

Benefits of Positive Parent Involvement

NCRV e-Forum Poll Question Results

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What are the benefits to the 4-H Club of positive parent involvement?

- Big Stone/Traverse County: Keeping the club organized
- Monroe County-Iowa: help maintain control of the group
- Kossuth County 2: Increase attendance
- Monroe County-Iowa: improve attendance
- North St. Louis County MN 2: division of club responsibilities
- Pine County, MN: provide transportation
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: new ideas
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: more ownership in the program
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Parents help share the load of management with the club leaders.
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: bring their knowledge
- Emmet County, Iowa: Speakers at meetings
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: they learn, too
- Pine County, MN: resource for providing more skills
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: help divvy the workload
- Monroe County-Iowa: assistance with projects
- Kossuth County 2: Broader backgrounds
- Jackson County: one person doesn't have to do it all
- Grant County 4-H, MN: with small clubs can get to know everyone better
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: new skill sets
- Emmet County, Iowa: Driving for trips
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: get to know their kids better
- Monroe County-Iowa: help with committees
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Better club meeting attendance.
- Huron County, OH: experienced club parents help new club parents
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Help Keep organized
- Kristin Krell: increase participation
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: helps the leader
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: minimize chaos
- Fillmore County: resource for parliamentary procedure
- maryann: sharing ideas, talents and skills

- Red Lake County, MN: Parents get them to the club meetings.
- Donna Leff: bring members to meetings
- Carver County 4-H, MN: someone else directing, other than the club leaders
- Fayette Iowa: Helping with community service
- Cass County :More adults for youth to connect to
- Fillmore County: new ideas
- Pine County, MN: helping with project areas
- Marilyn Lesmeister, OR: reduces volunteer burnout
- Big Stone/Traverse County: More talent and resources available.
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: Get youth to the meetings
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: more transportation, you can do more with more
- Houston County, MN 2: acting as mentors and leaders
- Carver County 4-H, MN: bring new ideas and perspective
- Kossuth County 2: Provide resources
- North St. Louis County MN 2: more special skills
- Waseca County, MN: bring skills to the group that the leader may not have
- Amy Craven: manpower & participation, transportations, sharing skills, help keep control
- Monroe County-Iowa: make refreshments
- Red Lake County, MN: Bring skills and further opportunities for youth.
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: take turns serving lunch
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: provide another level encouragement
- Christy: parents hear information and help get things done.
- Goodhue County, MN: buy-in from parents funnels to youth
- maryann: ideas sharing
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: provide new ideas
- Fillmore County: resource about projects
- Becky Kirby-Creveling, Iowa: doing community services and having all the parents, members, and leaders
- involved
- Monroe County-Iowa: help generate ideas
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: create a sense of community vs a drop off and go
- Goodhue County, MN: good role modeling
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Club is able to take on larger community service projects with more assistance/leadership.
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: different perspective

- Houston County, MN 2: Getting the youth to activities
- Meeker County, MN: more/different connections to community
- Waseca County, MN: kids respond differently to adults other than their parents
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: supervise club activities
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: helping keep group under control
- Wright County: Help keep the kids on task of monthly deadlines.
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: helps things run more smoothly
- Meeker County, MN: more activities
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: strong connection to adults/ role models
- Christy: bring a joy of 4-H to the club and share their enthusiasm.
- Goodhue County, MN: encourages community, communication and ownership
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: trust outside of your family
- Jackson County: new ideas
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: keep organized
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Parents have experience.
- Meeker County, MN: good role models
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: club growth
- Goodhue County, MN: actively engaged clubs
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: guidance
- Iowa: Grundy: Many hands / light work... help w/meeting attendance, supportive, new ideas
- Meeker County, MN: stability
- St. Peter: Get to share talents with youth
- Monroe County-Iowa: help with transportation
- Maryann: have fun as a group
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: foresight
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: encouraging members
- North St. Louis County MN 2: role modeling for kids
- Anoka County, MN: divide the workload so you can provide more opportunities
- Fayette Iowa: Members more apt to stay involved knowing adults also support
- Goodhue County, MN: more efficient meeting
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: motivation
- Meeker County, MN: share workload
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: take the load off so you don't burn out
- Fillmore County: extra hands

- Donna Leff: responsibility
- North St. Louis County MN 2: logistics of club activities
- Goodhue County, MN: more is accomplished
- Meeker County, MN: more parents = more kids
- Waseca County, MN: parents help set boundaries when it comes to ideas
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: share skills
- Carver County 4-H, MN: share their life experiences in project areas
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: Youth see adults giving back to a program
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: teach leadership/teamwork
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Bring new skills
- Wright County: Help; keep the tasks organized with the planning of activities.
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: attendance...
- Monroe County-Iowa: encourage club members
- Isanti County - Minnesota: more communication
- Mary- CrawfordCounty: events go better with parents there
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: recruitment
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: organize events
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Transportation
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: supervising and helping things along when need be
- Fillmore County: mentors for members
- Isanti County - Minnesota: diversity of interests and activities
- St. Peter: balance work load
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: form friendships with new families
- North St. Louis County MN 2: more chaperones
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: reinforce values of 4H
- St. Peter: do more activities with more help
- Isanti County - Minnesota: stronger youth input
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: specialized interests and talents to tap into and learn from
- Red Lake County, MN: Have a backbone/structure to do more activities. Can get out and about more.
- Anoka County, MN: more involvement from parents in a club makes a strong club which carries over to the county program!
- Mary- CrawfordCounty: information gets home with parents present
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: find out different opportunities available
- Benton County 4-H: role models, organization, engagement, skills, new knowledge

- Wright County: They bring in the past experiences from their 4_h days
- Carver County 4-H, MN: some kids will open up to other parents, more than their own. they bring out
- new, different things in kids
- St. Peter: keep club going by recruiting members
- Carlton County 4-H: crowd control, helping kids take the lead,
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Help fund 4-H projects for kids
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: honoring the tradition
- Mary- CrawfordCounty: parents have different talents to bring to meetings
- Story County Iowa: support of members, club, and leader
- Fayette Iowa: New ideas
- Monroe County-Iowa: give feedback about what's working or not working
- St. Peter: positive adult interaction increases skills of youth
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Volunteer at county fair 4-H food stand
- Carlton County 4-H: empowering youth to be the lead
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: see how other people guide or teach kids
- Monroe County-Iowa: ask questions that a youth may not ask
- Red Lake County, MN: Financial support.
- Renville County,MN: bring their kids to meetings, interacting with everyone's kids, teaching kids how to work together, help organize different activities
- Donna Leff: sharing their skills and knowledge
- St. Peter: idea machines!
- Story County Iowa: more hands make less work - lots of helpers (committees, etc.)
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: parents bring their skills with things
- Carlton County 4-H: opportunity to various events
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: help with fundraising
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: challenge youth
- Story County Iowa: sharing between families (mentoring)
- Carlton County 4-H: community outreach in multiple communities
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: 4-H history that people bring
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: example of volunteerism
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: homes to meet in
- Story County Iowa: learning and sharing across ages
- Carlton County 4-H: increase in role models for youth
- Grant County 4-H, MN: younger children are more involved; parliamentary procedure is

- learned in small groups; they help get your projects done for fair; give youth more resources and support; helps you learn to speak in front of others;
- Freeborn County, MN 4-H: provide opportunities outside of club, possible future occupations, better food, transportation, setup up & clean up, lead committees, keep meeting on track, chaperone, share ideas & talents, positive role models,
- Red Lake County, MN: Make it possible to meet! Bring good snacks. :)
- Story County Iowa: parents informed, support club activities,
- Carlton County 4-H: decrease leader burn-out
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: build relationships with other families
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: resource for community speakers/members
- Wadena County, MN: share the work load

What are the benefits to the 4-H Volunteers of positive parent involvement?

- St. Croix County 4-H Leaders-Wisconsin: Stability
- Racine Co WI: leaders don't burn out
- Fond du Lac County WI: Monitor their child
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Vast range of knowledge
- Karen Behnke: More Youth participation
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: help the younger kids volunteer
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin: More "ownership" in club
- St. Croix County 4-H Leaders-Wisconsin: Shared work load
- Independence, Kansas: They take the leadership role
- Karen Behnke: More ideas
- Outagamie County, WI: shared work load
- Ozaukee County, WI: Parents offer new skills we don't have
- Racine Co WI: Positive parents help lighten the load
- Independence, Kansas: More leader resources
- waukesha county 4-H: allows the volunteers to leave a legacy...to share their talents, skills & abilities
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: bring many skills to 4-H
- Lynn Feldman: Gain knowledge themselves
- Fond du Lac County WI: Resource for more people to come into the program
- Rusk County: parents take on more volunteer roles within the club
- waukesha county 4-H: help with session planning
- Richland County, WI: setup projects, extra set of eyes for safety, share workload, know kids better than

- volunteers, portray good image to kids, offer various ideas,
- Ozaukee County, WI: Parents give us insight into their children
- Racine Co WI: Positive parents broaden the range of what can be offered
- Langlade County, Wisconsin: lowers stress
- St. Croix County 4-H Leaders-Wisconsin: new ideas
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin: Better informed 4-H families
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Differing ideas that you may not have thought about -- community involvement
- ideas, etc.
- Langlade County, Wisconsin: delegate tasks
- Ozaukee County, WI: Help us share the workload
- Manitowoc, WI: take the load off volunteers
- Outagamie County, WI: more variety of talents and shared experiences
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: take some burden off of the general leader and other leaders
- Karen Behnke: share responsibilities and workload
- Green County, Wisconsin: Parents stepping up to lead activities like Cloverbud activities or stepping up to
- take on items during a club meeting
- Langlade County, Wisconsin: build deeper relationships
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: extra set of eyes
- Jefferson County WI: ditto
- Fond du Lac County WI: Share the workload
- Winter Library: Parents bring new ideas and skills
- Independence, Kansas: Volunteers and parents are linked to the child's success
- waukesha county 4-H: support for the leaders
- Pepin County, WI: More involved in the club as a whole
- Douglas County 4-H: Plan and conduct activities at club meetings
- Ozaukee County, WI: Allow us to divide the large group into smaller groups
- Langlade County, Wisconsin: make it fun
- St. Croix County 4-H Leaders-Wisconsin: mentors
- Fond du Lac County WI: Bring new ideas for activities
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: getting kids to where they need to be (ie driving)
- Green Lake County: Reinforce Messages
- Richland County, WI: commitment
- waukesha county 4-H: the opportunity to learn from others; both failures & successes

- Lynn Feldman: Offer more options for programming
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: good role models
- Ozaukee County, WI: Larger group to draw skills from
- Karen Behnke: Good for youth to see parents involved, gets them involved later
- Manitowoc, WI: new perspective from new parents
- Racine Co WI: help to build a sense of belonging
- Green Lake County: Share Work
- Outagamie County, WI: additional help during trainings
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: Parent support volunteers by distribution of duties, transporting youth, supplies,
- meeting deadlines and appreciation
- Ozaukee County, WI: New ideas
- Fond du Lac County WI: Gives them a reason to come to the meeting
- Karen Behnke: more comfortable relationship with youth if you know the parents
- Waukesha County 4-H: parents can reinforce learning at home
- Fond du Lac County WI: Crowd control
- Green Lake County: New ideas
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: positive mentor
- Green County, Wisconsin: They are getting opportunities to take on a volunteer role and gain confidence
- to take on more in the future
- Independence, Kansas: Gives us mentors
- Waukesha County 4-H: crowd control!
- Richland County, WI: provide transportation, crowd control
- Monroe County WI: Source of help to get things done
- Lincoln County Wisconsin: can do some of the work; come up with new ideas; new skills; make them feel
- a part of the club; adult to interact with and get feedback
- Douglas County 4-H: Relationship building
- Pepin County, WI: members respond sometimes better to volunteers rather than parents
- Karen Behnke: more accountability
- Richland County, WI: helps parents that are unable to volunteer
- Jackson County WI 4-H: Bring skills and connections to the club that helps other volunteers in providing
- good programs
- Karen Behnke: more follow through

- Winter Library: Help lead activities and help with supervision
- Adams County Wisconsin: members start and finish projects = success
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: youth and adults working together sharing ideas to make some amazing
- things
- Waukesha County 4-H: the more involved the parents are, the better they learn about 4 H
- Adams County Wisconsin: synergy
- Ozaukee County, WI: Eases new members into club
- Adams County Wisconsin: variety of activities
- Sawyer County 4-H LEADERS: DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITIES, FOLLOW-UP AT HOME, KNOWING WHAT
- DIFFERENT LEARNING ABILITIES ARE, DIVERSITY THAT PARENTS BRING TO THE GROUP, MORE PARENTS
- MEANS MORE SAFETY, WIDE VARIETY OF SKILL SETS, OTHER LIFE EXPERIENCES, WIDE VARIETY OF
- INFORMATION/EDUCATION
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Role model shows youth how adults can get along to make everything work well
- Pepin County, WI: Share their expertise
- Manitowoc, WI: project leader help
- Pierce County, WI 2: The more parent involvement helps lighten the load for the leaders in the club. They
- help things run smoothly and helps shift focus from volunteers and be even. Provide transportation.
- Parents help with activity exposing Cloverbuds and Explorers to do crafts. Knowing their supportive is
- huge! Helps keep volunteers motivated if parents show up. Know you have a support system. Parents
- take the lead on club projects and community service projects.
- pittsville 2: delegating
- Adams County Wisconsin: more positive reinforcement from other adults
- Calumet WI: Help club meetings to go more smoothly; Work is spread around; less work for one person;
- They bring additional/new talents; The kids are more enthused and willing to get involved; Allows for
- more adult/youth interaction; Greater understanding and awareness of parents, so leader doesn't have to
- follow up; Makes brainstorming easier; Behavior management
- Monroe CO County WI: Volunteers get to know parents and are drawn into the program

- Adams County Wisconsin: pool skills and knowledge
- pittsville 2: stronger members
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: positive PR
- Richland County, WI: share time commitment
- Monroe County WI: a way to spread the word
- Adams County Wisconsin: more parent involvement
- Racine Co WI: homemade snacks!!
- pittsville 2: brings parents into leadership
- Karen Behnke: more access to resources
- lisa.devine-barribeau: Less burn out of volunteers
- Adams County Wisconsin: a positive experience and environment!!
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: help their children succeed at home with the projects
- lisa.devine-barribeau: If volunteers are having fun it rubs off on kids and parents
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: involve community members so that the community is doing something for the club
- and the club is doing something for the community
- Adams County Wisconsin: Better follow up at home
- Monroe County WI: Parents are our volunteers
- lisa.devine-barribeau: Volunteers need parent to make it easier for kids and volunteers to work together
- Winnebago County WI: help bring youth to meetings, as the youth officers in my room say
- Winnebago County WI: resources to community speakers to come to 4-H club meetings
- Winnebago County WI: extra hands

What are the benefits to the parents of their positive involvement?

- ✓ Lynn Feldman: making a difference with the youth
- ✓ Burleigh: More experts to draw from
- ✓ NDSU - Mountrail County: get to know your kid's friends
- ✓ Jeff Hermes: support and help
- ✓ Cathy: spend time with the children
- ✓ Marcia Parcell: share their expertise.
- ✓ Center for 4-H North Dakota: The learn leadership skills, learn more about youth development & engagement too
- ✓ Cathy: watching children learn
- ✓ Karen Armstrong: A parent support group develops

- ✓ Cathy: friendships
- ✓ Stephanie Polei: mentoring and sharing information
- ✓ Monroe County, Indiana: being with your child
- ✓ Jeff Hermes: extra push to complete goals
- ✓ Cathy: give back to the community
- ✓ Cathy: learn something, too
- ✓ Burleigh: Parents know their youth best - go to them for guidance when challenging youth
- ✓ Dawson County Nebraska: promotes positive interaction between parent and child
- ✓ Cass County ND: Sharing talents with group
- ✓ Tonya Moore: If the kids see the parents being involved the kids want to be involved. It helps with crowd control.
- ✓ Monroe County, Indiana: being more involved in child's life, not just "drop and run"
- ✓ NDSU - Mountrail County: connect with your kids - own language
- ✓ Cathy: spending quality time with your children
- ✓ Floyd County, Indiana: Takes the weight off a single member
- ✓ Monroe County, Indiana: feeling more a part of the club
- ✓ Cass County ND: Stronger relationship with your child
- ✓ Floyd County, Indiana: supporting each other
- ✓ Dawson County Nebraska: allows parents to share their expertise
- ✓ Floyd County, Indiana: extra eyes for safety
- ✓ Burleigh: Can accomplish more
- ✓ Purdue Extension Service: if interested they will see that the kids get the things for their projects and will get them to the meetings.
- ✓ NDSU - Mountrail County: learn testing abbreviations
- ✓ Monroe County, Indiana: getting an education in the project and/or animal...help the child learn better
- ✓ Cynthia Gill: Builds a strong relationship with your child
- ✓ Stephanie Polei: role models
- ✓ Burleigh: If parents are invested, so will the youth
- ✓ Purdue Extension Service: Parents will set good examples.
- ✓ Ramsey County: More adults involved in promoting the 4-H program
- ✓ Floyd County, Indiana: great to bounce ideas off of
- ✓ Cathy: Giving parents a chance to teach and show skills
- ✓ Marion County, Indiana: Being connected, help child learn new skills, Get more confidence in their own teaching skills.
- ✓ Cathy: Learning together

- ✓ Cass County ND: Enjoy seeing your children grow/lead
- ✓ Cynthia Gill: Creates a family tradition
- ✓ Monroe County, Indiana: parent-to-parent, can discuss issues and come up with solutions
- ✓ Burleigh: More people to promote the program.
- ✓ Cass County ND: Succeeding together with child
- ✓ Purdue Extension Service: If parents are interested they will make sure the kids have the needed supplies
- ✓ for projects.
- ✓ Cathy: Take a family interest and build on it together
- ✓ Cass County ND: Learn new skills with children
- ✓ Dawson County Nebraska: allows parent to support youth's life outside of the home
- ✓ Stephanie Polei: gives a sense of purpose
- ✓ Floyd County, Indiana: Parents can support decisions the leader makes that the youth might not agree with
- ✓ NDSU - Oliver County: parents get exposure to some of the pressures they face outside of the family and help guide them
- ✓ Cass County ND: Learn patience
- ✓ Marion County, Indiana: Better connection to their own child, Learn more about 4-H
- ✓ LaMoure: it's a chance to reconnect with your youth & your own sense of natural wonder, a chance to pay-back 4-H debt and watch your child grow
- ✓ NDSU - Mountrail County: coolness rubs off - gain cool points
- ✓ Cass County ND: 4-H is a mega resource for parents
- ✓ Marion County, Indiana: improving personal skills
- ✓ Cass County ND: What you can learn from your kids
- ✓ Floyd County, Indiana: Buy-in from parents usually means we will retain the youth
- ✓ Marion County, Indiana: parents can have fun!!
- ✓ Cass County ND: You can learn from your kids
- ✓ Cass County ND: Parents can have fun with their children
- ✓ Marion County, Indiana: Get to know children's friends...
- ✓ Marion County, Indiana: learn from the kids
- ✓ NDSU - Oliver County: when parents enjoy their experience they can be future recruiting resources
- ✓ Cass County ND: Parents make lots of new friends

What are the benefits to the 4-H Members of positive parent involvement?

- ❖ Kossuth County 2: Helps to increase attendance
- ❖ Monroe County 4-H: Good relationships
- ❖ Black Hawk College 2: Kids are more likely to get more involved

- ❖ Floyd County, Indiana: Extra eyes for safety
- ❖ Monroe County 4-H: Feel supportive
- ❖ John Nickler: Helps bond the group together
- ❖ Monroe County 4-H: Encouragement
- ❖ Floyd County, Indiana: takes the weight off of a single leader
- ❖ Peggy Ann Eichen 2: essential for members to be able to attend and join in things
- ❖ Janet Pollock: Members are more apt to stay involved in 4-H and be very active members
- ❖ John Nickler: good mentors
- ❖ Peggy Ann Eichen 2: helps with keeping meetings moving forward, especially when lots of really young members are involved
- ❖ John Nickler: parents have many skills to offer as project leaders
- ❖ McIntosh County: 4-H meetings are family time, kids act better at meetings with parents,
- ❖ Rock Island, IL: more positive role models for youth
- ❖ Rock Island, IL: kids what parents who care
- ❖ Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: Enthusiasm seeing adults interest; sense of belonging, positive adult mentors,
- ❖ Rock Island, IL: youth are more involved
- ❖ Peggy Ann Eichen 2: makes members feel better about themselves
- ❖ Black Hawk College 2: Parents are coaching and mentoring their kids during the meeting in quiet ways that get results
- ❖ McIntosh County: parents learn areas that need more focus when they attend meetings with their children, shows the child the parent is interested in the child's activities
- ❖ Rock Island, IL: youth finish more projects
- ❖ Rhonda: Members and adults learn from each other.
- ❖ Peggy Ann Eichen 2: wish I had a "like" button for many of these
- ❖ Molly Frendo: Peggy - if only we could get it like Facebook! :)

Parent Expectations of 4-H Volunteers

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What should parents expect volunteers to do?

- Lynn Feldman: Should expect volunteers to provide a safe atmosphere.
- Carver County 4-H, MN: Positive attitude
- Burleigh: Engagement in the club process
- peter nordin - WI: be caring

- Adams County Wisconsin: help with paperwork
- Outagamie County, WI: good role models
- Houston County, MN 2: Role models
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin: Help them to learn about 4-H
- Kossuth County 2: A sense of direction
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: positive attitude
- Meeker County, MN: be accessible/available
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: provide a safe environment
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: keep them up to date
- Jeff Hermes: knowledgeable
- Fillmore County: role modeling
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: support
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: Communication. Prompt response time to questions.
- Trisha: encouragement
- Isanti County - Minnesota: knowledge
- Huron County, OH: Provide information in a timely manner
- Stephanie Polei: organized and on time
- Jackson County WI 4-H: Productive purposeful meetings
- Meeker County, MN: clear communication
- Adams County Wisconsin: record book questions
- Angie Stika: Communicate information from extension office
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: guidance
- Rock Island, IL: able to contact us and we will respond back
- Dan Moreno: well-planned events, meetings, etc.
- Red Lake County, MN: Have some answers or know where to find answers.
- Monroe County 4-H: Nurturing educational environment
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: community service
- Richland County, WI: knowledge of projects
- Rusk County: good role models
- Meeker County, MN: teamwork
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: knowledgeable of 4-H program
- WI-Dodge County 4-H :role model
- Wright County: communication
- Fayette Iowa: Ditto!!
- maryann: help and encourage and not create hostility or make the final decisions

- Calumet WI: Expect me to like all the kids and not have favorites
- Pine County, MN: answer questions or get answers
- Donna Leff: organization
- Jackson County WI 4-H: Answers to their questions
- Independence, Kansas: Guidance
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: encouraging
- Marilyn Lesmeister, OR: Timely communication
- Meeker County, MN: make it fun
- Center for 4-H North Dakota: Encouraging youth engagement
- Jackie D: be reliable and organized
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: encourage their children
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: good communication
- Big Stone/Traverse County: They are prepared.
- Fillmore County: encouraging
- Wadena County, MN: be helpful
- Monroe County WI: Safe secure LEARNING experience
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: respectful
- Carlton County 4-H: guidance, communications, not babysitting
- Cathy: Have a positive program for youth to participate in
- Jeff Hermes: parliamentary procedure
- Independence, Kansas: Keeping them informed and updated
- Waseca County, MN: communication with parents
- Burleigh: Provide age appropriate instructions
- Pine County, MN: all children are given respect
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: positive role model
- Donna Leff: knowledgeable
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: supportive
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: keep up to date on info-deadlines
- Becky Kirby-Creveling, Iowa: To be there to answer any questions that a parent or member may have
- Fayette Iowa: Good attitudes
- Cass County ND: To be a positive role model
- Richland County, WI: honest about what club can offer (leaders)
- Green County, Wisconsin: Be knowledgeable and encourage our youth
- Meeker County, MN: acceptable behavior/role models
- Sawyer County 4-H LEADERS; PUNCTUAL

- WI-Dodge County 4-H: encouragement
- Green County, Wisconsin: communication
- Burleigh: Support
- Independence, Kansas: Children should be treated with respect
- Tonya Moore: encourage deadlines for leaders to the
- Monroe County-Iowa: should be able to answer questions or find the answer if we don't know it
- Waseca County, MN: informed about what is going on
- Richland County, WI: safety
- Sawyer County 4-H LEADERS: role models
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: new ideas and project areas
- Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: Gentle guidance, communication, positive re-enforcement
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: willing to ask questions
- Pepin County, WI: organized
- Calumet WI: good role models
- St. Peter: provide guidance
- Wright County: encourage the children. A safe learning atmosphere
- Adams County Wisconsin: positive environment
- Manitowoc, WI: guidance for new families
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: club plan
- Big Stone/Traverse County: They should provide a safe environment for the kids.
- Cass County ND: Knowledge of 4-H opportunities
- Houston County, MN 2: Be informed
- Douglas County 4-H: Help with club and project enrollment
- Donna Leff: safety of youth while in volunteer's care
- St. Peter: be knowledgeable
- Jackson County WI 4-H: Guidance for meeting ideas and projects that they can help lead as parents
- Purdue Extension Service: responsibility - such as stay until parents arrive to pick them up.
- Jeff Hermes: opportunity to demonstrate, public speaking
- Amy Craven: Role model, safe environment, encouraging, organizing meetings, COMMUNICATION
- Marcia Parcell: attentive.
- Calumet WI: consistency
- Richland County, WI: provide encouragement
- Rock Island, IL: organized meetings with youth involved
- Red Lake County, MN: Safe environment.
- Rhonda 2: Provide the member an opportunity to shine

- Independence, Kansas: Listen
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Approach with questions & be able to answer accurately
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: provide safe environment
- Burleigh: Staying informed about 4-H activities in the county
- Big Stone/Traverse County :Good communication.
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: Sticking to the plan.
- St. Peter: be on time
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: or find out!
- Black Hawk College: professionalism, respect, accountability, integrity
- Carver County 4-H, MN: good communication
- Cass County ND: Where to find resources
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: positive role models
- Marion County, Indiana: Act professionally, knowledgeable
- Center for 4-H North Dakota: Encourage youth to run their 4-H meeting
- Cathy: encourage members to be involved in the decision making and planning in the club
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: Volunteer should be willing to teach and set a good example to the youth
- St. Peter: be kind
- Floyd County, Indiana: Be good role model
- maryann: share talents and teach
- Jeff Hermes: teach youth how to conduct themselves in a meeting
- Houston County, MN 2: prepared
- Renville County,MN: safe environment, encouragement, communication, create a positive experience
- Iowa: Grundy: to know the leader's expectations
- Adams County Wisconsin: learn as much as possible on how to run a meeting
- Pepin County, WI: Communication link between the club and 4-H Leaders organization
- pittsville 2: we are trustworthy
- Green County, Wisconsin: Timely information
- Douglas County 4-H: Sharing information in a timely manner
- Houston County, MN 2: informed
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Use their experiences to help with the program.
- Outagamie County, WI: volunteers don't always have the answer, but they are a resource
- Pierce County, WI 2: Keep the parents informed, answer questions, be organized, lead meetings, have a place to hold a meeting, delegate responsibilities, give parents resources, empower youth to be involved at all levels
- pittsville 2: we care about the kids

- Isanti County - Minnesota: make meetings interesting
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: Have a plan B.
- lisa.devine-barribeau: Do what they say they are going to do
- Cass County ND: Keep them informed
- Floyd County, Indiana: create a safe environment
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: good use of time and organized
- Manitowoc, WI: treat all kids equally and positive
- Calumet WI: keeping them informed of what is going on
- Fayette Iowa: Guide on a side
- Kossuth County 2: A positive and safe environment and a positive attitude
- Floyd County, Indiana: children will learn
- Yellow Medicine Co., MN 2: Be a positive role model
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Flexibility with your 4-H members
- pittsville 2: we will be positive role models
- LaMoure 2: to know the basic framework/expectations of the county 4-H program
- Adams County Wisconsin: do things youth are interested in
- Floyd County, Indiana: good communication
- Grant County 4-H, MN: respect; good communication, appropriate positive guidance, good attitude, and role models, availability
- pittsville 2: we will encourage the kids
- peter nordin - WI: Encourage and guide the child but also to take appropriate action to keep all involved safe.
- Cara Kobza: Youth are in a safe environment
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: fairness, fun, and discipline
- Monroe County, Indiana: be approachable and friendly
- Floyd County, Indiana: positive experience
- St. Peter: background check completed
- Pepin County, WI: club meeting reminder
- Freeborn County, MN 4-H: expect them to be respectful, not do all the work for us but to inform us, helping hand but not a doer, expect a smile
- pittsville 2: we will do what we can to find the answers to your questions
- LaMoure 2: to know opportunities available to youth
- Waukesha County 4-H: Professional.
- Langlade County, Wisconsin: know the program/project and what 4-H can offer
- Kossuth County 2: Enriching, organized and quality experience for their children
- Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: Team approach to learning

- Huron County, OH: organization
- karen behnke: accurate information and updates
- Monroe County, Indiana: be prepared for meetings
- Waukesha County 4-H: Energy
- North St. Louis County MN 2: take time to explain "4H" to parents -- all the different parts and programs
- karen behnke: safe environment for learning
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin: Have consistent meeting days/times
- waukesha county 4-H: Follow through.
- pittsville 2: we will have fun
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: caring and fair
- Manitowoc, WI: let them know what is going on, but not everything
- maryann: listen and care
- Carver County 4-H, MN: honesty
- Stephanie Polei: help them find an answer if we do not know
- NDSU - Mountrail County: be inclusive of everyone
- Story County Iowa: safe environment, include all, patience, teach 4-H (records, goals, etc), be available
- Stephanie Polei: role model
- Dawson County Nebraska: that they are properly trained
- Monroe County-Iowa: provide guidance
- Fayette Iowa: Caring adult
- Waukesha County 4-H: Provide Quality Leadership
- Iowa: Grundy: expect the leader to be flexible
- pittsville 2: encourage cooperation
- Janet Pollock: be organized and ready for officers to start meetings on time - everyone's time is important
- NDSU - Mountrail County: timely informed
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: volunteers will communicate with parents/youth/volunteers
- Monroe County WI: Help and if answer is not known a source to find it
- Story County Iowa: communicate (deadlines, etc)
- Regina Partee: Safe environment, role model and where to find the answers
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: guide
- Iowa: Grundy: to know meeting dates in advance
- pittsville 2: help youth to run the meeting
- lisa.devine-barribeau: Include everyone

- Marion County, Indiana: To be fair
- Cass County ND: Help kids structure the meeting
- Marion County, Indiana: Be prepared
- Carver County 4-H, MN: involve everyone
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: listening while gently guiding
- Dawson County Nebraska: should have an ability to buffer bad situations
- Pierce County, WI 2: Needed materials, resources to find the answers
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: provide the resources to find information about 4-H and the various
- project areas
- Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: inclusion of all members
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: provide fun vibrant activities
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: teach rules
- Marion County, Indiana: Be on time
- Lincoln County Wisconsin: Well-organized, quality meetings; guidance with projects, good communication, understand what 4-H is; good role model for leadership
- Green Lake County: We need to address all learning styles!
- Wright County, MN: Resources
- Wright County, MN: Lead and show direction
- NDSU - Oliver County: get them excited about their (member) involvement in 4H
- Wright County, MN: Provide a safe environment at 4-H activities
- Marion County, Indiana: To be flexible

What should parents NOT expect volunteers to do?

- Dawson County Nebraska: babysitting service
- Monroe County WI: babysitting
- NDSU - Mountrail County: babysit
- karen behnke: Not their babysitters
- Fayette Iowa: We are not babysitters
- Manitowoc, WI: babysitting
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: Child care, social work
- Monroe County-Iowa: not babysitters
- pittsville 2: don't expect the leaders to go it alone
- Waseca County, MN: Not be a babysitter - dropping kids off and run
- Green County, Wisconsin: ditto

- Carver County 4-H, MN: babysitting
- pittsville 2: don't expect leaders to be babysitters
- Marcia Parcell: babysit.
- Monroe County, Indiana: babysit
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-: Not a babysitter.
- Rusk County: babysitting
- Carver County 4-H, MN: walk them through an entire project start to finish
- Sawyer County 4-H LEADERS: BABYSITTERS
- Monroe County 4-H: Babysitters
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: babysit
- Fillmore County: bullying
- karen behnke: Not financially responsible for everything
- Houston County, MN 2: Babysit
- Kossuth County 2: Do projects for the members
- Wadena County, MN: not do it all
- Isanti County - Minnesota: babysitting
- lisa.devine-barribeau: Personal invites for each meeting
- pittsville 2: don't expect the project leader to know everything the project involves
- peter nordin - WI: wow. Lots of babysitting. That is what I thought too. Must be a real problem:)
- Monroe COuntY WI: Child to become expert
- Monroe County, Indiana: finance their child's experience
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin: Pick up and drop off youth
- Huron County, OH: Finish or do the projects
- Meeker County, MN: babysit kids
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: favoring their child because she's more special than others
- pittsville 2: don't expect constant reminders
- Stephanie Polei: provide transportation
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: volunteers to do their work, like enrolling or chase them down for paperwork
- Becky Kirby-Creveling, Iowa :Not to be there to babysit their child or children
- Meeker County, MN: discipline their kids
- Isanti County - Minnesota: expect volunteers to do everything themselves
- Mary- Crawford County: should not be babysitters
- Stephanie Polei: we are not perfect
- pittsville 2: we are not hand holders

- Huron County, OH: get the members to judging
- Regina Partee: For advisors to do the projects at the meeting.
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: volunteers are not babysitters
- Marilyn Lesmeister, OR: Do all volunteer work by themselves!
- karen behnke: not providing transportation
- Dawson County Nebraska: intervention in sibling problems
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: babysitting
- Monroe County-Iowa: should not expect us to spoon-feed the members
- Christy: be transportation all the time
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: transportation
- Meeker County, MN: track down kids
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: to know everything
- Mary- Crawford County: they should not do all the work
- Donna Leff: babysitting
- Red Lake County, MN: That we're babysitting their kids.
- Waseca County, MN: be reminded every month that 4-H meetings are the same time every month
- Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: Don't expect volunteers to be a "bag of money"
- Carlton County 4-H: to be their all and everything
- Purdue Extension Service: to just be a babysitter
- Fayette Iowa: Not to be doing their work
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: don't know everything... but hopefully know where to find the info
- St. Peter: volunteers to do everything
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: reminding, begging, coaxing for help
- Jackson County WI 4-H: Babysitting
- St. Peter: babysitting
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: not to be an expert on all project areas
- Fillmore County: babysitting
- Burleigh: Planning meetings
- Carver County 4-H, MN: to know all of the answers
- Rock Island, IL: pick up everyone and give them a ride
- Monroe County WI: Holding hands and spoon feeding
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: to to all the work by themselves
- Calumet WI: babysit
- Mary- Crawford County: should not run the meeting
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: complete projects for them

- St. Peter: volunteers have a life/job outside of 4-H
- Red Lake County, MN: Special treatment, and that we know how to do everything.
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: babysit
- Rhonda 2: Being negative about the members ideas.
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: not hand holding
- Center for 4-H North Dakota: The volunteer should not be expected to know everything
- Janet Pollock: leaders shouldn't have to discipline the members when the parents are in attendance
- Calumet WI: that the leaders knows everything
- Jackie D: leaders are not responsible for completing each members projects for them and meeting
- required deadlines for the members
- Marion County, Indiana: to be disrespectful
- Richland County, WI: to have all the answers
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: completing their paperwork
- Adams County Wisconsin: To know everything :-)
- Iowa: Grundy: they should not expect us to hold their hands through the year
- Fayette Iowa: Driver to all activities
- Jeff Hermes: babysitting
- Renville County, MN: babysitting, don't expect leaders to do all the work, leader can be a resource but they
- need to be responsible,
- St. Peter: yell at the kids
- Adams County Wisconsin: Not be a babysitter
- Independence, Kansas: Don't expect them to do all the work
- Monroe County-Iowa: meeting to always end on time, especially if the group is fishing
- Freeborn County, MN 4-H: don't expect them to know all
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Can't make everyone get along...however, they can expect a respectful environment.
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: common courtesy and etiquette
- Floyd County, Indiana: Will not just dump their children indefinitely
- Independence, Kansas: be a babysitter
- Richland County, WI: all supplies will be provided
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: repeated calls and reminders
- John Nickler: Not expect that dates be changed to suit their kids activities
- Adams County Wisconsin: transportation
- Stearns County, MN 4-H: handle discipline
- Cass County ND: Parents should not expect leaders to run the meetings

- Meeker County, MN: not organize or take care of 4-H'ers projects
- Red Lake County, MN: That volunteers shouldn't be the only ones doing the activities and working with the kids.
- Independence, Kansas: provide transportation
- Langlade County, Wisconsin: volunteers/leaders are not perfect
- Jeff Hermes: do projects for the youth
- Marion County, Indiana: Be a taxi driver.
- Wright County: Holding their hands on each project.
- Richland County, WI: time is unlimited
- Donna Leff: make the decisions
- Rock Island, IL: track them down to get the information we need - for fair or enrollment
- Freeborn County, MN 4-H: don't expect them to do everything
- Floyd County, Indiana: Leaders to do the work for their children
- Calumet WI: That we are going to act on every suggestion
- Waukesha County 4-H: Babysitter
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Should not be expected to be "in charge of" or parent their child (behavior)
- Pierce County, WI 2: Transportation, food, babysitting, leaders won't do the members project for them, parents shouldn't expect leaders to be an expert on all projects
- Independence, Kansas: Experts in everything
- Waseca County, MN: discipline their children
- Waukesha County 4-H: Taxi Driver
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: understanding that leaders don't know it all particularly in all project areas but may know someone
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: special arrangements for them and them only
- Adams County Wisconsin: To be reliant on volunteers to get them everything
- Fayette Iowa: Not to deliver all the materials needed during the year
- LaMoure 2: not to be wholly responsible for the child's 4-H involvement
- Independence, Kansas: Expect them to be perfect
- Monroe County, Indiana: hand out awards to you if you missed it, deliver them to their homes across town
- Jackson County WI 4-H: Can't expect volunteers to do new things every year without help
- Amy Craven: babysitting, volunteers to wait for late parents, do all projects during club time-should do
- some at home as well
- Waukesha County 4-H: Financing
- Freeborn County, MN 4-H: expect us to not babysit or be a taxi driver
- Manitowoc, WI: sole source of motivation for members

- St. Peter: volunteers to be mind readers
- Amy Craven: always pay for or donate everything
- Pierce County, WI 2: Financing
- Calumet WI: Not the leader's responsibility to hold a child's hand through every fair entry or every trip application
- Red Lake County, MN: That volunteers are going to keep calling after the information has been out once or twice.
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Have all the insights and preparations of every meeting taken care of.
- Donna Leff: constant reminders of events, etc.
- Grant County 4-H, MN: them to do everything, disrespect, favoritism, overbearing-control freak,
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Volunteers don't take the place of a parent - parents still need to be involved
- Wright County: Cannot do the work or entries for the children
- Cass County ND: Leaders are not expected to it all
- Story County Iowa: to know all of the answers
- Monroe County, Indiana: do the child's project for them
- Green Lake County: Babysitting and Transportation!
- Fayette Iowa: Volunteer to take place of the parent
- Waukesha County 4-H: Calling to remind.
- Green Lake County: We can't read minds!
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Volunteers can't do everything
- Lincoln County Wisconsin: Babysitting, to do project; do it all without help; to seek them out if miss
- meetings; expect perfection - not make mistakes
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Parents involvement is critical
- Wright County, MN: Maintain behavior expectations
- Wright County, MN: Be the sole encouraging voice
- Monroe County WI: put up with excuses

Action Steps

NCRV e-Forum Poll Question Results

What steps are you going to take next related to the information shared in this program?

- Independence, Kansas: Orientation for new parents
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: Using the parent survey
- Lynn Feldman: Do a parent interest survey
- Monroe County-Iowa: make it clear that parents are welcome
- Jeff Hermes: mentor program for families
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: email and calling to keep informed
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: survey the parents to see their interests and expectations

- donna meek: Parent orientation
- Houston County, MN 2: Make it fun.
- Adams County Wisconsin: develop a parent skill bank
- Carlton County 4-H: new parent orientation
- Isanti County - Minnesota: parent handbook
- Fond du Lac County WI: Use Dig In form
- Cathy: Personally ask one parent to do something specific
- Waukesha County 4-H: Learn to ask parents for help.
- Pine County, MN: Finding out the interest areas of parents
- Douglas County 4-H: More communication with parents
- NDSU - Mountrail County: Orientation for parents
- Marcia Parcell: to have a parent orientation.
- Meeker County, MN: recognize those that are active
- Goodhue County, MN: having a parent orientation session with the interest survey
- Marilyn Lesmeister, OR: Develop an orientation outline
- Robyn Deines (Kansas): host a new parents meeting so that parents know what their expectations are
- Kossuth County 2: Recognize the parents for all that they help with
- John Nickler: mentoring
- Outagamie County, WI: enhanced parent orientation
- Calumet WI: Utilize a parent survey
- Sawyer County 4-H LEADERS: communicate
- Bob Mccollum: buddy new parents with experienced ones
- pittsboro 2: orientation for new families will use these ideas
- Jeff Hermes: new family orientation
- Rusk County: keeping them informed
- Manitowoc, WI: provide them with the website from Purdue
- Marion County, Indiana: Survey of parent interest
- Dawson County Nebraska: hold a family orientation meeting
- karen behnke 2: identifying their skills
- Green County, Wisconsin: Our group liked the parent interest survey
- Angie Stika: parent interest survey
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: utilize the parent interest survey
- Carol Ehlers: First Year Parent Orientation/supports/resources-
- Amy Craven: we like the idea of the new parent orientation
- Iowa: Grundy: Have Parent Expectations Available
- Isanti County - Minnesota: parent orientation
- Rhonda 2: Have parents help plan meetings.
- Wabasha County 4-H - MN 2: Clearer parent expectations
- Wadena County, MN: delegate with desire to help
- Jackson County WI 4-H: new parent orientation on a county level
- Rock Island, IL: utilize the parent interest survey; ask for more help; engage parents in more conversation to find out what they like
- Alicia Endicott: Start a Parent Survey and extend it to community members.
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: parent appreciation
- Goodhue County, MN: Using Top 10 ideas
- Lafayette County 4-H Leaders' Association: Using the parent survey.
- Floyd County, Indiana: Orientation for all parents
- Donna Leff: starting with small tasks for new parents

- Meeker County, MN: mentor new parents
- Lynn Feldman: Ask parents to do small tasks
- Jeff Hermes: parent surveys
- pittsville 2: parent survey
- Carlton County 4-H: provide a handbook folder with resources at the start of the new program year
- Peggy Ann Eichen 2: mentoring
- Floyd County, Indiana: Parent survey
- Newton County, Missouri: Give the parent survey, to identify parent interests for club involvement
- Monroe County 4-H: Define duties of volunteers
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin: County-wide family orientation
- St. Peter: new parent meetings
- Houston County, MN 2: To make it worth their while
- Jackie D: i will use this material to go over parent involvement at new member night
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Orientation for New Parents and Interest Survey
- Iowa - Region 16 Scott, Cedar, Clinton and Muscatine Co.: Look at providing a handbook
- Huron County, OH: Use top 10 list at first meeting for parent orientation
- Jeremy and Amy Westcott: Have a parent only meeting
- Julie Davis: I would like to use the Parent Interest survey.
- Anoka County, MN: mentorship
- Bill: orientation/survey
- Stephanie Polei: survey parents to find their interests
- Amy Craven: recognition for parents is also a great idea
- Price County 4-H: Send out a parent survey.
- Monroe County WI: New Parent meeting and inventory
- Manitowoc, WI: family orientation meeting
- Richland County, WI 2: parent expectation survey
- Cathy: Give parents and opportunity to say, "No, Thank you."
- Independence, Kansas: Know the basics of 4-H
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Parent orientation meeting as county or group of clubs.
- Red Lake County, MN: Recognize parents, invite parents to stay.
- Monroe County, Indiana: set up a parent committee in the club to oversee getting parents more involved
- Carver County 4-H, MN: parent only meeting to make them more involved with the learning for the year.
- Waupaca County WI: Try the parent interest survey, rethink new family orientation
- Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: take the time to inform the parents as to what 4-H is and what their expectations are
- Winnebago County WI: appreciation night for parents
- Adams County Wisconsin: Do's and Don't list for our newsletter
- Christy: delegate responsibilities so parents feel involved
- Fayette Iowa: Stress the importance to parents that involvement from them is needed and that they are invited to the meetings
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Online parent orientation information.
- lisa.devine-barribeau: club new family welcome guide
- Debra Austin: check out the suggested resources
- Independence, Kansas: Where they fit in the extension system
- Mary- CrawfordCounty: have an orientation with new families
- Plymouth County 4-H Iowa 2: parent mentoring
- Waukesha County 4-H: Mentoring families throughout the year.

- Black Hawk College: Continue to have family meetings, often with meals, that are centered on having the whole family involved
- Fond du Lac County WI: Ask exec board to plan a parent appreciation
- Center for 4-H North Dakota: Finish our 4-H Family Handbook!!!
- Janet Pollock: Liked and will use the Top 10 List
- Red Lake County, MN: Include parents in roll call.
- Tonya Moore: WE like the parent survey, it creates involvement! New 4-H members' orientation.
- NDSU - Mountrail County: Parent interest sheet good idea
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Time Factor has changed over the last 20 years, so it is difficult for parents to get everything done
- Green County, Wisconsin: using role descriptions to define opportunities
- Iowa: Grundy: Having the parents split off into their own meeting during the club meeting so they can talk about their needs or things they'd like to do
- Angie Stika: appreciation night for parents as well as members
- Meeker County, MN: understand that all parents can't be involved in the same way. Don't scare away parents because of too many expectations
- Dawson County Nebraska: hold a 4-H kickoff event to get youth and parents up to date on current activities.
- Purdue Extension Service: parent interest form helpful and the "dig in" sheet
- Adams County Wisconsin: more info in the newsletter
- Donna Leff: have parents sign up to lead a small activity at the beginning or end of each meeting... the "fun" part
- donna meek: parents in roll call, love that
- pittsville 2: give parents the opportunity to lead a project or one portion of the meeting
- Rice County, MN: offering sign-up sheets with possible activities/committees and parents choose where their interest is
- Wright County, MN: Organize a new family night in December
- Mary- CrawfordCounty: work on getting parents to come to meetings by finding out their interest
- Red Lake County, MN: Involve parents in learning, too.
- Callaway County, MO: Parent interest survey
- Renville County, MN: Use the survey (make them think about it), mentoring of new families, show interest in the parents
- Lynn Feldman: Have more family meals
- Big Stone/Traverse County: Parent interest survey.
- Wright County, MN: Committee meetings to encourage more diverse involvement
- Waukesha County 4-H: Better defining opportunities.
- Newton County, Missouri: Implement parent orientation, countywide
- Price County 4-H: Share highlights/information from Webinar with 4-H Leaders Association at January Meeting.
- Adams County Wisconsin: utilize the parent involvement tools for clubs
- Cathy: Give the skills inventory to parents each year
- Fond du Lac County WI: Use parent survey to find their skills and interests
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: With our horse project, we have a parent night at the beginning of the year to help organize and get everyone on the same page.
- Dakota County 4-H, Minnesota: establish a mentorship program
- Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: Have parents choose ONE Club "activity" and be responsible for it.
- Story County Iowa: recognize ways to include parents and to say thank you to them when they help
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Interest survey might be helpful in finding out what they are interested in
- Adams County Wisconsin: Talk about what we learned tonight :-)

- Pepin County, WI: mentor idea
- Regina Partee, Ohio: Encourage our county to use this program with our advisors in working with parents.
- lisa.devine-barribeau: Give each family responsibility for doing one activity with the club
- Doris Braddock/Deanna Roby: Utilize the parent/family surveys
- waukesha county 4-H: Create a team atmosphere asking for feedback.
- pittsville 2:share this packet with parents
- Pine County, MN: Organize a new family meeting
- Green Lake County: Explore a Parent Recognition Program
- MN S. St. Louis County 4-H: Parent planning meeting in August where kids have activities to keep them busy and parents have a chance to talk.
- Calumet WI: Help parents get to know each other
- Wright County, MN: Show appreciation for leaders and parents
- Marion County, Indiana: Ask parents to be involved
- Lynn Feldman: Having a family fun night
- Monroe County, Indiana: new parent orientation
- Cara Kobza: family orientation meeting
- WI-Dodge County 4-H: recognize parents at a club level
- Grant County 4-H, MN: county wide new member orientation night; more regularly scheduled meetings; ask parents to help with activities;
- Patsy Maddy - Kansas: Let new parents know that they are not expected to do something for the entire year - a one time commitment
- Rock Island, IL: have top 10 things parents should know in our county newsletter
- Julie Davis: Doing a presentation at the club meetings to go over the Top 10--doing one a meeting. Then expand to the whole county and going to other 2 clubs and sharing the same info with them.
- Cass County ND: Get to know the parents and their skills & talents
- Monroe County, Indiana: mentors for new parents