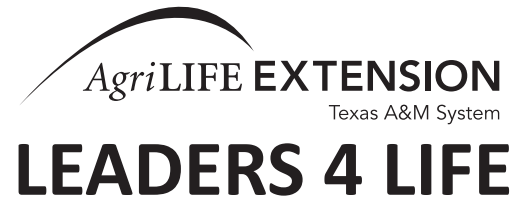


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## Texas 4-H Program Priorities



### *Why the need?*

Youth leadership development at the county level is currently delivered 254 different ways. Some counties conduct a thorough training while others may not even have an active County 4-H Council because they only have one 4-H club or have been unable to develop a structure that works effectively. Counties have limited resources available to help them train their County 4-H Council Teams.

### *Are kids interested?*

If you break down the fundamentals of a structured meeting (ie. 4-H club meeting), there are several reasons that it is important for youth to have an understanding of proper parliamentary procedure and leadership techniques. A structure to make fair decisions, keeping a meeting to a timely schedule, allowing each voice to be heard, and a basis of fun are all important factors that are made possible through this program.

### *Costs to implement and ideas for funding.*

There is little to no cost to implement the program. Most resources can be printed for free online. Robert's Rules of Order and The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens can be purchased online for minimal cost. Civic organizations (ie. Lions, Rotary, and Toastmaster Clubs) might be potential sponsors for any necessary cost at the local level.

### *Website for resources.*

- [texas4-h.tamu.edu/project\\_leadership/leaders](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_leadership/leaders)

### *Program Objectives.*

The goals of the Leaders 4 Life Program are to:

- Increase the leadership skills of youth to equip them for future leadership opportunities in adulthood.
- Providing counties with a toolbox of resources to effectively train youth in leadership, parliamentary procedure and service learning.
- Recruit and train volunteers as leadership project leaders.
- Provide a contest opportunity to youth which allows them to develop and/or showcase their skills related to leadership and associated areas.

### *Lessons to Teach.*

YEA 4-H: Take the Lead Unit, Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy Curriculum, Dunbar's Parliamentary Procedure Supplements, Current Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Use Your Hands For...Service! (Service Learning Lesson Plan), Leaders 4 Life Sample Resources, Additional resources on Leaders 4 Life Website

### *Opportunities for Youth.*

Opportunity structure will likely be similar from county to county: educational sessions and practice in county program, District Leaders 4 Life Contest, State Leaders 4 Life Contest, National Leaders 4 Life Contest.

***Evaluation Indicators.***

Knowledge indicators include:

- Understanding of parliamentary procedure.
- Knowledge of how to manage an effective meeting.
- Understanding of new leadership techniques.
- Understanding of the importance of public speaking.
- Understanding of how to work with others in organized settings.

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