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Brevard County 4-H SPIN Club Volunteer Role Description

Youth need and deserve opportunities that help them learn life skills that help them grow into responsible and active citizens. 4-H can provide such opportunities, but adult volunteers are needed to help the next generation reach their potential by leading 4-H clubs. Realizing that there is much that competes for the time of youth and potential volunteers, 4-H offers a unique short-term format of clubs called SPIN (special interest) clubs. SPIN clubs meet for six sessions based on the availability of the volunteer leader and participants and typically meet once or twice a week. There can be a SPIN club for almost any interest- science, nature, disc golf, technology, arts, beekeeping, fishing, bird watching, robotics, etc. Becoming a 4-H leader is an avenue to share a passion or a skill while having a positive impact on the lives of youth.

General duties/expectations of an adult volunteer 4-H club leader include:

- Undergoing a background screening required by Florida law
- Complying with the University of Florida's non-discrimination policies
- Participating in an orientation/training led by your county 4-H agent(s)
- Setting a positive example for club members
- Providing engaging, hands-on experiential lessons and activities at each meeting
- Conducting sessions as 4-H meetings

Some of the perks of leading a 4-H SPIN club include:

- Being part of a 100 year tradition of positive youth development
- Empowering youth while sharing a passion
- Passing down knowledge and skills to the next generation
- Committing for a short amount of time
- Providing experiences that youth would not have otherwise
- Making a meaningful contribution to your community

For more information about becoming a volunteer leader, SPIN clubs or 4-H in general, contact a Brevard County 4-H agent at 321-633-1702.