

Your Role and Responsibilities as a 4-H Buddy

A 4-H Buddy helps a new member feel welcome, meet new friends, and learn about 4-H activities and events. A 4-H Buddy helps a new club member discover all the things he/she can do and learn in 4-H. You will mentor a new 4-H member during his/her first year in your 4-H club. Being a 4-H Buddy is also a great way to start learning and practicing leadership in your 4-H club.



To be a 4-H Buddy, a club member must –

1. Be enrolled as a 4-H member for two or more years.
2. Serve as a good role model to other 4-H club members.
3. Be available to volunteer time to help a new member and provide helpful information.
4. Attend 4-H club meetings and events on a regular basis.
5. Follow the 4-H Youth Behavior Guidelines.
6. Be interested in learning about the new member’s interests, skills, abilities, personality, and habits.
7. Be approved by the 4-H club leader.
8. Evaluate the 4-H Buddy experience at the end of the club year.

A 4-H Buddy helps a new member –

- Meet and make new friends in the club.
- Learn about the club and 4-H activities at the club, county, and state levels.
- Find his/her place in 4-H.
- Complete 2 to 3 activities from the *Welcome to 4-H – New Member Guide* (Pub # 01517) with any new member who is age 7 – 10.
- Meet the deadlines to register for workshops, camp, project exhibits, etc.
- Explore other 4-H projects that may interest the new member.
- Become part of the 4-H “family” in your club.

We understand and accept the responsibility for being a 4-H Buddy to an assigned new club member.

Signature of 4-H Buddy
Date
T-shirt size

Signature of Parent/Guardian
Date

Approved

Signature of 4-H Club Leader
Date

Name of New 4-H Club Member

After the 4-H Buddy is assigned a new club member to mentor, return this form to the local Extension Office. A T-shirt is provided to the 4-H Buddy after the local office submits the form to the State 4-H Office.

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