

How Can Adults Get Involved in 4-H?

The educative quality of the 4-H experience of an individual member is dependent upon the "volunteer adult leader."

Each of these descriptive words is important!

- Since the leader is a **VOLUNTEER**, he or she is motivated by a sincere interest in young people and a desire to assist in their development.
- As an **ADULT**, the leader provides mature philosophy and judgment in counsel and relationships with members.
- As a **LEADER**, he or she functions as a combination teacher and counselor.
- The relationship between a member and his or her leader is a unique relationship based upon the voluntary commitment of both.
- Adult leaders serve as **POSITIVE ROLE MODELS** and are critical to the program success

Types of Leaders

Volunteers are critical to the 4-H program as their diversity, individuality and concern for others allows them the ability to "Make the Best Better."

- **Organizational** - give guidance and direction to club members and parents.

Leaders of community or school clubs that meet on a regular schedule.

- **Project** - major responsibility is assisting 4-H members with the 4-H projects. These leaders usually share a skill or talent, in several sessions, in a short period of time.
- **Activity** - help sponsor and participate in special activities and events on the local, county, and state levels. Demonstrations, judging, public speaking, recreation, 4-H camp.
- **4-H Council Members** - The **Jefferson County 4-H Council, Inc.** meets five times a year to plan, support and evaluate the local 4-H program. They also recruit, train and recognize 4-H volunteers and secure financial support for the program.
- **Other Involvement** -
 - staff a Reality Store booth
 - serve as a judge at contests or events
 - be a guest speaker for a program
 - provide transportation and/or refreshments for an event
 - public relations opportunities
 - chaperone events
 - work at a fund raising event
 - assist with activities

Who Are They?

Parents, relatives, your next door neighbor, church members, teacher,

business leaders. Everyone has something to offer to help.

What Are the Roles of a Leader?

- To give guidance and direction to club members and parents
- To provide guidance and direction for developing the club program
- To work with club officers and committees
- To develop and maintain community support
- To serve as a contact person for the community or Extension Office when requested
- To work with other leaders such as project and activity leaders
- Give overall direction to the County 4-H Program



To become an **ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADER**, please contact a 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent or call 569-2344. All adult leaders complete a volunteer application, interview with a 4-H representative, attend training and commit to uphold 4-H standards.

How Can My Child Join 4-H?

Contact the Jefferson County 4-H/Youth Development Office at 569-2344. A 4-H Agent or leader will be in touch to give you additional information and to let you know about 4-H clubs/opportunities in your community or school. If there is not a 4-H Club in your community, with the help of a parent or other responsible adult, the 4-H office will work with you to organize a new club. At least one responsible adult volunteer is needed to start a new club.

Being a 4-H member can cost very little. Each club decides whether they want to collect membership dues and, if so, how much to charge. Members may have to pay for supplies for 4-H projects but there are many low and no cost projects to make. Many times you can find what you need right around the home. Some trips, camps, etc. carry a registration fee. 4-H attempts to keep all fees as reasonable as possible and, when possible, offers scholarships for low income youth.

In what activities and project may my child participate?

What are some of the 4-H projects to choose from?

- ◆Foods
- ◆Clothing
- ◆Gardening
- ◆Babysitting
- ◆Safety
- ◆Photography
- ◆Dog
- ◆Geology
- ◆Workforce Preparation
- ◆Woodwork
- ◆Crafts
- ◆Horticulture
- ◆Weather
- ◆Electricity
- ◆Horse
- ◆Service Learning
- ◆Home Environment
- ◆Health and Wellness

What are some of the activities 4-H sponsors?

- ◆4-H Camp
- ◆4-H Fair
- ◆Variety Show
- ◆Judging Events and Show
- ◆Fashion Review
- ◆Communications
- ◆Tours/Field Trips

Do You Recognize This Symbol?



If you've ever been a Jefferson County 4-H member or a 4-H volunteer, **WE'D LOVE TO KNOW!** We'll add your name to the alumni register that will be kept in the archives in the Jefferson County 4-H office. It will be updated annually.

Just call **569-2344** to register. There is no cost. Call (569-2344; fax (569-3958); write (810 Barret Ave., Louisville, KY 40204); or e-mail mnorris@uky.edu today. We'd love to hear from you!

For you, For 4-H, Forever.