



# 4-H SPIN Volunteer

## Missouri 4-H Youth Development Programs

**Title:** 4-H Club Volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H SPIN Club in \_\_\_\_\_ County

**Purpose of the 4-H SPIN Volunteer:**

Serve as a liaison between the group's membership and the 4-H Youth Development professional regarding overall club management and leadership.

**Benefits of serving as a 4-H SPIN Volunteer:**

- Provide leadership and continuity for the 4-H club in a short term special interest setting
- Be a significant part of the educational and developmental process for young people
- Foster the development and growth of successful youth-adult partnerships
- Create positive impact on the community through the 4-H Youth Development Program
- Experience personal growth from serving as an adult 4-H SPIN Club Volunteer
- Opportunity to mentor youth with similar interests
- Make a positive influence on a young person's life and career choices
- Develop skills and capacity in youth for a positive future for themselves and the community

**Responsibilities of the 4-H SPIN Volunteer:**

- Serve as the primary link between the Extension office, faculty or staff member and 4-H club
- Utilize other volunteers as needed
- Coordinate enrollment of members
- Manage meetings and club organization
- Inform members and parents about club activities
- Uphold the Missouri 4-H Rules and Guidelines
- Be a positive role model for youth and other adults
- Organize and hold a culminating event at the end of the SPIN experience

**Qualifications and Expectations:**

- Enroll as a volunteer for the county 4-H program by completing a Missouri 4-H volunteer application for the current 4-H year
- Pass the background screening required as part of the Missouri 4-H volunteer application process
- Participate in volunteer orientation
- Work with Extension professional to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision making, responsibility, leadership, and career opportunities
- Effectively organize, delegate, and communicate with club members, 4-H professionals and others
- Work with minimal supervision from professional staff

**Time Required:**

- The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 31 of the following year.
- 4-H clubs are concentrated over a span of a few weeks or months. Five or more sessions.
- The 4-H SPIN Club Volunteer and Extension office will work together to determine the appropriate time frame for the 4-H SPIN Club based on the needs and interests of the youth members, project area or subject matter.

**Resources and Support Available:** (complete in consultation with local 4-H faculty or staff)

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