

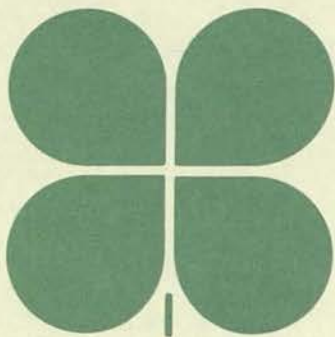
What every parent can do

The most successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents. If you are wondering just how you can help in 4-H, here are some suggestions.

- ✿ Advise your boy or girl in selecting 4-H projects.
- ✿ Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Learn what is required of the members.
- ✿ Help guide your youngster with the project, but don't do the job for him.

- ✿ See that when a project is started it is completed satisfactorily. (Projects should be suited to the ability of your child.)
- ✿ Provide transportation to local meetings and county-wide events in which your child or others of the club are interested. Don't wait to be asked; volunteer this help.
- ✿ Attend club meetings and other club functions.
- ✿ Keep informed on 4-H information that comes to members of your family.
- ✿ Offer your services to assist the local leader.
- ✿ If the need arises, help find a local leader for the club in your community. Always support the leader selected. There is probably a place for you to serve as a leader...perhaps as project leader in a field which interests you. Discuss this with your extension agent.

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Parents

you're partners in 4-H



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Dear parents,

We are happy that your child has joined 4-H. We know that you want him or her to have the best opportunities available. Belonging to 4-H gives many such opportunities. You also want your child to be successful. We have found that behind each successful 4-H boy and girl stood a 4-H parent who encouraged, guided, and backed him or her. We hope that you will become interested in the 4-H program by helping your child in this new venture. Make 4-H a family affair.

4-H OFFERS

An opportunity for boys and girls to participate in one or several projects. Such as:

Dog care
Cooking and sewing
Gardening
Photography
Child development
or about 20 other projects

Horsemanship
Livestock production
Entomology
Electricity
Safety



These projects help members learn how to make decisions and do tasks in the home, yard, on the farm or in the community. Members also try to learn why they are doing certain things — to use their heads as well as their hands.

4-H members have the opportunity to:

Be leaders and followers
Get along with others
Compete for honors
Use musical talents
Learn to do by doing

Practice citizenship
Attend camps
Visit college campuses
Accept responsibility
Make decisions

and apply 4-H knowledge in their homes, schools and communities.



The club in your community

The 4-H Club in your community usually meets once a month in homes or at community centers. Members choose their own officers and plan meetings. These include a business session, programs, and recreation periods. Additional project meetings also are held locally.

Each local 4-H Club has volunteer adult leaders — people like you with a family and lots of work to do. They guide the general activities of the club and its members. Adult leaders receive assistance from county extension agents located at your county seat. Each county has one or more agents.

If you have questions feel free to contact a local 4-H leader in your neighborhood. If you need additional help please call us at the county extension office.

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