

SPIN Club Tip Sheet

General Overview of SPIN Club

- Includes OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development membership eligibility
- Members are not required to enroll in an Ohio 4-H project
- Experiential learning curriculum should be used (4-H curriculum preferred)
- Incorporates 8 essential elements/4-H thriving
- Individual enrollment (and parental permission) in 4-H database
 - Data to be collected on members (when possible)
- Schedule of set meetings with expected participation
 - Meets for a minimum of six contact hours (best practice is a series of meeting dates not less than 1 hour per meeting)
- Programming incorporates mission mandates (citizenship, healthy living, science)
- Follows all OSU Policies (i.e., Policy 1.50)
- Includes 4-H pledge
- Could include Cloverbud only club
- Clubs would not handle money, elect officers, etc.
- Age as of January 1 - 5 and in Kindergarten to 18
- At least 5 members from at least 3 different families
- Are advised by approved volunteers (who have been issued a SPIN club charter) and/or OSU Extension professionals
- Learning experiences are intentionally designed to be carried out by SPIN club members at the same time

SPIN Club Enrollment Calendar

October 1-September 30 (program year)

SPIN Club Enrollment

- Members are entered in 4HOnline in the same manner as community club members.
- Track SPIN clubs by location and topic of study (SPIN Clubs may not have a formal name recognized by the members or leaders).
 - Members and volunteers can also name the club following appropriate guidelines
 - Example: "Franklin County Westfall Gardening SPIN Club"
- Youth whose parent(s) or sponsor declines to provide 4-H SPIN Club enrollment data can still participate but will be entered in 4-H on-line as a group enrollment.
- Youth may participate in multiple SPIN clubs simultaneously and/or in the same program year.
- SPIN clubs may repeat more than once in a program year. Record membership each time a new topic or series begins.

SPIN Club Volunteers

- SPIN Club volunteer selection and screening is consistent with community club volunteers.
- School teachers leading a school sponsored SPIN club do not need to undergo further screening.
- If the OSU Extension Professional will be present at all SPIN Club functions, no additional volunteers need to be screened. All youth members would need to be in full time care, custody and control of the Extension Professional.

