

Become a 4-H Volunteer



We welcome adults and older youth to become volunteers in 4-H. Our volunteers go through an orientation and screening process for the opportunity to work with youth in our clubs, or help with special projects or programs. Volunteers help with all aspects of 4-H.

There are many opportunities as a 4-H volunteer:

Club Leaders are volunteers who oversee a group of young people learning about one or more topic areas. The topics include the traditional 4-H programs, but also just about any topic you can imagine—see the project list page for just a few ideas.

Assistant Leaders help with a club, perhaps by leading a particular project area or completing an organizational task.

Resource Leaders are not affiliated with a particular club, but they provide technical assistance to several clubs or help plan county or state wide activities.

Junior Leaders are youth in grades 7th - 12th who assist 4-H leaders with club activities. They only need the approval of their club leader to sign up as a Junior Leader.

Teen Leaders are in 10th - 12th grade and lead their own club, with an adult mentor for assistance.

School Volunteers help during and after school to support teachers and work with youth. We have a variety of in school and afterschool programs where volunteers make a huge difference. One excellent example is our Tech Wizards program.

Universal Volunteers help out in many aspects of keeping 4-H running smooth. This can include working on special tasks groups, our Advisory Council, helping out at the Fair or in the Extension office. There is always plenty to do!

Adult volunteers must go through our screening process and attend an orientation session. All materials and training are provided free of charge to volunteers in recognition of their contributions to the program.

Volunteers are the foundation of 4-H—thank you!!

New Volunteer Fall 2009 Orientation Schedule

Volunteers can join 4-H anytime of the year. The following fall orientation schedule is set up because of the volume of new volunteers joining 4-H in the fall. If the new volunteer orientation times or dates do not work with your schedule, we can set up a time that is right for you.

All new volunteers participate in an orientation session conducted by OSU Extension 4-H faculty. During the orientation, you will learn about the history and vision of 4-H, the connection of 4-H with OSU Extension, the 4-H focus on positive youth development, our philosophy and objectives, opportunities for continuing education, and gain insights to opportunities in 4-H. You will also receive a notebook, learn how to enroll members, and organize a club or project.

Location: (Link to map and directions to the Extension Office)

OSU Extension Office, Washington County
18640 NW Walker Rd., #1400
Beaverton, OR 97006

Attending an orientation. To register for an orientation, please call Pat Willis @ (503) 821-1120 or email patrick.willis@oregonstate.edu.
(Please register at least one week in advance so we can gather materials)

Fall New Volunteer Orientations Dates and Times

Oct. 2 (Friday) 9:00am–11:00am

Oct. 13 (Tuesday) 5:00pm-7:00pm

Oct. 15 (Thursday) 12:00 noon-2:00pm

Oct. 15 (Thursday) 6:30pm-8:30pm

Nov. 10 (Tuesday) 5:30pm-7:30pm

*If these dates, times, or location do not fit your schedule, please let us know.
We are happy to set up a time that will!*