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# Oregon 4-H Clubs . . . What you should know

Oregon 4-H Club work is the youth education program of the Oregon State College Extension Service in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and our various counties and cities. All states and some 49 foreign countries have 4-H Clubs or similar groups modeled after our 4-H program.

Club work is carried on locally by your county Extension Service, with the cooperation of volunteer leaders, sponsors, and you—the 4-H parents. Extension workers are staff members of Oregon State College. They bring to the leaders and to you the latest information from research on better practices in agriculture, home economics, and community living in town or country.

The county Extension Service supplies the needed bulletins for the 4-H program and holds project training meetings for leaders.

## The Club

A local Club consists of five or more boys and girls, ages 9-21, under the guidance of an adult leader. Members of the Club elect their own officers, conduct their own meetings, thereby practicing leadership and citizenship. The Club program may include business meetings, project sessions, and special Club events.

## The Project

Each member carries at least one project. The wide variety of projects include: livestock, clothing, foods, home improvement, forestry, electricity, entomology, crafts, gardening, and crops.

Whatever project the Club member chooses, he receives help from Club leaders, parents, and

the county Extension Office. 4-H members' expenses generally are limited to providing project materials.

All projects provide the opportunity to take part in activities such as demonstrations, tours, judging, and exhibiting.

## The Leader

The adult 4-H leader volunteers the time he spends with Club members. He is the Club advisor in planning and conducting meetings and activities.

Many 4-H Clubs also have junior leaders. They are older Club members who take some leadership responsibility in the local Club and at the same time have an opportunity to develop their own leadership ability.



# . . . What parents can do to help

The children of today are the parents of tomorrow. Their success in 4-H depends on parent interest. You can help your boy or girl be a better parent tomorrow by taking time today to:

**Show** your interest and enthusiasm for the 4-H Club program.

**Learn** about his 4-H projects, club meetings, and activities.

**See** that he has proper tools and/or materials with which to do the project work.

**Allow** him to make decisions, with your guidance.

**Give** him opportunity to do his own work.

**See** that he gets to 4-H Club meetings and events.

**Attend** 4-H special events and some of his 4-H meetings.

**Help** him see the satisfaction of completing his projects.

**Serve** as a local leader or lend a hand whenever needed.

**Stand** behind local leaders' decisions.



## .. What they mean to you

Working together gives you a chance to become better acquainted with your children and their friends. There are many satisfactions in Club work—it is worth it!

- 4-H is a program to help you develop your own son or daughter.
- 4-H develops common interests between you and your children.
- 4-H encourages family cooperation and mutual respect.
- 4-H work can interest your whole family.
- 4-H teaches skills, attitudes, and ideals.
- 4-H may help sons or daughters develop career interests important to their future.

*You are invited to visit your Extension office to get acquainted with your 4-H Club agents and learn what you can do to help.*



*4-H Club Work is a  
Family Program*

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