



UConn 4-H Fact Sheet



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The 4-H Club

4-H Clubs are a key delivery mode of our county and State programming, without our clubs' members would not have a community focused way of joining clubs. Clubs provide leadership, education and structure to a student focused interest area. These areas can range from animal agriculture, gardening, robotics and natural resources to sewing and photography and much more. Club Meeting frequency, does not have to meet year-round, note that the 4-H year is October 1st – September 30th

Who Interacts with the Club?

- Club volunteers
- Co-leaders
- Club officers
- Teen jr leaders
- County 4-H educator
- Industry experts
- And more!

Types of Clubs

4-H Club: Open to 7 to 18 year olds as of the January 1st deadline. Focused on specific project areas and provides feedback to youth.

Club Explorers: Open to 5 and 6 year old members these clubs are not tied to a specific project but instead an exploratory club for members to get an idea of what they might wish to pursue in the future. These clubs must meet separately from a 7 to 18 club. Volunteers have additional training to meet the needs of these club members.

4-H Club Meetings

4-H members are given the opportunity to learn and practice decision making in group situations. Members are expected to attend their club's gatherings, and parents are commonly encouraged to attend as well. There are generally two types of club gatherings. However, each club is unique and there are many ways a club might decide to structure their meetings.

- Club meetings: Members plan and carry out what they want to do as a group. A good club meeting has four parts with defined activities: a. Opening: Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge b. Business: Roll call, secretary's report, treasurer's report, committee reports, old business, and new business c. Education: Program, demonstrations and guest speakers d. Fun: Recreation, songs, skits, refreshments and entertainment
- Project Meetings: Members work together on their projects. Meetings can include guest speakers, field trips and activities

4-H Club Officers

4-H Club officers are elected by members. Each officer has a specific job. These are some common officer roles but you can add or remove them to best fit the club you have.

- President – Presides over the business meeting, keeping members involved and discussions organized.
- Vice President – The vice president leads in the president's absence, introduces guests, and is the program chair.
- Secretary – The secretary writes meeting notes, keeps attendance records, maintains the secretary's book and keeps track of all communications.
- Treasurer – The treasurer takes care of the club money, keeps an accurate account of the club's finances and reports at each club meeting and helps prepare the annual club summary.
- Reporter – The reporter sends news stories to local newspapers and/or radio stations and plans social media platforms.
- Committee Chairs – Your club may have several committees, depending on the club size and focus. Committees may include: program, membership, recreation, community service, fundraising and social events.

A UConn 4-H Club in Good Standing

A UConn 4-H club in good standing meets the following guidelines:

- Clubs should have a minimum membership of 5 youth from 3 different families
- Members participate in a Community Service project
- Members engage in Public Speaking
- Members have a project for in-depth study and are evaluated
- Members must complete a record book for the project area
- Submit Club summary report by October 15th of each year
- Submit Club enrollment & member/leader registration by November 15th of each year

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