



Organization of County 4-H Program

Knowing how the county 4-H program is organized can be a valuable tool for understanding how things operate and how you can share your time and talents.

What is the County Volunteer Leaders Association? This is an organized body of parents and volunteers who provide program assistance and leadership at the county level. Many county committees will evolve from the leadership of this group. The group promotes healthy youth-adult partnership with the Youth Council involving young people as active participants on county committees.

What is the County 4-H Advisory Council? This is a body of interested adults and youth who are representative of the county geographically and ethnically. The group involves representatives of the County Volunteer Leaders Association, the Junior 4-H Council, other youth organizations, and community agencies servicing youth and families. The group analyzes the needs and concerns of the 4-H program in the county and makes recommendations.

What is a Junior County Council? – This organization is usually composed of officers from each club, headed by the elected county 4-H officers. Whatever the organization, the group functions in program assistance and leadership at the county level. The group works in cooperation with the County Volunteer Association. Youth are active participants on county planning committees.

Who and what are County Activity and Event Committees? 4-H Volunteers who serve on and chair committees. Number and type of committees vary; they may be related to volunteer training, projects, activities, resources or publicity. These committees are empowered with the leadership responsibility for countywide program planning and decision-making with guidance and support from the Extension Agent.