



- Invite parents to club meetings. This is especially important if you don't meet in homes. Hold a club meeting for parents where 4-H members present the program, using presentations, judging, or exhibits.
- Let parents know what is expected from their child, and your interest in their child. Show parents that you are interested in their child by phone calls, letters, home visits, and discussions before and after club meetings.
- Recognize both members and their parents. Thank parents for their support both personally and in public. Compliment parents for their contributions to the club program.
- Maintain parent interest. Arrange a special social event with parents. Ask county 4-H staff to attend a parent-night program. Introduce parents to the 4-H staff so they can become better acquainted.
- Encourage members to make their 4-H work a topic of family conversation.
- Solicit parent involvement at the 4-H fair and other activities and events where results of 4-H club work is shown.

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