



Tips for 4-H Parents

Parents' Important Role in the 4-H Club

You are important to your child's success in 4-H.

- As a parent, you are encouraged and expected to attend the monthly Community Club meetings. This investment of 1 to 2 hours a month is valuable to your child's success and the success of the club.
- Help your child understand their role as a club member in regard to voting, serving on committees and participating in club life.
- While your attendance is not usually expected at project meetings, you are always welcome and may be asked to come from time to time when more adults are needed.
- Please offer to help (at least in some small way) with special activities and events. The Community Club Leader (CCL) and project leaders are all volunteers - give them a hand, a thank you and a pat on the back.

The purpose of the monthly 4-H Community Club meeting

The 4-H youth development program is one of the few opportunities youth have to learn the important life skills of group decision-making and participating fully in an organization.

The 4-H club and its monthly meetings allow youth to:

- learn to run a meeting in an orderly manner according to democratic principles;
- participate in committee work and learn the beginnings of leadership;
- observe and practice skills in being an officer and fulfilling duties with which they have been entrusted;
- learn about the many opportunities available to them as 4-H members.

Check out your club's by-laws and other important information about 4-H in Kings County at:

<http://cekings.ucdavis.edu>

Ask for your copy of:

- Parent Packet—A Survival Guide for 4-H Parents
- Welcome 4-H Families
- 4-H Member Guide

Consider becoming a 4-H Volunteer

Adults are invited to become appointed 4-H volunteers (4-H Leaders) and assume a specific leadership role in the local or county program.

Volunteers can lead a project, a club, work with a committee or event, or help with a particular aspect of the program.

Volunteers attend a 90-minute orientation, are finger printed and completed a confidential background form.

See your CCL if you are interested.

