

Volunteer Leader Handbook

Responsibilities of 4-H Members

What Parents Need to Know

4-H parents need to know what is expected of the 4-H member to effectively assist their child. 4-H's goal is to meet the basic needs of youth and assist them in acquiring essential life skills through planned "learn by doing" experiences. The 4-H program provides its members with many opportunities. It helps develop skills and interests. It offers trips and scholarships for those that put forth that extra effort. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to get involved and to take advantage of the opportunities provided in 4-H.

Some of the major responsibilities of the 4-H member are listed below:

- Complete a 4-H Enrollment Form each year and give to the 4-H club organizational leader.
- Select a 4-H project with the help of your parents.
- Read the 4-H project book you receive and do the activities in the book.
- Attend and participate in 4-H club meetings and activities.
- Attend and participate in county, district, and state activities, workshops, and programs when possible.
- Help plan and support 4-H club activities – community service, fund-raising, etc.
- Read the 4-H mail that comes to your home. Share this information with your parents.
- Keep a current and up-to-date 4-H calendar of meetings and activities. Ask parents to remind you of upcoming events and due dates.
- Ask your parent, relative, or other adult to serve as a 4-H project home helper to assist you with your 4-H project.
- Serve as an officer of the club or on a committee when asked.
- Take an active part in the 4-H club meeting.
- Prepare a written record of your 4-H project work and turn in to the 4-H club leader at the appropriate time.
- Share a hobby, skill, or interest of yours with other 4-H club members during a meeting or workshop.
- Keep parents informed about 4-H club meetings, projects, and activities.

Since most groups or clubs are judged by the behavior of individual members, it is the responsibility of the 4-H member to conduct himself/herself at all times during 4-H meetings and activities in a manner that would be a credit to the individual, the family, the 4-H club, the county, and the state.

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