

4-H has computers as well

By KATE GILDERDALE

The traditional image of 4-H is of an organization for the farming community, teaching young people the skills of rural life. In fact, the clubs offer a much broader spectrum of projects, as 17-year-old David Irwin discovered when he enrolled in a 4-H computer club.

"I started when I was almost 13," says David, who has lived in Stouffville all his life. "I was interested in computers and there was a 4-H project where we

learned how to operate them and also something about programming.

His interest aroused, he began to take part in other projects that appealed to him.

His awareness of the program's diversity came through his mother, who is a 4-H leader in the community. There are usually about 10 people in each club and meetings are held on Wednesday evenings, either at David's home or at the home of Barb Lintner, the other area leader.

David has worked on various topics such as fitness and safety (including a first aid course) with his latest project entitled Much Ado About Meat.

He has also taken a baking

course. Projects usually take about six weeks, David explains, depending on the topic concerned.

Although he's the only boy currently in the club,

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David Irwin of Stouffville says that 4-H Clubs have a lot to offer — even for boys. He first joined to take a computer course and has also studied first aid.

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