



Clayton County 4-H County Council



Purpose: The 4-H County Council provides input into the county 4-H program. They plan and carry out county-wide activities for youth. County Council members are ambassadors of the 4-H program and are positive role models for younger 4-H members.

Who: Youth grades 11-12 apply to be part of this leadership and community service group.

Time Required: The time commitment varies but estimate 2-5 hours per month.

Responsibilities:

1. **To be a communication link between local 4-H clubs and the county 4-H program.**
County Council will meet the third Sunday of the month at the Extension Office, unless otherwise planned by the Council.
2. **To be a positive role model for the Clayton County 4-H Program.**
We expect the best from our youth representatives. If there is a youth that makes a poor decision, it would be expected that they will contact the County 4-H & Youth Program Coordinator and let her know what happened. Their future involvement with the 4-H County Council will be determined by staff in consultation with the youth. County Council is a privilege and members are expected to display exemplary code of conduct.
3. **To attend monthly meetings or communicate with the County 4-H & Youth Program Coordinator.** If a council member misses three meetings and/or activities without any communication to Extension Staff, there will be a written notification of termination from the council.
4. **To participate in opportunities to practice service to others.** Possible service projects will be discussed at County Council meetings. All members will participate unless there is a good reason not to attend.
5. **To be a part of a Clayton County 4-H Council Committee.**
6. **To help plan and participate in county 4-H fundraisers such as the Omelet Brunch, Silent Auction and the Spaghetti Supper.** Each year the County Council will be helping organizing fundraisers for the county 4-H program. Council members not participating in such fundraisers will not be allowed to go on the council trip unless they have a pre-approved excuse.
7. **Council members are to be role models and are encouraged to participate in county events such as the 4-H Clothing Event (Fashion Revue or Clothing Selection), Communications Activities (Presentations, Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking , or Share-the-Fun), or the Awards program (record keeping, project awards or officer awards).**
8. **Council members should enroll in the 4-H Leadership project.**
9. **Council members should consider participation beyond Clayton County**
 - a. **Camp Counselors**
 - b. **State 4-H Council**
 - c. **State 4-H Conference**

Ongoing

To keep informed on 4-H in Clayton County

- Read 4-H newsletters and literature from the county Extension Office and contact the County Extension Office as needed.
- Be aware of 4-H opportunities available in Clayton County and share information with local club members.
- Participate in 4-H County Council training opportunities.

Qualifications/Skills Needed:

- A sincere interest in the Clayton County 4-H program.
- Willingness to be a part of leadership and citizenship opportunities throughout the year.
- The ability to work as a part of a team and have good communication with the County 4-H & Youth Program Coordinator.
- A sincere interest in working with other youth in Clayton County and promote the 4-H program throughout the year.

Training Provided:

- Extension agrees to provide training that will help the youth volunteers meet the needs of members, leaders and parents.
- Offer professional assistance.
- Provide appropriate recognition and awards.

Receives counsel and guidance from

- County 4-H & Youth Program Coordinator
- Regional 4-H Youth Development Program Specialist

Length of Commitment

- 1-2 years