

## Volunteering

You, along with more than 22,000 caring adults, 4-H alumni, and teens, accept the 4-H volunteer pledge to "Make a Positive Difference" in young people's lives. 4-H club advisors coach club members, serve on committees, lead program opportunities, and raise awareness and support for 4-H. You give time, energy and talents to model the four H's. Consider yourself the stem of the 4-H clover providing the essential support for positive and rewarding 4-H experiences.

***4-H coaches help their players "learn by doing" for the perfect 4-H season.***

## How Does the 4-H Team and You Benefit?

Ohio 4-H club advisors and volunteers are currently coaching nearly 100,000 4-H club members and 300,000 total 4-H youth. According to research on volunteering conducted by Independent Sector, your time as a volunteer in Ohio is worth \$16.10 per hour (2004 data). However, beyond the financial benefit, volunteers are the faces of our organization's enthusiasm, knowledge, resources, and creativity.

Maybe you have chosen to be a 4-H club advisor to become more involved with your children, to give back what you received as a member or to make a difference in others. Regardless, you can expect to grow emotionally, socially and intellectually. Smiling kids will touch your heart, new friendships will form and you will learn alongside your members. We are glad you have chosen 4-H to sharpen your leadership skills and give back in your community while learning alongside young people.

## How Can You Excel as a 4-H Club Advisor?

1. Review [Volunteering Through 4-H Position Descriptions](#) to learn about club advisor roles and other 4-H volunteer opportunities, responsibilities and qualifications.
2. Assist other adults in completing the [4-H Volunteer Application, Screening and Orientation Process](#) to join your 4-H club as advisors or volunteers with the County 4-H Program.
3. Attend [4-H Volunteer Development Trainings](#) to improve continuously your abilities and skills in working with 4-H youth and families.
4. Encourage 4-H teens to become involved in [Youth Volunteer Opportunities](#) at the county, regional and state levels.
5. Celebrate your volunteer service to the 4-H organization through [Volunteer Recognition](#) awards and programs.