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Forest County

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FOREST COUNTY SPIN Clubs

4-H SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

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A 4-H SPIN Club is a special interest club where four or more young people learn about a topic of interest. Topics vary and include interests such as nature, heritage arts, science, photography, gardening, shooting sports and more. SPIN Clubs are led by volunteers who have a passion and want to share their knowledge with young people.

BE THE SPARK

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

4-H IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU

We are looking for adults that have a talent or interest that they are willing to teach to young people in Forest county. We are planning now for SPIN clubs that will meet in the next three to six months.

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Make a difference on the next generation of young people by sharing your experience and knowledge in a subject area you are passionate about. We are looking for volunteers who can encourage and empower youth.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE CLUB MEET?

SPIN clubs are planned around the volunteer leader's availability. A minimum of six contact hours must be met. Meeting dates and times are set by you! The meeting location is selected for the type of activity and number of participants.

We'd like to discuss opportunities for you to become a 4-H SPIN Club volunteer in our community.
If you're interested, please contact Michelle Gobert at 715-478-7797 or visit http://forest.uwex.edu

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UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming Including Title IX and ADA.

HOW TO GET STARTED AS A SPIN CLUB VOLUNTEER

You can make a difference!	• Teach youth valuable life skills • Provide hands-on learning to 4-H SPIN Club members • Share your expertise with Forest County Youth and mentor them through their own learning experiences • Create a space where each young person feels valued and accepted for who they are • Help youth demonstrate their understanding of a topic • Support members as they give back to their community
Your Time Commitment	• Participate in volunteer orientation and training • Coordinate a minimum of six hours of hands-on learning based on your availability • Plan learning activities and identify needed supplies • Discuss your SPIN Club plan with UW-Extension staf • Devote 15 to 20 hours total in a span of six to eight weeks
Your Responsibilities as a 4-H Volunteer	• Decide what skills the club members should learn • Identify safety issues and make plans to keep youth safe • Provide leadership and decision-making opportunities within the club • Guide members as they learn new knowledge and skills • Be a role model by accepting and valuing all members • Work with members to plan an event so they can demonstrate their learning to others • Help youth identify ways to give back to their community
How to Get Started	• Schedule a meeting with UW-Extension staff member Michelle Gobert (715.478.7794) • Share the ideas you have for a new SPIN club - what you would like to teach young people about your area of expertise. • Begin the volunteer application process
We Are Here to Help You	UW-Extension staff will provide: • Face-to-face and online training to prepare you for your volunteer experience • Assistance planning learning activities • Insurance to cover liability and accidents • Assistance in materials, supplies, or equipment

SPIN Club opportunities are endless!

For more information about SPIN Clubs and potential projects, please visit these sites:

https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hprojects/

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/4hspin/marketing.cfm

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Project_Sheets/