



4-H Club Leader Volunteer

- 4-H Mission Statement:** *Empower youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.*
- Purpose:** Help 4-H Club members grow and reach their full potential by supporting them to conduct meaningful, educational experiences.
Inform and encourage members, parents and other volunteers to actively participate in appropriate 4-H opportunities.
- Responsibilities:** Meet the 4 Needs of Youth: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity
Employ the Essential Elements: Caring Adults, Safe Environments, Inclusive Settings and Opportunities for – Mastery, Service Self-Determination, Planning for the Future and Engaged Learning
Assist youth in finding resources to explore projects and activities
Serve as a communication link between the 4-H staff and club
Provide club management and communication
Ensure completion of respective enrollment and other documentation as requested.
- Skills/Knowledge:** A sincere interest in the safety and well-being of youth
Ability to teach and motivate youth while nurturing self-esteem, decision-making skills, responsibility and leadership
Ability to organize information and materials and delegate responsibility
Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and written
Ability to motivate parents and other volunteers to assume leadership positions
Ability to work with minimal supervision from 4-H staff
Ability to follow the philosophy and guidelines of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Iowa and County 4-H program
- Requirements:** A sincere interest in the safety and well-being of youth.
Successfully pass Child Protection & Safety Policy screening
Attend training on the 4-H Equation and annual training on youth development practices
Follow Iowa State University Risk Management Policy and Best Practices
- Time Required:** Club meeting time and planning is flexible and at club's discretion but most total annually 6 hours of direct youth contact.
Program length may vary however volunteer commitment must follow program "year" in entirety.
- Resources Available:** Orientation, training and support from 4-H staff.
4-H curricula and resources: county, state and national ISU and other land-grant Universities
Research based educational materials

Benefits:

Creates opportunities for personal and professional growth
Meet new people
Make an impact on developing youth as productive citizens, outstanding communicators, effective leaders and successful learners
Share knowledge and/or life experiences with others
Research supports volunteering is good for your overall health
Having Fun!

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