



Roles for Youth Leaders in 4-H Clubs

There are many opportunities for youth to get involved in their club. The following are some ideas. Many of the ideas overlap from one club type to another.

4-H site-based clubs

- Form and participate in community-based youth leadership group
- Teach lessons
- Lead group activities
- Plan and lead educational activities and lessons
- Plan and lead field trips
- Assist in fundraising activities
- Organize snacks and meals
- Incorporate community residents or businesses into programming (e.g. guest speakers)
- Incorporate parents/guardians into educational events
- Recruit youth into the program
- Train peers
- Read with younger children
- Be a positive role model
- Serve as advocates for the program and youth issues
- Volunteer and participate in community events
- Host discussion on teen issues and community needs
- Participate and lead local, regional and state 4-H events
- Serve as a program liaison to parents and guardians

4-H afterschool clubs

- Teach lessons
- Lead small group activities
- Lead group activities
- Plan and lead educational activities and lessons
- Organize snacks and meals
- Read with younger children
- Serve as a program liaison to parents and guardians
- Serve as one-on-one or group mentor
- Provide officer training; mentor officers

4-H project-based club

- Work along-side an adult in coordinating project meetings
- Plan and conduct one or more project meetings
- Be a mentor
- Secure a program speaker
- Plan and lead a field trip
- Assist in fundraising activities
- Recruit youth into the club
- Help younger members with their projects
- Ask parents to help with projects, activities and/or events
- Serve on county committees
- Encourage parents or other adults to help youth with projects and other activities

4-H community club

- Invite someone to join 4-H
- Help a new member enroll and choose a project
- Mentor club officers
- Lead recreation
- Help with community service-learning projects
- Assist with county events
- Assist in fundraising activities
- Explain the 4-H program and your club to parents of new members
- Help younger members reflect on their 4-H experiences

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