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# SPIN CLUBS



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## WHAT IS SPIN?

- Special Interest Club
  - Short- Term
- Focused on 1 project area



## How does a SPIN Club work?

- Meets for a predetermined time period (ex: 1.5 hours a week for 6 weeks)
- Run by volunteers with knowledge or expertise in the project area.
- Enrolled youth members are full 4-H members

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## Where Does SPIN Happen?

- In safe locations such as...
  - Libraries and Schools
- Community Centers and Businesses
- Outdoor Facilities and Locations
- Homes of approved 4-h volunteers

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## Why Are SPIN Clubs Important?

- Introduce youth to 4-H
- Involve new volunteers
- Provide learning opportunities
- Provide social opportunities

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## What is 4-H?

- The youth development program of the URI Cooperative Extension Service
  - A youth-driven program that builds...

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A sense of

## BELONGING

- Participating in a club made up of peers, from the community with similar interests

## Mastery

- Through projects of the member's choosing
  - Hands-on Learning
  - Experiential and Inquiry Based
- Demonstrating skills through public presentation, competition and exhibition



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## Generosity

- Giving of oneself through...
  - Community Service
  - Teaching Others
  - Sharing knowledge

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## Independence

- Network of peers and adult role models
- Confidence through mastery of skills
  - Ability to give of oneself

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## Mission Mandates

4-H programming focuses in 3 major categories :

- Science, Engineering and Technology
  - Healthy Lifestyles
    - Citizenship

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## Getting a SPIN Club Started

- Find out what kids are interested in
- Recruit volunteers to teach the project
- Complete volunteer application and review process
- Volunteers attend training with 4-H staff to learn 4-H mission, policies and procedure
- Post new SPIN Club information and sign-up members



# Basic Requirements for SPIN Clubs

- 2- Unrelated, URI 4-H approved and trained Volunteers (1 must be 21 or older, both must be over 18)
  - 5 – Youth members (age 5-18, as of Jan 1)
- Recruit members publicly and adhere to the 4-H policy of no discrimination
  - Plan and Hold 6 meetings
- Incorporate community service and/or public exhibition of project
  - Youth-driven programming

# Sample SPIN Club Announcement

## NEW 4-H SPIN CLUB Starting Soon! The Clean Club



Clean Club will focus on making soap  
and Bath and other bath products

**What is SPIN?** A 4-H SPIN Club is a Special Interest club where five or more young people learn about a topic of interest. Topics vary and include interests such as nature, heritage arts, science, engineering, gardening, technology, and more. SPIN clubs are led by volunteers who have a passion and want to share their knowledge with young people. SPIN club members enjoy the full membership benefits as community club members- receive all email and written correspondence from the Extension office, and are allowed to participate in all awards and recognition programs as community club members. 4-H is open to all youth, 5-18 years.

**THIS CLUB WILL BE FOR AGES 12 and up**

Meeting Place: A Library

Meeting Dates: Mondays 11/4/13 to 12/9/13

Meeting Time: 3:30 to 5pm

\*Fee: \$5 enrollment, plus \$10 for materials

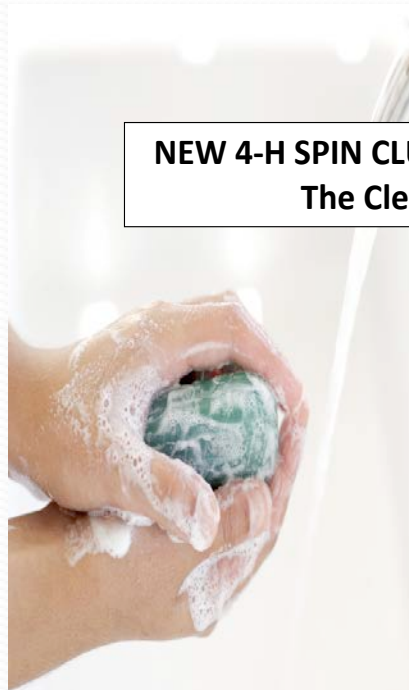
Contact Information for Registering:

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\* Fees can be waived for any youth qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program



Club Members will make:

Melt and Pour Soaps  
Cold-process goat milk soap  
Bath bombs  
Bath salts  
Sugar Scrubs  
Hand cream  
Facial Masks

## SPIN Club Topic Ideas Are Endless...

Cooking, crafts, sewing, robotics, insects, filmmaking, photography, flower arranging, baseball, tennis, gardening, cultural studies, painting, drawing, singing, acting, writing poetry, woodworking, first aid, birding, baking, pets, reptiles, survival skills, geocaching, sailing, beachcombing, pottery, sculpture, reading, legos, welding, cake decorating, geology, terrariums, fishing, knitting, fitness, skiing, soapmaking, ice cream making, dancing, hiking, biking, making pickles and jellies, basket weaving, beekeeping, mapmaking, dogs, chess, calligraphy, yoga, tie-dye, weaving, candlemaking, jewelry making, sign language, cup stacking, playing the recorder, using photoshop, stained glass, volleyball, resume writing and interview skills, etc

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## SPIN Resources

- URI 4-H Staff
- 4-H Curricula and other resource materials
  - Community Partner Organizations
    - RI 4-H Club Foundation
      - Local Businesses



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## Questions?

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