



## So You're 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.

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 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 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 Agents.

**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.

