



PARENTS! BE A BLUE RIBBON 4-H FAMILY!

We are about to embark on a great year of 4-H fun and learning.
Please help your child be successful by doing the following:

Club:

1. Help your child attend club meetings, activities, and events. Notify the club advisor if your child can't attend a meeting / activity.
2. Transport your child to all club meetings and activities. Attend meetings yourself when possible as an observer.
3. Help with the club fundraising events and pay your child's county participation fee and club dues.
4. Attend special events planned by the 4-H club.
5. Avoid scheduling family vacations which conflict with your child's 4-H schedule.
6. Assist with 4-H club activities in your areas of interest and expertise.
7. Help out the club... host a meeting, provide refreshments, sponsor an award.
8. Support the club by cooperating with club advisors and exhibiting a positive attitude towards your child's personal and club 4-H goals.
9. Model a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, respect, and cooperation.

At Home:

1. Read the 4-H mailings, Project Requirements, Fair Book and other information with your child. Use the county 4-H website and County Fair website for information, materials and forms, project and fair requirements, and answers to questions.
2. Advise your child in selecting their 4-H projects. Help them select a project they are interested in, that they have the ability to accomplish, and which you can help furnish facilities, financing, needed materials and guidance.
3. Encourage and guide your child's project work. Don't do their work.
4. Resist doing your child's project for them even though you may be able to do it faster, better, simpler, and with much less mess. Members "learn by doing" not watching.
5. Do not discourage a child's enthusiasm by providing too much corrective influence.
6. Keep the purpose for the 4-H project in perspective. Realize that the project is simply a teaching tool and a method for involving boys and girls in a worthwhile activity. Above all, remember that your child is more important than the project.
7. Remember that the 4-H experience should be an educational one. Don't let the desire to win overpower your child's ability to learn.
8. Keep in mind that the most important goal of 4-H is personal growth of the individual and not grand champion animals.
9. Encourage your 4-H'er when he succeeds and even more when he fails. Help him to see progress, not just end results.

County:

1. Volunteer to work a shift at Livestock Skillathon Judging
2. Volunteer your expertise at a project clinic or event.

