

Texas 4-H Meat Science Project Leader Position Description

Title: Meat Science Project Leader for _____ 4-H Club/Project Group in
_____ County

4-H Project Leader Advisor:

County Extension Agent - 4-H and Youth Development, or Agent serving as County 4-H Coordinator

Purpose of the 4-H Project Leader:

Provide structured learning experiences, personal guidance as well as counseling in Meat Science project opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the Meat Science project.

Benefits of serving as a 4-H Project Leader:

- Gain and/or enhance knowledge and skills in the Meat Science subject matter area.
- Be a significant part of the educational and developmental process for youth.
- Foster the development and growth of successful youth-adult partnerships.
- See the impact the 4-H and Youth Development Program has in the county.
- Experience personal growth from serving as a project leader.

Responsibilities of the 4-H Project Leader:

- Be familiar with and adhere to the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines.
- Provide positive, structured learning experiences for youth enrolled in the Meat Science project.
- Request training and project materials through the club manager or county Extension agent.
- Become acquainted with the project and activities related to the Meat Science project. The project experiences are listed in the Texas 4-H Clover, found online at:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/>
- Obtain a list of 4-H members in the club/county that are interested in the Meat Science project.
- Develop an annual project plan based on:
 - Project educational objectives
 - Level of members' experiences
 - Members' specific interests
 - Resources available
- Conduct project meetings and activities.
- Assist members with setting goals and keeping records of achievements in project.
- Provide opportunities for 4-H members to participate in other 4-H activities and events.
- Involve members as junior and teen leaders.
- Encourage parent interest, involvement and support of 4-H activities.
- Coordinate project group activities with club manager and other leaders of the club.
- Provide recognition for members and supporting parents/adults.

Qualifications and Special Skills:

- Reside in the county.
- Registered as a direct volunteer for the county 4-H program, by completing a Texas 4-H Volunteer Application for the current 4-H year.
- Passed a criminal background check through the Youth Protection Standards Program within the past three years.
- Participate in Volunteer Orientation.
- Value the development of positive life skills in youth.
- Value diversity among youth and other adults involved in the 4-H program, creating and maintaining a 4-H project experience where all children feel welcome and opportunities are made available.

Time Required: Project leaders serve a one-year term. The 4-H year runs from September 1 thru August 31 of the following year. 4-H projects are implemented throughout the year;

however, project events and activities are sometimes concentrated over a span of a few months.

Resources and Support Available: • Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)
2004 Practice Meat Judging Contest and Results
2004 Practice Meat Judging Contest ID Results and Question Classes
2003 Practice Meat Judging Contest and Results
2002 Practice Meat Judging Contest and Results

If interested, respond to: Texas Cooperative Extension Office in your county.

I, _____, agree to serve as the 4-H project leader for the _____ project, meeting the qualifications and fulfilling all responsibilities.

Volunteer Signature

Date

CEA Signature

Date