



# Tucker 4-H Club

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## Parent Involvement in 4-H

At its best, 4-H is a family affair. Parent involvement is one of the keys to a successful 4-H club. It provides an ongoing base for club support, increases the opportunities for teaching and learning valuable life skills, and expands the potential for interesting and exciting 4-H programs. Active, involved, supportive parents mean active members, additional resources for leaders, a thriving 4-H program, and expanded support for a community's youth development. Since the parent is traditionally the keeper of the family calendar, they may need to help keep the member aware of meetings, outings, and events.

Parent/guardian participation in 4-H results in the following benefits:

- Family involvement in 4-H offers opportunities where both child and parent participate with common interest, strengthening family ties.
- Active parent participation can strengthen and broaden the 4-H program in any local club or in any county.
- When parental support is positive, a club or group is likely to become stronger, larger, and more active.
- In clubs where parental support is evident, individual members receive more personal attention and guidance from leaders and parents.
- Club activities and events will develop and expand with the additional support of parents. 4-H can have a positive influence on the lives of thousands of boys and girls. This happens when parents care enough to share their time, efforts, and talents.

As stated in the Tucker 4-H By-Laws & Constitution:

*E. Participation in the club's and county's annual fundraiser is mandatory.*

*F. Family participation within the club of at least 2 hours is mandatory per 4-H year. Participation in the club fundraiser does not satisfy this requirement.*

Traditionally, Tucker 4-H Club has held a pancake breakfast in the fall. Adult family members and Tucker 4-H youth members are required to volunteer at this event. Typically this involves a 3 hour time slot with a job that could range from: cooking pancakes, cooking sausage, cutting desserts, wiping tables, etc.

Examples of ways to complete the 2 hours of mandatory participation:

- Racine County fair 4-H Building supervision
- Coordinate a club outing/event
- Bring meeting snacks
- Tucker website maintenance (work with adult & junior leaders for content)
- Community service project point person (could include contacting organization, purchasing any needed supplies, delivering collected items, etc)
- Coordinate Christmas Caroling to Veterans home or Senior living facility
- Coordinate club activity of creating cards for Veterans home or Senior living facility and deliver cards.
- County fundraiser point of contact for Tucker
- Coordinate club leader recognition
- Lead a project

There are many needs that may arise over the year which may not be listed. These would be sent out via email.