

# State 4-H Council

## *Time & Commitment*

*"I was able to see what I wanted to do. I could see the opportunity even when others could not, and I stayed committed to doing it and doing it well, no matter what." – Magic Johnson*

**What is the Commitment Exactly?** To represent Missouri 4-H at the state level, Council is expected to be your top priority. State 4-H Council members must: (1) attend every meeting, unless extreme circumstances arise; (2) agree to live by the Council Code of Conduct for their term; (3) keep in touch with the County Youth Liaisons in the counties they are assigned; and (4) understand that being part of a State-level organization may mean missing some games, parties, dances, etc. in order to be at the next council meeting to represent their region and assigned counties.

We work hard to accomplish a lot at each meeting, so missing even one can put those whom you represent at a big disadvantage. If an extreme circumstance arises, like a mandatory school requirement, the Rep must provide notification as far in advance as possible so that the Alternate Rep can attend in his/her place. Regional Representatives who miss two meetings will be transitioned to Alternate Rep status, and the Alternate Rep will be activated to carry out the duties of representing their region and assigned counties.

**How Often does the State 4-H Council Meet?** In addition to Teen Conference and State Congress, the Council has five regular meetings throughout the year. Council members are expected to attend all meetings.

**Reality Check** Now is the time to ask yourself, *Do I really have the time and commitment to be a State 4-H Council Representative?* You should visit with your parents as you consider this. Hopefully the answer is "Yes!", but either answer is perfectly fine. The State 4-H Council is a close-knit team of youth who are so effective because they take their responsibility very seriously and selflessly serve their fellow 4-H'ers in this important leadership role. In return, they have tremendous opportunities to grow as young adults, develop as leaders, and be the voice of youth in Missouri's most distinguished youth development program.