

Volunteer Position Description 4-H Youth Development Ohio State University Extension

Position Title:

4-H Club Organizational Volunteer

Time Required:

On-going and dependent on county needs, normally includes one hour of program planning per hour of club activity.

General Purpose:

Support and work in partnership with 4-H professionals, extension staff, volunteers and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences and developing youth members' life skills to reach their fullest potential. Serve in a leadership role providing overall club management.

Specific Responsibilities:

- ◆ Serve as the primary liaison between 4-H professionals, extension staff, volunteers, members and families
- ◆ Maintain and promote communication with all club advisors
- ◆ Secure, complete, and submit club organization/enrollment materials to the county Extension office by the posted deadline
- ◆ Provide county Extension office with all requested materials related to the 4-H club
- ◆ Ensure adequate supervision at all club functions
- ◆ Involve members in developing club programs, including project work, community service, social events and participation in county, regional and state 4-H events.
- ◆ Assist officers to learn their responsibilities
- ◆ Welcome parent/guardian interest, ideas, support, and attendance at club activities
- ◆ Follow all OSU Extension and Ohio 4-H Youth Development policies and procedures
- ◆ Recruit new members when the club has openings
- ◆ Attend all (or most) of the club meetings and activities
- ◆ Read Ohio 4-H news and access information from the Ohio 4-H web site to keep members informed of opportunities
- ◆ Participate in volunteer development opportunities to stay current and enhance leadership skills
- ◆ Inform members/parents of 4-H guidelines and requirements
- ◆ Provide positive and constructive feedback to members and parents/guardians

Qualifications & Expectations:

- ◆ Work with volunteers and 4-H professionals to teach and motivate youth, while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision making, responsibility, and leadership
- ◆ Be dedicated to youth and sensitive to their abilities and needs
- ◆ Effectively organize, delegate, and communicate with the other club volunteers
- ◆ Work with minimal supervision from professional staff
- ◆ Become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of OSU Extension, Ohio 4-H Program and the county 4-H program

Ohio State University Extension Will:

- ◆ Provide training opportunities to assist volunteers to meet needs of members and parents
- ◆ Provide access to educational materials and resources
- ◆ Have professional staff available to consult with and listen to volunteers
- ◆ Provide recognition to volunteers

Mentor/Supervising Professionals:

- ◆ County Extension 4-H Youth Development Professional(s)



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