



4-H Volunteer Resource Leader Position Description



We can never underestimate the influence or impact 4-H leaders have on youth, the face of our future. Your ordinary, everyday interaction with youth 4-H'ers is a powerful tool by which many youth learn decision making and leadership skills. The job YOU are doing IS important! Who knows, you may be influencing a future inventor, scientist, or even President of the United States.

Serve as speaker, teacher, or special consultant to the 4-H club, project leader, or district Extension 4-H staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work cooperatively with project leaders and district Extension 4-H staff in designing and teaching project training meeting(s) for leaders or members
- Serve as a telephone resource in project area
- Attend 4-H leader training meetings
- Submit one or more articles for the *4-H Informer* newsletter during the year
- Keep up-to-date in project area
- Serve as the communications link between project leaders and 4-H staff in the exchange of ideas, needs and evaluation of programs
- Help with project promotion
- Serve as a positive role model for youth
- Possibly chair special programs for a specific period of time
- Possibly teach a special project
- Possibly serve on 4-H Advisory Committee

BENEFITS:

- Liability insurance for official 4-H activities
- Leadership training opportunities
- Leadership recognition
- Travel opportunities
- Opportunities to meet and share ideas with other leaders
- Contribution as a positive youth development volunteer

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Varies with specific project, special program, and time of year. An average of two to three hours per week or one day per month can be used as a general estimate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in sharing knowledge and special subject matter with others
- Ability to relate well and communicate with a wide variety of people
- Willingness to work with any 4-H member or leader
- Knowledge of special project area and willingness to update skills
- Enthusiasm
- Enjoy working with people
- Complete Volunteer Leader Application and Agreement Forms

RESOURCES:

- Alaska Cooperative Extension 4-H Staff
- District, State, and National leader training activities
- Printed materials, slides, films, and other teaching aids from the University of Alaska and other land-grant universities
- Professional associations, organizations, and societies that relate to subject matter specialty

RESPONSIBLE TO:

- Club organizational leader and/or project leader
- District 4-H faculty and staff