

## What is 4-H Teen Council?

The Teen Council program is a county-wide program that invites youth 13 years old and older to learn about leadership, citizenship, trust, financial management, and about new, diverse friends through an informal self-governance program.

Some points of interest related to Teen Council:

- ✿ Youth must be at least 13 years of age to join
- ✿ Teen Council is a great place to meet new friends
- ✿ Members can be from any community within Washington County
- ✿ You can belong to Teen Council in addition to your regular club
- ✿ Teen Council meets the first Thursday of every month, except possibly August
- ✿ Teen Council controls an annual budget of generally more than \$10,000
- ✿ Members decide how much of the budget they would like to use to subsidize both teen and general 4-H trips. For example, the Teen Council may pay as much as \$600 of the \$725 cost for a youth to go to Wonders of Washington, D.C.
- ✿ Members may participate in as many trips sponsored by Teen Council as they see fit (these include Teen Winter Weekend, Interstate Exchange, Career Explorations, Agribusiness Career conference, Capital Days, New York City, and others)
- ✿ The officers of Teen Council are elected from within the membership
- ✿ Members learn how to run organizational meetings, if they have not all ready learned this in their own club
- ✿ The Teen Council oversees and raises funds from the 4-H Food Booth at the Washington County Fair and other events during the year

There are no dues to belong to the Teen Council; however membership does require working shifts in the 4-H Food Booth during the course of a year.