



# What is County Council?



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## ***What is the purpose of County Council?***

The Orange County 4-H Council (commonly referred to as “County Council”) is the youth led decision making body of Orange County 4-H. County Council is composed of 10 elected officers from across the county. In addition, each 4-H club is responsible for sending two delegates to Council meetings. Delegates serve as the representative of their 4-H club. The primary purpose of County Council is to serve as the youth voice of Orange County 4-H.

## ***What happens at the meetings?***

County Council meetings are the place where youth conceive 4-H activities and make recommendations to 4-H agents about program governance. Youth plan countywide recreational events, service projects and fundraisers. All Council activities are conducted under the supervision of the 4-H Agent Advisor.

## ***Who should attend the meetings?***

Council meetings are held from September through May of each year (total of nine meetings per year). Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Orange County Extension Center. It is expected that all active 4-H clubs send two delegates (youth who represent their club) to Council meetings.

## ***How do you become an officer?***

County Council officers are elected at the final County Council meeting of the year (typically in May). Each club is responsible for sending two voting delegates to the meeting, who in turn elect the officers. To run for an officer position, an individual must (1) have current Florida 4-H participation and enrollment forms on file with the 4-H office, (2) enroll in a 4-H project (either through club membership or as a member-at-large), and (3) submit a completed “Orange County 4-H Council Election Application Form” with the appropriate signatures by the application deadline (contact the 4-H office for further details).

## ***What are the benefits of getting involved?***

Through County Council involvement, 4-H youth have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, give back to their community, stay informed about upcoming 4-H events at the county/district/state levels, meet other 4-H members from across the county, and assist in planning county level 4-H activities. It’s a lot of fun too!

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