Tax Time and 4-H

We appreciate the time, energy and out-of-pocket costs you devote to 4-H. Here are some things for 4-H leaders to keep in mind while doing taxes.

- You can deduct **un-reimbursed** expenses that you incur incidental to your volunteer work, including travel to 4-H activities, phone calls, stamps, and similar out-of-pocket costs as charitable donations.

- If you use your car for transportation you can deduct 14 cents per mile for the costs of operating your car while doing volunteer work.

- You can also deduct gifts of money or property given as charitable donations. Remember though that you must have “contemporaneous written acknowledgment” if the gift was valued at more than $250.

It’s up to you to substantiate your deductions if the IRS questions them. Be prepared to prove your costs with canceled checks, receipts, diary entries, etc. It is wise to consult your personal tax advisor.

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