

# Deeper Involvement for 4-H Parents

Why should these kids have all of the fun? If you are enjoying 4-H and want to do more, here are some ways you can make more of your family's membership. 4-H is also a good volunteer opportunity if your place of employment asks you to volunteer.

## Leadership Roles

**Project Leader:** Do you have a hobby you are passionate about and want to share with the club? Become a project leader! You don't even have to know everything about everything in the project. The organization has curriculum available that you can work through with the kids. Your enthusiasm for the project area is probably the most valuable thing you can bring to this leadership role. Your knowledge is good too, but enthusiasm is infectious. **Responsibility Level: moderate**

**Parent Committee:** There are big events that require organization outside of the business portion of the club meeting. Parent committees are formed to make certain these events are handled effectively. They also assist the club leader.

**Responsibility level: moderate**

**Club Leader:** The Club Leader is the main liaison between the club and the extension office. They make sure the club officers get their documents in, such as the treasurer's statement for financials and the secretary's book for a record of what happened at the meetings. They communicate the schedules for county and district wide events so the club members don't miss opportunities for shows or exhibits. The Club Leaders also meet with the 4-H agent to receive important information and education. If your club is seeking rewards such as pins or seals which lend to notoriety and credibility within the community, an active and involved Club Leader is important. Every club does 4-H their own way, but for the kids to have the best experience and chance at scholarships, an involved Club Leader is invaluable. **Responsibility level: high**

**County Project Leader:** If you have a deep commitment to a certain project area, you may want to eventually become a county wide project leader. This role would involve kids from clubs all across the county who would attend your project meetings to learn and grow within the project. Common project areas are, but are not limited to: Horse, Rabbit, Dog, Shooting Sports, and more. For more information about this role and project clubs, please contact your county or district 4-H Agent.

**Responsibility level: highest**

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Fair:** It takes a lot to put on an event like Fair. We need super intendants, the clubs to help with clean up, set up, concessions stands, tear down and clean up again. The kids do a lot of the work, but an adult around to help them stay focused and on task is important. Ask your Club Leader what areas you can help with.

**Club Days:** Club Days is a big event that also requires help to run. Each club rotates members and parents through a shift as room monitors who are essential to helping the day run efficiently and maintain the judges' ability to work quickly. You can also join tge 4-H Council Club Day committee to help set up and take down for the event.

## External Ways to Support 4-H

**4-H Foundation:** As a member of the 4-H Foundation, you will help with fundraising events that provide funding for district wide programs such as Cloverbuds, subsidizing Rock Springs Ranch Camp attendance, State Conferences, Workshops and much more programing to support youth development in our community. For more information, call or visit your nearest extension office on how you can be part of keeping our area children engaged and learning.



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