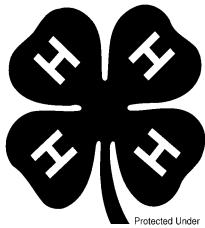




Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development

Teen Action and Growth

Developing 4-H Teen Leaders for our club, community, country and world



Looking for a Few Good Leaders!

Qualities Necessary:

- Willing to accept responsibility
- Exhibit consistent behavior
- Able to maintain positive relationships with others
- Willing to learn more about leadership
- Cooperative
- Willing to share

Contact your local 4-H club leader and the county OCES office near you!

4-H Teen Leaders

Developing Tomorrows Leaders Today

What is a 4-H Teen Leader?

A teen leader is an older 4-H member who assists with local 4-H programs. There are various levels of responsibility that a teen leader may assume. Some of the responsibilities will be teaching project skills to others, assisting in planning and conducting local and county 4-H events and activities, and encouraging younger members to assume leadership roles and responsibilities.

The structure of the teen leader experiences starts with easy and known tasks and progresses to more difficult tasks as your age and experience increases.

General Responsibility

A teen leader is a teen who is ready to assume a significant leadership role in the 4-H program. The teen is a reliable individual. A teen working directly with other youth needs to be a Certified 4-H Volunteer.

Help Members

- Helps younger members with project work and records
- Helps with countywide events and activities
- Helps them with exhibits, judging training or demonstrations and presentations
- Helps them enroll in projects and understand what is expected of them
- Works with them to participate in a 4-H activity
- Teaches lessons for younger members

Help Club Officers

- Helps them plan, conduct and evaluate club meetings
- Works with individual officers to help them understand their roles

Work with Parents

- Visits with new 4-H parents about the club and its activities and about 4-H
- Helps them understand what is expected of members in various projects

Work with other Volunteers

- Receives 4-H leadership project materials

- Plans together with adult volunteers what you will do
- Plans with adult volunteers how to carry out assignments
- Keeps adult volunteers informed about progress
- Assists adult volunteers
- Evaluates his or her experiences

Be Involved in the County Program

- Participates in educational sessions provided for teen leaders
- Maintains the Volunteer Certification
- Plans and participates in teen leader projects on a county wide level.

Teen Leaders Nurture Positive Relationships

Provide for a warm, friendly relationship with younger 4-H members—set an example for them.

Communicate and work closely with adult volunteers of the club.

Work closely with other teen leaders.

Inform parents of 4-H club activities.

Beliefs About Teen Leaders

1. It is an honor, a responsibility, and an opportunity
2. Valuable training
3. Leadership skills are learned skills
4. Leadership is shared
5. Teen leaders should plan with adult volunteers
6. Experiences should be based on planning
7. It is an enriching project
8. Leadership development is progressive
9. Teen leaders deserve recognition for a job well done

Teen Leadership Opportunities in the Local Club

It is a privilege to serve as a teen leader of a 4-H club. Below are some additional ideas for developing your personal leadership plan.

ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP

- Help club social chair plan and carry out recreation for a club activity.
- Promote and help members prepare for 4-H camp. Serve as camp counselor.
- Plan and conduct special programs for new 4-H parents and families.
- Help club community service committee plan and conduct at a service learning activity.
- Help 4-H members plan and conduct a club safety project/program.
- Work with a committee to plan and conduct an international/cultural program.
- Help 4-H members plan and conduct a community beautification program.
- Help members and families to understand 4-H Recognition Model and county awards programs.
- Encourage member participation and preparation for county activities such as fairs, judging events, Share the Fun, Fabric and Fashion, Public Speaking Event, Mall Day, etc.
- Work with club members to coordinate a Volunteer Recognition program for club parents and volunteers.

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

- Help 4-H'ers set goals, select appropriate projects and get supplies and resources.
- Assist in teaching project skills, visit member to check on progress in project work and celebrate/evaluate the final results.
- Encourage and teach members how to keep project records.

- Help members learn principles and standards of judging projects.
- Help members plan and arrange for project exhibits by organizing participation in project activities such as Fabric and Fashion, Foods Fair, Arts and Hobby Show, Healthy Living Fair, Judging Contests, Public Speaking Event, etc.
- Help members select topics, develop and present talks and demonstrations.
- Lead discussions related to specific 4-H projects.
- Make arrangements for field trips.
- Plan and conduct career exploration activities related to projects at project meetings.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Recruit and help retain new members.
- Conduct a welcome and orientation for new members and families.
- Visit one-on-one with parents of new members to explain 4-H and project work.
- Assist with training and installation of officers.
- Help officers understand and carry out their duties, plan agenda for club meetings.
- Help teach younger members parliamentary procedure.
- Help committee with On TRAC plans (Monthly Program Plan). Be sure all families have a copy of the annual plan.
- Assist with preparing annual reports necessary for maintaining Club Charter.
- Help plan and conduct club fund raising activities.
- Help coordinate transportation and chaperones for club activities.
- Provide a local recognition program for members and volunteers.