

## Roberto Gomez Beaufort County 4-H

My 4-H Agent assigned me the duty of interviewing a County employee and we discussed the different types of county employees. She explained that she was a county employee and a state employee, so I asked her if I could interview her and she said "sure."

Interviewee: Erin Massie, Beaufort County 4-H Agent

I asked Mrs. Massie if she could explain what she does with her job. She told me that I see her in my club and at the different 4-H activities interacting with the 4-H youth a lot, but what I did not see is that a big part of her job is to actually to recruit and train volunteers to work deliver 4-H activities in the county. I did not know that. She also told me she applied for grants and asked for funding so that she could pay for the activities that she does with the youth. Also, a big part of her job is reporting what is going on in the Beaufort County 4-H Program.

I then asked Mrs. Massie what her favorite part of her job was and she told me that it was that she thought she made a difference in the lives of the youth in our county. She said that she loves seeing the smiles on the kids' faces that she works with and that she knows that they are learning while they are having fun.

Mrs. Massie explained that she does travel a lot during the summer to activities such as camp, 4-H Congress, trainings, and other 4-H activities, so it keeps her really busy during the summer.

I asked Mrs. Massie what was the hardest part of her job and she said the hardest part was probably finding really good volunteers. She said it was really hard to find people who can dedicate a lot of their time to working with our youth because many people who have a giving heart may already be stretched thin volunteering with other groups, as well. She said she has been lucky though and told me that my club leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose were some of the best volunteers one could ask for!

My last question for Mrs. Massie was what kind of education you have to have to be a 4-H Agent and she told me that you have to at least have a Bachelor's Degree and you have to complete a Master's Degree during your work with Cooperative Extension if you have not already completed a Master's Degree before you start the job.

I learned even more about 4-H and what a 4-H Agent does with my interview with Mrs. Massie.