Vision: To provide structured learning, encouragement, and adult mentoring through participation in 4-H to help youth achieve future life successes.

4-H SPIN Clubs
The purpose of 4-H SPIN Clubs is to expand opportunities for youth and adults to experience and benefit from the Kansas 4-H youth development program. Through 4-H SPIN Clubs, youth not typically part of 4-H will participate in sustained 4-H youth development activities led by adult volunteers. In 4-H SPIN Clubs, youth will learn about a subject of interest to them, have positive interactions with their peers, and develop life skills.

Definition of Kansas 4-H SPIN Clubs:
Combine concept of Special Interest Groups with 4-H Club Model to provide the context for positive youth development
• Youth can explore a topic of interest.
• Encourages youth to investigate topics that may or may not be typical 4-H projects.
• Encourages new and/or underserved youth and families, not typically part of 4-H clubs, to get involved.
• Provides youth and volunteers easier entry into the 4-H program.
• Recruits volunteers with expertise in a subject matter area.
• Club meets for a minimum of 6 sessions and holds a culminating event (sessions could range from 1 hour in length to several hours).
• Has a beginning and ending schedule, yet can continue if both the volunteer and youth agree.
• Participants are enrolled 4-H members and are encouraged to participate in other 4-H events, activities and clubs. Local eligibility requirements for funds and recognition may vary.
• Members recognize they are 4-H members — showcase 4-H Youth Development prominently from beginning to end, such as:
  – Saying the 4-H pledge at the beginning of each meeting.
  – Displaying 4-H clover at meeting site.
  – Using the experiential “Learn by Doing” learning model.

• Providing opportunities to showcase what they have learned or the skills they have mastered by sharing with others.
• Using their interests to conduct community service projects.

Program Management of 4-H SPIN Clubs:
• Youth must complete an enrollment process at the local level and a Kansas 4-H Participation Form.
• Volunteers must complete Kansas 4-H volunteer screening process to become a registered 4-H volunteer.
• Must be led by two registered 4-H volunteers.
• Obtain club charter if necessary.
• Obtain Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN) if necessary.
• Create Risk Management Plan.
• Obtain Insurance: a) Activities Insurance for accidents or illness; b) Liability Insurance — organizations collaborating on the club should have liability insurance.
• Fees may be charged to cover some program expenses.

Enrolling SPIN Club Members Using 4HOnline
To ensure accurate data is recorded, a specific entry method has been developed for SPIN Clubs. SPIN Clubs should be entered in the system via Group Enrollment. This is different from a Group, where actual member information is captured; only “numbers” and demographic information are recorded in Group Enrollments. This will require 4HOnline managers to enter SPIN Club data into the system; families will not enroll online for this 4-H program.

For full instructions on enrolling SPIN Club members, please refer to the resource document on the Kansas 4-H website.

Questions?
For more information on forming SPIN clubs, contact Diane Mack, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, at dmack@ksu.edu.

For answers to questions about entering SPIN members into 4HOnline, please contact Terry Williams, Senior Administrative Assistant, 4-H Youth Development, at tewillia@ksu.edu.