



## **Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board**

The Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Committee offers 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and County Extension Agents an opportunity to help determine and expand the 4-H rabbit program by recommending and implementing special activities and new project ideas. The Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Committee provides the leadership and coordination of the program as a whole.

### **Purpose**

- Provide vision for the future of the rabbit project.
- Promote the rabbit project to Texas youth and adults.
- Provide leadership to the Texas 4-H Statewide Rabbit Event.
- Provide representation from all areas of the state within the 4-H rabbit project and how it can be implemented within Texas 4-H.

### **Goals**

- Build and strengthen the 4-H rabbit program through suggestions for program direction and delivery.
- Provide activities for the 4-H rabbit program that interest both youth and adults.
- Encourage 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and County Extension Agents to become more involved in planning and developing project materials and activities.

### **About the Committee**

- The Texas 4-H Rabbit Committee membership is open to teen 4-H members, volunteer adult leaders, County Extension Agents, and industry representatives.
- The Advisory Committee promotes the purpose and goals of the Texas 4-H Rabbit program. The committee may also review project materials and activities, and recommend program direction, special activities, new resources, and competitive events.
- Membership on the committee gives a voice in planning the future of 4-H rabbit project.
  - Membership applications are due in February for a two-year term beginning in February each year.

## Organization and Responsibilities

- The Advisory Committee (adult and teen members) may set up task forces to carry out studies, to develop materials, or to plan and conduct activities.
- The Committee, standing committees, and task forces work within Extension and 4-H guidelines and policies. Proposals, recommendations, activities, and materials will be designed to further the goals and objectives of the 4-H roabbit program.

## Membership

- A teen 4-H member must be 13 or older and have at least one year remaining in 4-H at the time of application in order to be eligible. Adult volunteer leaders and County Extension Agents may apply to become members of the committee.
- Applications from 4-H members and volunteer leaders must be supported by a reference statement (submitted online) from the County Extension Agent responsible for 4-H in their county, club manager, or project leader. An application from an agent must be approved by his/her District Extension Administrator.
- An online application will be linked on the Texas 4-H Rabbit web page. Applications will be accepted once a year at the beginning of the year. Applications will be reviewed by a committee, and acceptance notifications sent shortly thereafter.
- Membership terms are two years and may be extended by request of the member.
- Membership on the committee is open to teen 4-H members, adult volunteer leaders, and County Extension Agents. The committee will consist of a maximum of 36 members who are selected to represent a broad range of districts, interests, experience levels, and leadership in the 4-H rabbit program. Members are expected to attend a minimum of three of the four regularly scheduled meetings during their two-year term. If a member cannot attend, he/she must contact the committee's advisor prior to the meeting.

**\*\*\*Applications are due online, by midnight, Thursday, February 19, 2015.\*\*\***