



## PLANNING FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES



A leader is a facilitator who helps the individual or group set goals and then takes a major role in helping them to reach those goals. All people have the potential for leadership to some degree, but most people must take measures to develop, refine and practice their leadership skills.

Four-H offers many opportunities for 4-H members to develop and practice leadership skills. Four-H leadership occurs when one 4-H member helps another to achieve a goal.

### **To be an effective leader, a 4-H member can:**

- Learn a skill in a project or activity and teach it to another.
- Expand to 2 or 3 or more 4-H members in teaching the skill
- Give a demonstration, talk or other presentation on a favorite project to a 4-H club, project group, or other groups.
- Learn additional skills and teach to others.
- Influence friends to join 4-H.
- Learn how to take part in meetings and actively participate
- Serve as project leader in a local club.
- Serve on a committee or committees.

### **As experience and abilities increase, the 4-H member may assume a teen leader role. The teen leader can:**

- Assume responsibility for one or more programs planned by the club.
- Recruit new members and guide in projection selection.
- Serve as a project leader.
- Closely supervise a few or several 4-H members in their project work.
- Guide 4-H members in developing and presenting a visual presentation.
- Assist members in keeping records and preparing record books.
- Conduct parliamentary procedure workshops for club/county officers.
- Assist in planning and conducting 4-H programs in local clubs.
- Teach fundamentals of judging, organizing and giving reasons.
- Help members prepare exhibits for fairs.
- Volunteer services to help with area or countywide 4-H activities.
- Serve as a county officer.
- Serve on county planning committees.
- Serve as a camp counselor.
- Conduct workshops and short courses in areas of expertise.
- Be available to other clubs in sharing skills.
- Assist in countywide 4-H activities.

4-H members should strive to seek significant, helping kinds of things in which to lead things that will make a significant difference in the lives of those they seek to lead. In this way, both the helper and those helped gain tremendously.

## **TIPS FOR TEEN LEADERSHIP**

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS YOU COULD WORK WITH:**

- Boy Scout/Girl Scouts
- Girls & Boys Club
- Senior Citizens
- Civic Groups
- Day Care Centers
- After School Day Care Programs
- School Classes
- Summer Library program

### **COUNTY/DISTRICT/STATE ACTIVITIES**

- County Committees
- County fair
- 4-H Camp Workshops
- Discovery Days
- Live Action Demonstrations
- Regional 4-H Day
- State Fair
- National 4-H Week
- Leadership conferences

### **LOCAL CLUB AND COUNTY SUPPORT:**

- Adopt a 1st year 4-Her and help them with their projects.
- Work with swine producers, cattlemen association, and sheep producers to present programs or help with functions.
- Set-up displays at the first club meeting to show younger members what they can do.
- Help coach younger members for judging contest.
- 4-H Membership Day - help enroll new members at school days.
- Present 15 minute educational program at local club meetings on your favorite project.
- Serve as a leader for a project club.
- Do volunteer work or ask to observe for a day - example local veterinarian.
- Make home visits to members with livestock projects.

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