

## Wyoming 4-H Parents

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### ***Partners on the 4-H Team!***

As a 4-H Parent you can fill some of the many needs in a well-rounded 4-H youth program. Needs vary, as do youth, but the need for adult direction and time remains constant.

4-H dedicates itself to developing youth, encouraging them to recognize their strengths and weaknesses, and building better leaders and communities.

### ***Parents are needed in 4-H!***

Leaders appreciate your interest and cooperation, and your children will enjoy seeing their parents involved in 4-H.

To learn more about 4-H talk with:

- Other 4-H Parents
- 4-H Leaders
- Junior Leaders
- Teen Leaders
- University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service Educators

Other ways to learn more:

- Attending 4-H Training Sessions
- Going to County Fairs
- Reading 4-H Literature
- Attending 4-H Meetings
- Reading the County 4-H Newsletter
- Studying 4-H Informational Displays
- Taking your 4-H youngster on tours or to other 4-H events

What Can Parents Do to help 4-H'ers Succeed

- The most successful 4-H members have interested and supportive parents.
- Understand what 4-H stands for and how it operates.
- Advise your child in selecting 4-H projects.
- Show interest and enthusiasm for your child's projects.
- Find out what members must do and learn for specific projects.
- Guide your children, but don't do their work.
- Teach your children to complete projects once they are started.
- Encourage your 4-H'ers when they succeed and even more when they fail.
- Help them see progress, not just end results.
- Set a good example! Help your 4-H'er be a good sport and appreciate others' success.

- Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and other club members are interested.
- Provide refreshments for meetings or special 4-H functions. Don't wait to be asked volunteer your help!
- Attend 4-H meeting and other special events.
- Help your 4-H'er find ways to participate in special events that interest them, such as county contests, camps, fairs, displays or shows.
- Keep 4-H information that comes to members of your family. Be a 4-H booster in your community.
- Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them and let them know you appreciate their efforts.
- Remember, the real objective of 4-H is to help them develop your sons and daughters into fine citizens. The way they do their work, complete projects, and conduct themselves at meetings or competitive events sets work and character standards they will carry for a lifetime.