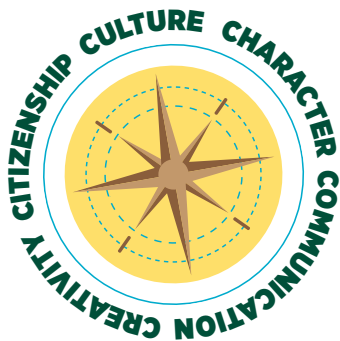
“The challenges that face the world today – from global poverty and climate change to financial systems and conflict – require globally minded solutions. Global competency skills are necessary so that young people can invent a future that appropriately addresses global challenges.”
– van Fleet & Winthrop, 2010



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You can buy print or electronic (pdf) versions of *4-H Backpack to Adventure: Youth Leaders in a Global World* (4H1643) from the MSU Extension Bookstore at <http://shop.msu.edu/>.



“There is an emerging movement worldwide to give the youth a direct role in shaping policies and programs. Young people have tremendous creativity and energy that can be tapped to promote development and help ensure that they achieve their fullest potential.”
– UNICEF, 2007

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