

NEW FAMILY BUDDY (OPTIONAL)

Who Can Do This Job: Any parent, senior member, or leader.

Time Commitment: Variable depending on number of new families, engagement of new families, etc. Approximately 1-2 hours p/family spread out over the course of the year.

*A different buddy may be paired with each new family.

Purpose: Your club may need a plan to welcome new members and their families when they arrive at their first 4-H club meeting. Making a great first impression is important. If new members don't feel comfortable right away with the club, they won't come back, which can lose you members and potential volunteer leaders.

The "New Family Buddy" is someone who is assertively thoughtful about how to help and welcome new people into the club community. They would help to describe the 4-H program, introduce the family and members to appropriate people, etc.

To Do List:

- Welcome new families to the 4-H club.
- Introduce new members during the club meeting.
- Work with club leaders to help the new family understand 4-H, projects, their responsibilities, potential opportunities, and more.
- Help facilitate 4-H members in welcoming new members.
- Swap contact information, and serve as the key point of contact for new families and help to answer questions they may have. Consider making a follow up call or email after the first meeting to debrief and answer any questions.

This job may be for you if you are:

- Enthusiastic about 4-H!
- Enjoy working with youth and adults.
- Enjoy sharing the benefits of 4-H.
- Ability to communicate with youth and adults.
- Like to meet new people.