

## **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.

Pancake Breakfast: Traditionally, Tucker 4-H Club has held a pancake breakfast in the fall. Adult family members and Tucker 4-H youth members work at this event. This participation helps foster the sense of community that 4-H is all about. It allows members and their families to get to know the other families involved in 4-H while working together for the good of the club. Typically this involves a 3-hour time slot with a job that could range from: cooking pancakes, cooking sausage, cutting desserts, wiping tables, etc.

**Parent Participation:** There are many tasks required in running the club during the 4-H year. Families are asked to contribute at least 2 hours of time to the club. Most needs are communicated through our club newsletter, the Tucker Times as well as via sign up genius.

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

- Racine County Fair 4-H building supervision
- Coordinate a club outing/event such as caroling, bowling, ice skating, etc.
- Bring meeting snacks
- Community service project coordinator
- Lead a project
- Club or county scholarship committee
- Chaperone a Racine County 4-H event such as camp or Night with the Stars

We look forward to working with you to make this a great experience for our members!