

Sample Family Letter

Dear 4-H Parent/Guardian:

Your child is now a member of the _____ 4-H club. We know that you are interested in learning more about the 4-H club and organization your child has joined.

4-H programs are open to all youth, ages 5 and in Kindergarten, through age 18 as of January 1 of the current year. 4-H is all about "learning by doing". 4-H members learn by carrying out project work with instruction, guidance, training and encouragement from club advisors, teen volunteers & a parent/guardian.

Your child should decide on a project(s) with your guidance. By keeping records on their project (including photographs), your child can look back over a year's 4-H experience and realize the progress.

Of course, your child must be at the club meetings and activities in order to get the information, instruction and practice available. You can help by reading correspondence from your county's Ohio State University Extension Office, keeping track of activity dates, encouraging your child to attend club meetings, activities and events, and transporting your child with their projects to activities when necessary.

4-H is a family-oriented organization and you are encouraged to attend as many club activities as possible. In this way, if your child misses something said, you too will have the information. You can reinforce what your child is learning and know what your child is trying to accomplish when they are attending club meetings.

4-H families who have spent many hours supporting their children in 4-H projects have said, "a backache now is better than a heartache later". You have an opportunity to share 4-H work, success, failure, and good times with your child.

We challenge you to see that your child attends 4-H club activities, that you become involved in 4-H club activities with them, and that you support them as they "learn by doing" and work towards personal competence and achievement.

We hope we can help your child as well as your family have a challenging & fun 4-H experience.

In the 4-H Spirit,

4-H Club Advisor(s) for _____ 4-H Club

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