Starting a 4-H club can be an inspiring and rewarding experience. Like starting anything new, you will experience excitement, nervousness, and so much more. An Organizational Leader is responsible for club enrollment, organizing the first club meeting involving other parents in the club, and serves as the liaison between the 4-H staff and the club. It is during your first year as an organizational leader that you are continuously learning about the 4-H program and all it has to offer for members, volunteers and families. It is also during this first year that 4-H staff will guide you and assist you with all of your needs.

Before you start a 4-H club, there are a few basic requirements:

### 4-H program club requirements:

- Have at least 5 members, ages 5-18 from 2 or more families
- Meet at least 6 times per year
- Abide by all local, state and national policies
- Have all Volunteer Leaders complete the University of Florida IFAS Extension Volunteer Screening process

### Clubs are also encouraged to:

- Elect officers and practice Parliamentary Procedures for business meetings
- Select a project to study together, example; nutrition, marine science, etc.
- Keep records of the above project study in a 4-H project record summary.
- Encourage Public Speaking by having members share what they learned in a project study
- Participate in one or more community service projects
- See the back for ideas to use in your club

### Getting started:

1. Contact your local 4-H staff by calling 305-769-4050 Ext. #1
2. All Club Volunteers need to complete a full background screening and fingerprinting process.
3. Once the Volunteer is screened and accepted then a club name needs to be submitted to the 4-H office. The name will be registered with state and national 4-H program.
4. Members and volunteers will then be given instructions on how to complete an On-line registration process.

Don’t forget that the 4-H staff is here to help!
WHAT IS 4-H?

**SCIENCE**
- Participating in State Events
- Organize Events
- Compete at County and District Events
- Conduct an experiment
- Attend National Youth Science Day
- Be a Tropicana Public Speaker
- Compete at County Fair

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**
- Attend 4-H Legislature
- Attend 4-H Day at the Capitol
- Leadership Adventure Weekend
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- Visit with County Officials
- Enter Photography Contest

**HEALTH**
- Go to Farmer's Market
- Participating in State Events
- Organize Events
- Compete at County and District Events
- Conduct an experiment
- Attend National Youth Science Day
- Be a Tropicana Public Speaker
- Compete at County Fair

**LEADERSHIP**
- Meeting with County Officials
- Hold Office
- Facilitating Workshops
- Organize Events
- Compete at County and District Events
- Conduct an experiment
- Attend National Youth Science Day
- Be a Tropicana Public Speaker
- Compete at County Fair

**ENVIRONMENTAL**
- Water Conservation
- Shooting Sports
- Beach Clean-up
- Entomology
- Marine Science
- Beekeeping
- Waste Management
- Robotics
- Computer Technology
- Electricity
- Plant a garden
- Run for/hold an office
- Compete at County and District Events
- Visit with County Officials
- Enter Photography Contest
- Attend 4-H Legislature