



Texas 4-H Leaders 4 Life Project Leader Position Description

Title: Leaders 4 Life 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 Leader 4 Life Project Leader:

Provide structured learning experiences, personal guidance as well as counseling in Leaders 4 Life for 4-H members enrolled in the program.

Benefits of serving as a Leaders 4 Life Project Leader:

- Gain and/or enhance knowledge and skills in leadership and parliamentary procedure subject matter areas.
- Be a significant part of the educational and developmental process for youth.
- Foster the development and growth of successful youth-adult partnerships.
- Foster the interest in service learning and giving back to the community.
- 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 Leaders 4 Life 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 Leaders 4 Life program.
- Participate in training conducted by county Extension agent.
- Become acquainted with the program and related activities. Resources for Leaders 4 Life can be found at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/leaders4life/index.php>
- Obtain a list of 4-H members in the club/county that are interested in the Leaders 4 Life program.
- Develop an annual Leaders 4 Life schedule of educational events based on:
 - Project educational objectives
 - Level of members' experiences
 - Members' specific interests
 - Resources available (a suggested time line with recommended lessons/activities is provided in the overview packet on the website listed above)
- Conduct project meetings and activities.
- Assist members with setting goals and keeping records of achievements in program. Participation in Leaders 4 Life would be a part of the Leadership 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. A recognition certificate is provided on the website provided above.
- Promote the Leaders 4 Life Skill-a-thon as an opportunity for youth to exhibit their project work.

Qualifications and Special Skills:

- Reside in the county.
- Registered as a direct volunteer for the county 4-H program, by registering on 4-H CONNECT as a Texas 4-H volunteer.
- Passed a criminal background check through the Youth Protection Standards Program within the past three years or provide documentation from an approved entity that you have been screened within the last 3 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: •

- <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/leaders4life/index.php> -- this is the website where all of the resources for Leaders 4 Life are posted, including curriculum, Leaders 4 Life Skill-A-Thon information, and much more!

Other leadership, parliamentary procedure and service learning resources include:

- Public Speaking - 4-H Style - COM 1-2.050
- Putting the Pieces Together - 4-H 11-1
- Parliamentary Procedure: Parli-Pro – 4-H COM 11.010
- National 4-H Curriculum -- Leadership (www.n4hccs.org)
 - Step Up To Leadership 1 - My Leadership Workbook (grades 3-5)
 - Step Up To Leadership 2 - My Leadership Journal (grades 6-8)
 - Step Up To Leadership 3 - My Leadership Portfolio (grades 9-12)
 - Step Up To Leadership – Mentor Guide 1 (grades K-5)
 - Step Up To Leadership – Mentor Guide 2 (grades 6-12)
- National 4-H Curriculum – Service Learning (www.n4hccs.org)
 - Service Learning 1 – Agents of Change + CD (grades 6-8)
 - Service Learning 2 – Raise Your Voice + CD (grades 9-12)
 - Service Learning Helper’s Guide

If interested, respond to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office in your county.

I, _____, agree to serve as the Leaders 4 Life program leader, a part of the Leadership project, meeting the qualifications and fulfilling all responsibilities.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____ CEA Signature _____ Date _____