



4-H 

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EXTENSION

4 Easy Steps to Starting a 4-H Club

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Step



Get Started

- You need:
 - Five (5) or more youth, aged 5-18 years old as of October 1st, for the current program year (Oct 1-Sept 30)
 - At least one interested adult to help run the club
 - Some ideas for having fun and learning skills that the youth will use throughout life
- Discuss your needs. Talk the idea over with the youth. Talk about something simple that they would like to learn about. Some ideas could be: caring for the family pet, starting a leaf collection, cooking snacks, or making a decoration.

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Get Oriented

- Contact the 4-H Office at (253) 798-3223 to schedule a 4-H Club Leader Orientation
- We will help you:
 - Advertise for members using our “open clubs” link
 - Plan an orientation session for prospective 4-Hers and parents
 - Figure out what volunteers and leaders do
 - Set goals for your first year and decide how to reach them
 - Celebrate your success as your eager 4-Hers have fun learning

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Get Help

- Ask adults and older teens to help
- Personally ask people to take active roles
- Recruit parents, other adults, and older teens in the community as:
 - Project leaders
 - Activity leaders
 - Resource leaders

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Get Busy

- Complete enrollment forms
- Work with your new group to decide meeting dates and times
- Plan a calendar for your first year’s program
- Decide what you want to accomplish
- Discuss ground rules
- Encourage members to select a club name
- Set up project groups
- Elect officers