4-H is a Family Affair

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Members benefit when parents/guardians are involved in 4-H. Parents and volunteers, who take time to learn about and understand 4-H, are of greater assistance to their child and the 4-H program.

Members need parental encouragement to see project work through. Significant adults keep members focused on what they are learning, not just winning.

Parents are important people. The time, talents and assistance provided by parents strengthen the total 4-H program.

Parental participation strengthens the local 4-H club. Parents are needed to chaperone and provide transportation for local and county 4-H events. 4-H members may need your assistance to provide refreshments at club meetings.

Parents are needed to assume leadership roles. A healthy club requires more than one organizational leader providing leadership for everything and everyone. As a vital link in the 4-H leadership team, parents will be asked to serve on local and county committees. The committees will plan and conduct activities and events. Adults are encouraged to create healthy youth-adult partnerships within the committee structure.

A parent may be asked to share subject matter knowledge with a project group. The subject matter could include a hobby or occupation. It may even include scheduling a tour or field trip. This may eventually lead to a parent serving as project and activity leaders for other 4-H members.

Parents must stay informed. Communication is vital in supporting your child’s 4-H experience.

It is the family’s responsibility to read and respond in a timely manner, to the Newsletter, Yearbook and written correspondence received from local and county programs.

Don’t hesitate to ask questions of local and county volunteers and Extension Educators.

Parents receive many levels of satisfaction from 4-H. They enjoy seeing their children and other children grow and develop.

Parents grow personally through new experiences and challenges.

Parents also have the satisfaction of serving the community through 4-H.