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## Volunteers Needed in 4-H

Volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H program. They are the organizers, teachers, and counselors who make the program available to youth. Utilizing volunteers effectively can assure the success of the local program. Positive youth development research shows the importance of caring adults in the lives of young people. **Contact your local Extension office** for details about the following volunteer opportunities or access the information on the county Extension web page. **Call Lake County Extension at 847-223-8627, or e-mail us at [lake.extension.uiuc.edu](mailto:lake.extension.uiuc.edu)**



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## Club/Group Volunteers

The formal roles volunteers fill at the local level fall into three general categories: organizational leaders, project leaders, and activity leaders. **Organizational leaders** provide overall leadership to club or group organization, overseeing the structure and operation, and serving as the club/group's contact with Extension staff and county/unit volunteers. They involve and coordinate activities of other volunteers who support the club/group. **Project** and **activity leaders** help members plan and conduct projects and group activities. There are opportunities to judge 4-H projects at Extension 4-H events or Lake County Fair.

Volunteers can help with tasks that take place throughout the year and with tasks that can be completed in a short time period. There are volunteer roles working directly with 4-H members and others that support the club behind the scenes. The most successful clubs/groups encourage each member's family to take on volunteer roles, each contributing what it can.