# Why are 4-H Club Elections Important?

### **Elections Provide:**



Strong youth leadership for each new 4-H year



Development of leadership skills through the use of parliamentary process



Youth opportunity in goal setting and team building



Structured meeting settings to assist in accomplishing club goals



An environment to empower youth to be active learners

# **Election Process**

Points to remember

- Explain officer roles and duties
- Gather nominations
- Offer time for nominees to campaign
- Create a secret ballot voting process
- Prepare an Installation of Officer Ceremony

# Time Commitment

It is best to elect officers at the second or third meeting, after members have had a chance to get to know each other. Plan time for icebreakers and campaign speeches prior to the election.

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