











# Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

All volunteers who work directly with youth (who are not their own children) when serving either on an ongoing basis, unsupervised, as an overnight chaperone, or any other time deemed necessary by 4-H faculty and staff must complete background screening. Volunteers must also complete the Youth Protection Training.

When all requirements are satisfied, volunteers are appointed to their roles by the county 4-H agent.



# 4-H Delivery Methods

- Organized 4-H clubs
- · 4-H school enrichment programs
- · 4-H special interest/short term programs
- · 4-H school age child care education programs
- · 4-H camping programs
- 4-H individual study/mentoring/family learning programs
- 4-H instructional TV/video programs



## How 4-H Reaches Youth 10

- 4-H offers youth fun, safe, and inclusive learning environments to meet their need for belonging. 4-H reaches youth, ages 5-18, through the following ways:
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# **4-H Teen Volunteer Roles**

- There are many ways in which teens can volunteer, based on their time, interests, and abilities. Below are a few examples:
- Counselors/CIT's
- Teacher Assistants
- Co-instructors(shooting sports, etc.)
- Member of the County 4-H Association
- Community Service



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What are some other areas that you can use teen volunteers in your county program? Please take 10 minutes and discuss in your county groups.

### 10 Minute Discussion Time!



## **4-H Teen Volunteer Roles**

- What are some of the Teen Volunteer Roles discussed at each office site?
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# Long-lasting benefits



- Teens' insights mirror recent research on volunteering.
   Community service not only benefits society, it enriches the lives of people who provide it. Young volunteers have higher self-esteem, perform better in school, build leadership skills, and learn how to solve community problems better than their counterparts who do not volunteer.
- Teens clearly need ways to learn about social issues that will then turn their empathy, interest, and compassion into action.. Above all, volunteering needs to be fun and relevant to teens' lives—two top reasons why teens choose and continue to participate.

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