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# 4-H HORSE CLUB PROJECT LEADER

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## **VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

Kentucky 4-H Program  
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service  
The University of Kentucky

## **POSITION TITLE:**

4-H Horse Club Leader

## **TIME REQUIRED:**

Monthly meetings - Additional meetings as needed  
About 3 hours per meeting ( 1½ hour meeting, 1½ hour planning)

## **LOCATION:**

Appropriate location may be determined. (Cooperative Extension Office, leader’s home, fair grounds show arena, etc.) (Will need a meeting location and a riding location.)

## **GENERAL PURPOSE:**

- + Teach specific skills to 4-H members as outlined in the 4-H project material, Horses & Horsemanship & Horse Science
- + Advise members and parents about opportunities to showcase their completed projects (such as County Fair, State Fair, 4-H Horse Camp, etc.) including dates, locations and requirements
- + Teach 4-H Horse Program Objectives including Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Photography, Crafts, and Sportsmanship; Humane treatment of animals; enjoyment of horses as recreation; skills and knowledge that relate to the horse industry; and appreciation of all equine disciplines.

## **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- + Pick up horse project books and other resources from the County Extension Office and distribute to members
- + Advise the 4-H professional of the members’ progress
- + Assist members in filling out project records upon completion of the project
- + Participate in volunteer development opportunities as offered
- + Follow all guidelines and policies of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, the Kentucky 4-H program and the county 4-H program
- + Encourage parental participation and support
- + Provide positive feedback to members
- + Serve on event planning committees - additional time required

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- + Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the Youth Protection/Risk Management Committee
- + The ability to organize information and materials
- + The ability to work with minimum supervision from professional staff
- + The ability to educate youth while nurturing positive self esteem, decision making, responsibility and leadership in the youth
- + The ability to communicate effectively with youth, parents and other adult volunteers
- + A sincere interest in sharing knowledge and skills in the horse project with youth in an informal setting

**BENEFITS:**

- + Appropriate resource materials will be provided
- + Professionals will be available for consultation on a one to one basis
- + Recognition will be provided to volunteers
- + The opportunity to work with youth and provide positive support and growth experiences
- + Reimbursement for attendance at approved forums, conferences, workshops and in-service opportunities
- + Office support (word processing, duplicating, mailing meeting notices, etc.) as approved by the 4-H/Youth Development Professional

**SALARY:**

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**MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_