

4-H Project Work

Consider the following when guiding a child in selecting a 4-H project.

- Interests, needs, and capabilities of the child
- Opportunity for sufficient challenge and growth
- Family situation
- Availability of adequate financing
- Availability of equipment and space
- Availability of leadership for the project

4-H Projects provide opportunities for:

- Participation
- Developing communication skills
- Keeping records
- Productive leisure time
- Sharing ideas
- Recognition



4-H provides a world of opportunity.

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4-H Pledge

I pledge

My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service, and
My health to better living for my club,
my community, my country, and my world.

4-H Parents Pledge

*I pledge my **Head** to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly and to make wise decisions.*

*I pledge my **Heart** to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has success or disappointments.*

*I pledge my **Hands** to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.*

*I pledge my **Health** to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.*

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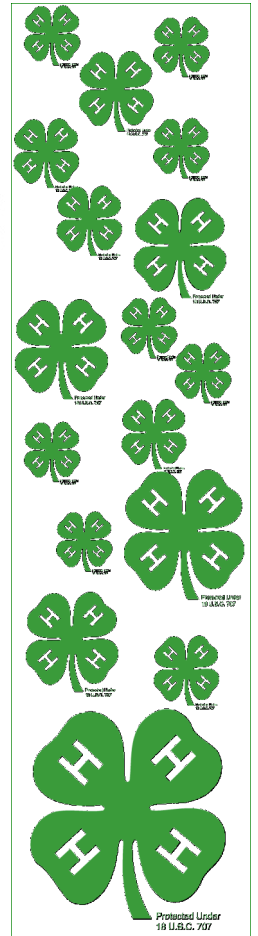
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Being a 4-H Parent


Montana 4-H Center
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Montana
4-H Youth Development

Your Role

Parent's Role in Project Work

- Aid in selecting, financing, and managing.
- Guide and support work without doing it for them.
- Encourage follow-through and completion.
- Give praise and encouragement.
- Assist in gathering tools and supplies.
- Encourage record keeping.
- Provide support and transportation.
- Assist organizational, project and activity leaders.
- Become a project or activity leader.
- Serve on committees to plan and implement club activities or project meetings.
- Become a certified 4-H volunteer.

Family's Role in 4-H

Encourage participation in 4-H programs at the local and county level and to assist in the development of the 4-H member.

Support local and county 4-H program through time, talent, and financial support.

Work cooperatively with other families and 4-H volunteers.

Participate in Parent-Volunteer Training to enhance personal knowledge of 4-H.



*Guide 4-H project work.
Doing it for them does not develop life skills.*

BEING A 4-H PARENT

4-H is a family affair. 4-H helps develop family unity by providing an opportunity to do things together.

4-H families become part of a larger extended family.

Members benefit when parents 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.

Your time, talents, and assistance strengthen the total 4-H program.

Members need parental encouragement to see project work through. 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.

Parent 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 events and activities. 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 even 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 staff.

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.

