

How Parents Can Help Your Farm Bureau Youth Program

To Gain Parents' Cooperation:

- ✓ Visit the parents of your members.
- ✓ Ask parents to help.
- ✓ Praise and give thanks freely.
- ✓ Help members to entertain parents.
- ✓ Talk with the parents about youth council.

What Parents Can Do:

- ✓ Hold meetings in their homes.
- ✓ Help with project work.
- ✓ Serve on committees to help plan and conduct event.
- ✓ Share special talents and skills.
- ✓ Help members get to meetings and events.
- ✓ Help members select group projects.
- ✓ Help secure other qualified adults to assist with projects and activities.
- ✓ Attend youth council meetings and events.

Parents Can Receive Satisfaction As They:

- ✓ See children grow from Farm Bureau youth experiences.
- ✓ Learn new skills and knowledge.
- ✓ Meet new friends and families.
- ✓ Contribute to the growth of others.

Methods To Recognize Parents:

- ✓ Give praise and say thank you.
- ✓ Provide public recognition of parents' efforts.
- ✓ Have a special event for parents.
- ✓ Encourage members to recognize parent's efforts.
- ✓ Include parents in youth council news stories.

Using Parents' Skills:

- ✓ Supplements your abilities.
- ✓ Provides varied and enriching activities.
- ✓ Gives parents an opportunity to help in all phases of the program.
- ✓ Gives parents an opportunity to learn about Farm Bureau youth.

Leaders Need to Know:

- ✓ Physical and mental limitations and capabilities.
- ✓ Social or religious habits which might influence programs.
- ✓ Special abilities and interests.
- ✓ Family situation.
- ✓ Other demands on the member's time.



Inform Parents + Ask Parents = Parent Cooperation

Ways to Involve Parents

- As Experts and Speakers
- Teaching a Parent/Teen class
- Youth Council Picnic Organizer
- Parenting Class teacher
- Secret Encouragers – have parents write anonymous notes of encouragement to teens and then find out who the “mystery people” are at the end of the year
- Have a Parent Council Meeting – Do a discussion guide and let the parents do the discussion so they get a greater idea of what you do.
- Bowling Tournament
- Family Fun Night
- Parents Night
- Pound Your Parent’s Night – games featuring kids vs. parents
- Parent Discussion night
- Have a Youth Council New Member meeting in conjunction with your county’s adult New Member Meeting
- “For Parents Only” Car Wash
- Have a Parent/Kid Retreat
 - Topics
 - Communication Tips
 - Understanding Your Teen/Parent
 - The Toughest Thing About Being a Teen/Parent

