

The 4-H Trajectory:

How Extension Councils Can Support Progressive 4-H Experiences

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Welcome! We're glad you're here!

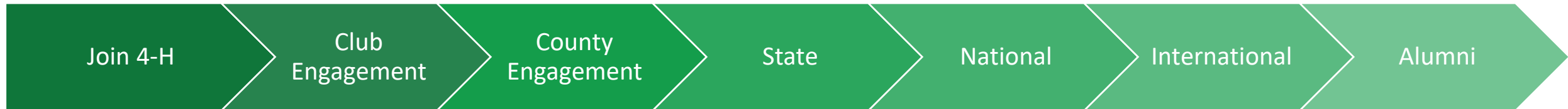
Ice Breaker: Help me know who is here.

In the chat box, share...

- Your name
- Your county
- If you are a 4-H alumni, what is your favorite 4-H memory?
- What do you hope to learn or gain tonight?



What is the 4-H Trajectory?



The 4-H Experience: Scaffolding

Scaffolding: Basing the learning experience on youth interest and strengths, then providing an appropriate challenge for new growth and skill building.

Adults offer feedback and support youth learning, stepping back as youth grow in confidence and proficiency.



Scaffold Learning Example: Food & Nutrition



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The 4-H Experience: Progressive Learning

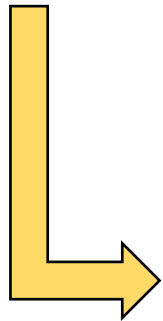
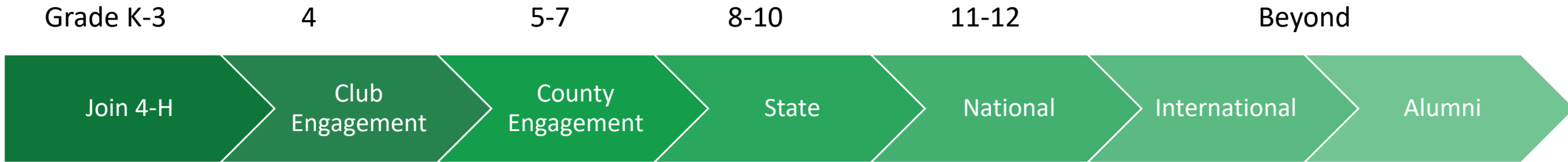
Progressive Learning Experiences: Educational experiences intended to educate the “whole child” by attending to their physical, emotional, and intellectual growth.

Progressive learning is...

- student-centered teaching & learning approach
- empowering youth to determine their learning goals
- Supported by a caring adult



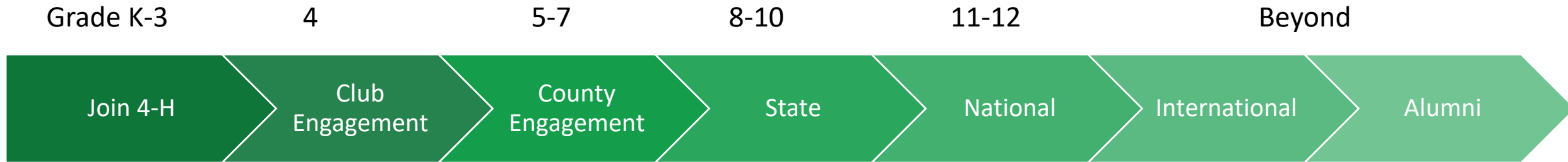
The 4-H Participation Trajectory: Membership



- Clover Kids K-3
- 4-H Clubs 4-12
 - Community Clubs
 - Special Interest Clubs
- In School Clubs
- Afterschool Clubs



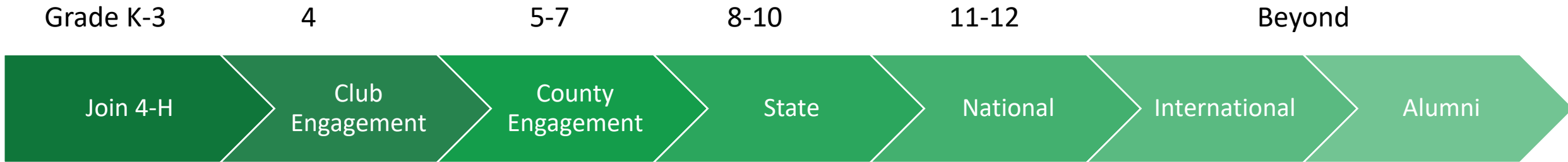
The 4-H Participation Trajectory: Club Engagement



- Public speaking
- Participate in club activity planning & decision making
- Learn parliamentary procedure
- Opportunities for Service
- Opportunities to lead (committees, officer roles)
- Record keeping
- Explore sparks through project learning
- Establish & grow relationships with peers and caring adult volunteer(s)



The 4-H Participation Trajectory: County

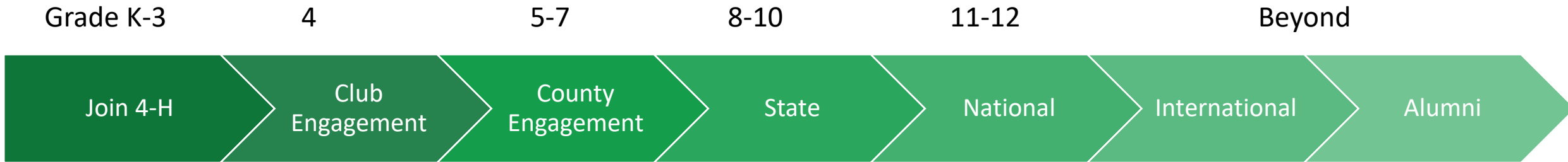


Some counties collaborate with other counties to offer multi-county/regional opportunities!



- Workshops
- Events
- Project-based learning groups
- County Council
- Youth Committee
- County Fair
- Award opportunities
- Mentorship

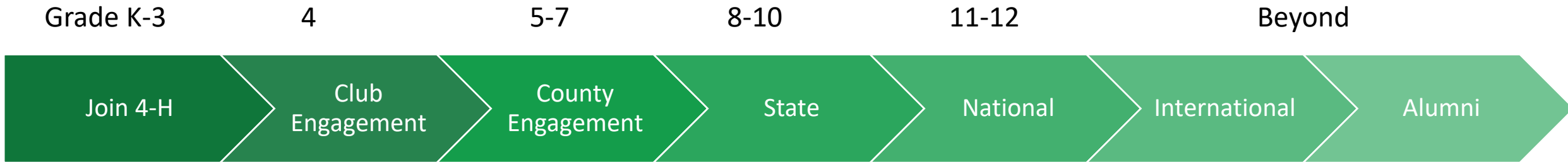
The 4-H Participation Trajectory: State



- Iowa State Fair
- Statewide Special Interest Clubs
- Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- Crop Scouting
- Equine Extravaganza
- Career Pathways Academy
- State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa
- Animal Science Roundup
- Iowa 4-H Reporters
- 4-H Connect Retreat
- State 4-H Council
- Healthy Living Ambassadors
- Camera Corps
- Recognition Opportunities
- Scholarships
- Awardrobe
- **...and more!**



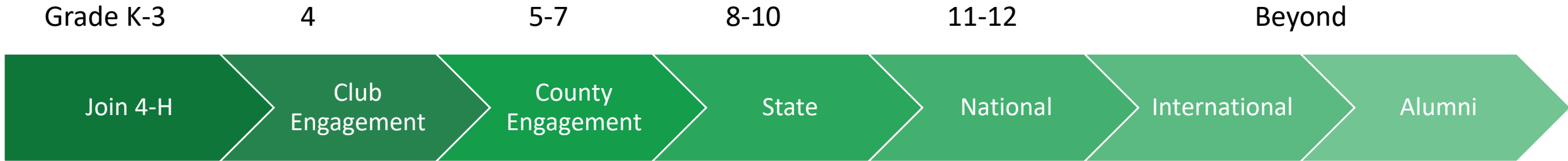
The 4-H Participation Trajectory: National



- Citizenship Washington Focus
- National 4-H Conference
- National 4-H Congress
- National Summit Series
- 4-H Youth in Action Awards



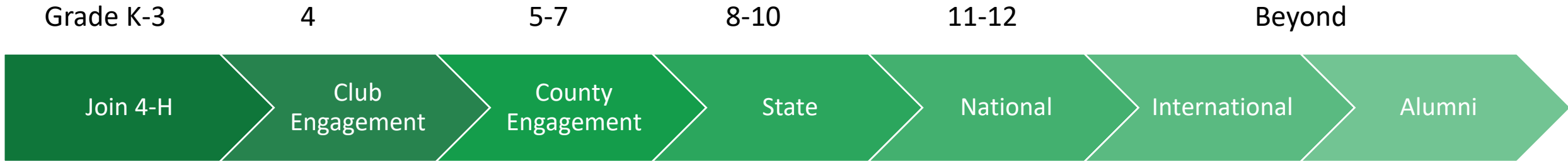
The 4-H Participation Trajectory: International



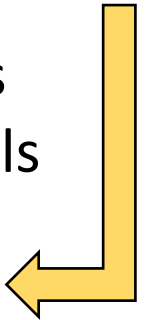
- State's Exchange
- IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange)



The 4-H Participation Trajectory: Alumni



- Productive community members
- College and career readiness skills
- Successful professionals
- 4-H Volunteers/Leaders
- Elected officials
- 4-H Youth Development Professionals



Your Role in Promoting the 4-H Trajectory: Extension Councils

- Understand the 4-H trajectory and be able to articulate the benefits of scaffolded, progressive learning experiences for local youth
- Allocating funding to support youth experiences beyond the county
- Invest in professional development opportunities for youth-serving staff
- Build a strong working relationship with 4-H youth development staff
- Program committees make progressive experiences a priority



The Role of Fairs, Achievement Shows, and Exhibition in the 4-H Youth Development Experience

- Celebrate the learning that occurs throughout the year in 4-H
- Showcase exhibits that demonstrate project learning
- Opportunity to reflect on their learning by preparing their write-up and conferencing with a caring adult
 - Experiential learning model

Note: Youth can still have a vibrant, meaningful 4-H experience on the 4-H trajectory without exhibiting at a fair or achievement show.



What questions do you have
about supporting the 4-H
trajectory in your local 4-H
program?

Unmute yourself or respond in chat.



Thank You!

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