

The goal of 4-H is to help children develop as individuals to become responsible and productive citizens in their communities. Adult volunteers who spend time with 4-H children play a major role in supporting productive citizens.



## Types of 4-H Leaders

### Who Can Be A Leader?

Parents or other adults who are interested in volunteering their time and skills to share with youth!

### How Do You Become A Leader?

Call the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office in Cortland County at :  
**(607) 391-2660**

You will be sent a leader application and a 4-H Program Educator will contact you and help you start your club. You will be invited to new leader orientation trainings and others offered throughout the year

### Why Should You Become A 4-H Leader?

4-H leaders act as positive role models for youth, helping them learn lifelong skills such as:

- ☐ Decision making
- ☐ Time management
- ☐ Communicate with others
- ☐ Teamwork
- ☐ Confidence
- ☐ Positive attitude
- ☐ Community involvement
- ☐ Leadership



#### Organizational Leader

The organizational leader establishes and maintains a club structure. He/she works with the project leader, activity leader and youth in planning the club program; arranges for meeting facilities; complies with Cornell Cooperative Extension procedures; ensures that all enrollments, program registrations and reports are filled out and turned in to the county 4-H office; keeps the 4-H Educator staff informed about activities, accomplishments and problems. An organizational leader may also act as a project leader.

#### Project Leader

The project leader provides instruction and guidance to 4-H members when doing a project. The key component of the project leader's role is teaching; the "classroom" is wherever the members meet in order to work on their project(s). Project leaders may also assist with project related activities on the county level and guide members in the selection of projects and the completion of project reports.

#### Activity Leader

The activity leader is responsible to help members plan for and participate in one or more specific activities the club has included in its yearly plan. These include such things as community service, public presentation, special celebrations, trips, etc.

#### Resource Leader

Resource leaders are volunteers who are selected by Cooperative Extension staff to aid, train and work with 4-H club leaders or members on a short-term basis. They have a specialization in a certain program area and have undergone training or have completed a certification program. Resource leaders often teach workshops or serve as evaluators at fairs and contests. Some examples of resource leaders are: Master Sewer, Master Gardener or SAREP instructor.



## Check out these websites for more ideas

<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu>

<http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.4-h.org>

<http://www.4-hdirectory.org>

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/>

<http://blogs.cornell.edu/garden/get-activities>

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## Interested In Becoming

### a 4-H Leader?

Call us today to speak

to a 4-H Educator!



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## Resources for 4-H Leaders

### The Clover Dispatch

Cortland County 4-H's main publication, a one-stop shop for up-to-date and important information. Call our office for a copy, or find on our website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu>

### Parent & Leader Email List

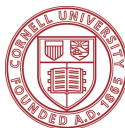
Provide your email address for fast-breaking news, timely reminders, and special opportunities.

### Cooperative Extension of Cortland County & 4-H of Cortland County

Printable forms and a calendar of events, contact info, directions, and other programs  
<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu>



# BECOME A 4-H LEADER!



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"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another." – Erma Bombeck