

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT BEING A 4-H SPIN LEADER/VOLUNTEER



How much time does it take?

- 1 hour: Required volunteer orientation with a URI 4-H extension staff person.
- Optional: Additional training time is available and recommended for those who have not worked with children before.
- SPIN Clubs generally involve 6 or more hours of meeting time. Depending on the agency you are working with and the volunteers availability, some clubs meet for 1 hour/week for 6 weeks or 1.5 hours for 4 weeks etc...
- Volunteers should also consider travel and planning time when thinking about their availability.

What happens during SPIN Club meetings?

- A typical meeting starts with the 4-H Pledge and a quick game to get to know each other.
- The majority of the meeting time is centered on **hands-on** learning activities and lessons.
- Youth in SPIN Clubs learn about a topic that is interesting and engaging for them from a leader who is enthusiastic and supportive.

What are my responsibilities as a 4-H Leader/Volunteer?

- Decide what skills the club members should learn.
- Identify safety issues and keep members safe.
- Guide members as they learn new knowledge and skills.
- Maintain communication with the 4-H office,
- Submit required paperwork for club membership.
- Create a place where each young person feels valued and accepted.
- Help youth demonstrate their understanding of the topic.

Where do I go for educational resources and supplies?

- The URI 4-H Staff has everything you will need – from lesson books to craft supplies.
- Find us at URI - Peckham Farm: Taryn, Rm 10 or Heidi, Rm 6
- We are here to help you to plan, promote and carry out your club goals.

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