

# Ohio 4-H Clubs

## advisors handbook

Dear 4-H Volunteers,

On behalf of OSU Extension and Ohio 4-H I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your willingness to serve as a 4-H volunteer. The giving of your time, energies, and special talents makes a difference in the lives of the young people you work with through your club. As a former 4-H'er in Sandusky County and a member of the R&S Pals 4-H club and I am personally aware of the difference volunteers can make. While most of your 4-H members and even the general public may think of 4-H in terms of club meetings, project work, county and state fairs, camps, and judging, you, however, recognize that there is so much more! These are the vehicles of linking young people and caring adults to work together in making a difference in the lives of a child and your community.

As a 4-H volunteer, you are one of those caring adults in the lives of your 4-H members who works to provide a safe and welcoming environment at club meetings & activities, provide them opportunities to master skills through their individual projects and club demonstrations, and work next to them as they identify and carry out community service projects. And as a result of your efforts, your 4-H members become actively engaged in their own learning, gain a sense of self-determination, and see themselves as active citizens now and in the future.

Within the 4-H movement we say that 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. As a 4-H volunteer, you provide tremendous support to the success of that community. We hope that you find the resources within this volunteer handbook a valuable tool as you continually enhance your abilities to make a difference in the lives of your 4-H members.

Sincerely,



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