



## STEP 5

### Maintain the Club

Follow these simple  
guidelines

- Obtain project information
- Conduct regular organizational and project meetings
- Allow youth to make decisions
- Provide learning-by-doing activities
- Share information about current 4-H opportunities
- Involve club members in district, state, national and international 4-H activities
- Recognize achievement
- Build community relations
- Receive support as needed from Extension educator and other 4-H leaders



4-H is the Youth Development Program of your Land-Grant university, the University of the District of Columbia/UDC. There are no membership fees to belong to 4-H. 4-H is conducted locally by the City Extension Office and caring **Volunteers**. If you would like more information about 4-H, contact the District of Columbia 4-H office:

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# 5 Easy Steps to Starting a 4-H Club



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## STEP

# 1

### Get Started

- Contact the 4-H office
- Discuss your needs
- Decide what you want to accomplish
- Participate in the selection process
- Attend 4-H leader training

## STEP

# 2

### Increase Community Awareness About & Interest In The 4-H Program

- Conduct an informational meeting (ask representatives for assistance)
- Excite youth and their families about 4-H
- Explain opportunities available through 4-H
- Ask youth and adults to share 4-H experiences
- Explain how a 4-H club operates
- Build interest and commitment



## STEP

# 3

### Establish A Support Base For The Club

- Ask adults and older teens to help
- Personally ask people to take active roles
- Recruit parents, other adults and older teens in the community as
  - Organizational leaders
  - Assistant leaders
  - Project leaders
  - Activity leaders

### 4-H pledge

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My **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
 My **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
 My **HANDS** to larger service, and  
 My **HEALTH** to better living,  
 for my club, my community,  
 my country and my world!



## STEP

# 4

### Conduct Club Organizational Meetings

*Lay the foundation for a successful club*

- Encourage members to select a club name
- Complete enrollment forms
- Develop a club annual plan
- Set up project groups
- Establish meeting times
- Discuss ground rules
- Elect officers
- Form committees

Anthony Bowen  
4-H Club members.

