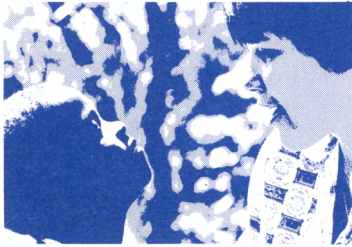


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4-H
Parent
Committee

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When a 4-H Club is organized, someone must assume the responsibility for assuring the establishment of a strong club. This responsibility can best be assumed by a committee of parents; however, interested adults other than parents may also serve on such committees. Generally, three or four members are an adequate number for a committee. This responsibility can be shifted each year, so many can serve.

purpose

To assume the responsibility of organizing the local 4-H Club and see that it is started on a sound basis.

To serve as an advisory group for the club after it starts functioning.

To serve as a connecting link between leaders, parents and members, club and community.

function

Before the Club Organizes . . .

- Contact parents of potential 4-H members and acquaint them with the 4-H Club program.
- Issue invitations to potential members and parents to attend the organization meeting.
- Plan, publicize and conduct the organization meeting.

At the Organization Meeting . . .

- Help members complete enrollment cards.
- Help members elect officers.
- Assist with the selection of 4-H Club leaders.
- Assist club in arranging time and place to meet.
- Serve as advisors to program planning committee.
- Assist club in securing needed literature and materials from the local University Extension Center.

After the Club Organizes . . .

- *Provide assistance to club leaders.* It is reassuring to a 4-H leader to know that he has the interest and support of parents. There will be many times when a leader will need and welcome the help and advice of Parent Committee members.

Members work with the club leader in distributing club responsibilities and involving parents in the activities of the club. They encourage parents to serve as adult advisors to committees, help with special events, offer transportation when

needed, and take turns serving as leaders. Parent Committee members are responsible for seeing that the club continues to have adequate and functioning leadership. They also assist leaders in arranging for the club to be represented at leader training meetings.

- *Promote local recognition of 4-H leaders.* People are more willing to serve as leaders if appreciation is expressed for the time and energy they give to the club. Parent Committee members are in a good position to initiate and join with 4-H members in planning an appropriate way of saying “thank you” to 4-H leaders.
- *Visit with 4-H members and parents.* Many times parents need further interpretation of the 4-H program. The visitation is an excellent opportunity to inform parents and to seek their cooperation in 4-H Club work. Parent Committee members can encourage parents to attend meetings and take personal interest in the achievement of their boys and girls.

why serve?

- to have a part in a strong voluntary organization which contributes to the development of youth.
- to take pride in the growth and achievements of young people.
- to have closer contact with the youth of your community.
- to share personal prestige with voluntary local leaders.



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