It’s Your Turn! Become a 4-H SPIN Club Volunteer

What is a 4-H SPIN?
A 4-H SPIN Club is a short-term, special interest club. Topics vary and include interests such as nature, heritage arts, science, engineering, gardening, technology, etc.

Who is 4-H looking for?
YOU! We are looking for adults that have a talent or interest that they are willing to teach to young people in local communities.

Why should you become a SPIN club volunteer?
You can have a positive impact on the next generation of young people in your community by sharing your experience and knowledge in a subject area you’re passionate about.

When and where will the meeting be?
SPIN clubs are planned around the volunteer’s availability. Meeting dates are set by the volunteer, based on the availability of the potential participants. The meeting location is selected for the type of activity and number of participants.

We would like to meet with you and discuss opportunities for you to become a 4-H SPIN club volunteer in your community.

If you are interested, contact your URI State 4-H Office

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# SPIN Club Volunteer Role Description

## You are needed!
Share your experience and knowledge with young people to help youth gain skills through a 4-H special interest (SPIN) club.

## You can have a positive impact on young people
- Teach young people valuable life skills
- Provide hands-on learning to members of a 4-H SPIN club
- Share your expertise with members and mentor them through their learning experiences
- Create a place where each young person feels valued and accepted
- Help youth demonstrate their understanding of the topic
- Support members as they give back to the community

## Your time commitment
- Participate in volunteer orientation and training
- Coordinate a minimum of six meetings based on your availability
- Plan learning activities and identify needed supplies
- Discuss your SPIN club experience with 4-H staff

## Your responsibility as a 4-H volunteer
- Decide what skills the club members should learn
- Identify safety issues and make plans to keep members safe
- Provide leadership/decision-making opportunities within the club
- Guide members as they learn new knowledge and skills
- Be a role model by accepting and valuing all members
- Work with the members to plan an event so they can show others what they have learned
- Help youth identify ways to give back to their community
- Maintain communication with the 4-H office
- Submit required paperwork for club membership

## How to get started
- Complete the volunteer application forms, which includes permission for background checks and contact information for references
- Schedule an orientation with Extension Staff

## We will help you help youth
Extension staff will provide:
- Face-to-face and online training to prepare you for your volunteer experience
- Assistance planning learning activities
- Insurance to cover liability and accidents
- Materials, supplies, or equipment needed

## If you have any questions
Contact: State 4-H Staff
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