

# 4-H

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# Become a Leader *Join Us!*

Adult volunteer leaders play an important role in the 4-H program. Volunteers coordinate local community clubs and help to plan and conduct local, regional, state and national 4-H events.



## Step One

The first step in becoming a 4-H leader is to choose the level of volunteer commitment that is right for you. In Arapahoe County we have Organizational Leaders, Project Leaders, Activity Leaders, and Resource Leaders. Organizational Leaders manage each 4-H club, and are the direct link to the county 4-H office for their club. Project Leaders assist the organizational leaders and typically have (or acquire) knowledge to assist members working in certain project areas. Sometimes big clubs will divide the jobs and have several project leaders to meet all the interests of the 4-H members. Activity Leaders also assist clubs and the county 4-H office by helping with specific activities or events. Resource leaders are similar to Project Leaders, but instead of working with a specific club, they work with youth from many different clubs to enhance learning in specific areas. Contact a local 4-H Club Leader to see if there is room in an existing club near you. If not, several young people with an adult or two to help them may start a new club. For a list of clubs organized in Arapahoe County please see our current [Club List](#).

## Step Two

Find out what projects 4-H offers to young people, and where your resources the most. There are over 60 different projects divided into more than 225 divisions. These divisions range from arts and crafts, photography, model rocketry, foods, clothing, gardening, wildlife, woodworking, to dog obedience, small animals, horses and livestock. The [Project Selection Guide](#) describes projects that are available for 4-H Members.

## Step Three

Applying for a volunteer position with the 4-H Office in Arapahoe County starts the process of becoming a leader. Volunteers are charged a \$10 first year fee and then \$5 each year after. Any additional Leader materials can be purchased through the Extension Office. Contact Shaylen Florez at 303-730-1920 to start the application process.

## Step Four

Have Fun! The mission of 4-H is to help children grow into healthy, productive, successful adults. This mission is accomplished through involvement of parents, volunteer leaders, and other adults who organize and conduct fun educational experiences in community and family settings. Stay involved throughout the year with the [4-H Newsletter](#), [4-H News & Events Page](#) on our web site or through [social media](#).

