

Becoming a Jr. Master Food Preserver 4-H Project Leader



Being a 4-H volunteer is a rewarding and exciting experience! When you volunteer to become a 4-H adult volunteer, you reap so many rewards, not only for yourself, but also for 4-H members, and your community. The process to become a 4-H adult volunteer is very simple, and you have already completed the first step; deciding to become a project leader! This guide will provide you step-by-step instructions to becoming a Jr. Master Food Preserver 4-H Project Leader.

Become a Certified Master Food Preserver (MFP) Volunteer

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STEP 1: Become a Certified MFP Volunteer

- Find your local MFP program here to request information to apply: http://ucanr.edu/sites/camasterfoodpreservers/Contact/Find_a_Program/
- Complete application and interview process
- Upon acceptance, pay course fee (if applicable) and clear background check
- Complete 50 hours of core instruction and pass final exam
- Meet annual volunteer and continuing education hour requirements

STEP 2: Become a 4-H Adult Volunteer

- Submit application (see the 4-H Adult Volunteer Enrollment Process Online & Paper Form)
- Pay enrollment fees to the Club Leader/Organization Unit Volunteer
- Complete the required Orientation (contact local county 4-H YDP for county procedure)
- Complete additional county requirements

STEP 3: Review Project Curriculum and Plan Meetings

- Using the Master Food Preserver Curriculum, volunteers can plan out lessons for their project meetings.
- The University of Georgia's Put It Up curriculum, which is a research-based home food preservation curriculum for youth, is available for volunteers to use at the 4-H office for developing their meetings.
- In preparation for planning project meetings, volunteers should also review the Jr. Master Food Preserver 4-H Project Sheet and the 4-H Project Leader's Digest.

STEP 4: Set Project Dates and Locations

- After volunteers have registered as a leader and have used the curriculum to plan their project meetings, all that's left is to set the dates and location. Remember, the UCCE Auditorium is available for all volunteers to reserve.