


4-H Club Coach

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Kentucky 4-H/Youth Development Program
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service
The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture

POSITION TITLE:

4-H Club Coach

TIME REQUIRED:

Twice per month, August through May; 1-2 hrs. preparation and two 1 hour club meetings per month; possible three yearly community service activities.

LOCATION:

Cooperative Extension Service or other meeting place identified by teens.

GENERAL PURPOSE:

To serve as a liaison between the County Extension office, local 4-H professional and teen programs; support efforts of teens in leadership roles; encourage teens to “stay on track” and help keep teen programming “moving.”

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- + Be committed to young people and their growth in all areas
- + Ensure 4-H members are aware of 4-H opportunities, deadlines, and participation guidelines
- + Encourage 4-H member participation
- + Welcome youth ideas and affirm their ability to carry through with projects and activities
- + Guide youth in identifying potential opportunities and support youth in self-planning and implementation of projects.
- + Follow all 4-H guidelines and policies of The University of Kentucky CES, the Kentucky 4-H Program, and the County 4-H Program
- + Praise members for progress they make

QUALIFICATIONS:

- + Must undergo the Kentucky 4-H volunteer application and screening process and be accepted as a volunteer
- + Be approved by the Youth Protection Committee
- + Must provide own transportation to club meetings, activities, and instructional meetings
- + The ability to provide information and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision-making, responsibility, and decision making in youth
- + A sincere interest in sharing knowledge and experiences and skills with youth and in an informal setting
- + The ability to work and communicate effectively
- + The ability to work with minimum supervision from professional staff
- + A sincere interest in working with other volunteers and professional staff
- + A willingness to become familiar with and work with the philosophy and guidelines of the University of Kentucky CES, Kentucky 4-H Program, and County 4-H Program

BENEFITS:

- + The opportunity to work with youth and provide positive support and growth experiences
- + To develop lifelong friendships with youth, parents and other volunteers
- + To develop communication and leadership skills
- + To learn organizational and time management skills
- + Skills gained to expand career growth and potential
- + Gain respect for community needs and civic responsibilities
- + Provide scholarship to state Volunteer Forum
- + Provide educational training opportunities that will help the volunteer meet the needs of members, advisors and parents
- + Provide appropriate manuals, pamphlets, audio-visual aids, newsletters and other resource materials
- + Have professionals available to consult with leaders on a one to one basis
- + Provide opportunities for professionals to listen to leaders' ideas to help improve the 4-H program
- + Provide appropriate recognition and awards to leaders
- + The opportunity to work with youth and provide positive support and growth experiences

SALARY:

Unsalared; Volunteer.

MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

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Date: _____