

2009 4-H Teen Leader Position Description

Position Title:

Faulkner County 4-H Teen Leader

Time Required:

The time commitment varies depending on the Teen Leader's involvement with the community 4-H club, 4-H leader, project leader and/or 4-H staff.

Overall Objectives of Being a Teen Leader:

- Achieve a broad understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Acquire understanding of working in groups.
- Participate in team building. Encourage involvement for every individual in the group.
- Develop follow-through and accept responsibility.
- Improve written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain self-confidence and respect.
- Practice and acquire leadership skills.
- Have fun while becoming a leader in the county 4-H program and throughout the county.

General Responsibilities:

4-H members between the ages of 13 and 19 years of age as of January 1 of the program year, who fulfill a leadership position by sharing their experience with younger members and serving in a leadership role. Teens must be 14 years of age by January 1 of the program year to be an official voting member. Teen Leaders can be involved in local, county, district and state level 4-H activities in a variety of ways.



Specific Responsibilities:

- Enroll annually as a Faulkner County Teen Leader
- Submit a completed Teen Leader application by stated deadline.
- Complete an interview with a panel composed of the following: one 4-H alumnus, one 4-H Foundation member, *one 4-H leader, a non-voting Extension advisor and the current Teen Leader adult advisor.
- Submit a 4-H Journal by stated deadline.
*4-H leader must not be a parent of any applicant. May be a past 4-H leader.
- **Regularly attend club meetings and programs.** The 4-H Teen Leaders must be present at most or all club meetings. Member must notify Extension staff or club advisor prior to meeting or program if there is a conflict.

*Failure to attend after second consecutive monthly meeting may result in dismissal from Teen Leader Club.

- **Assist with planning and leading club meetings.**
Club officers must communicate with adult advisor and/or 4-H agent to prepare a detailed agenda prior to meetings. Teen Leaders must work with the adult advisor and other Teen Leaders to take an active role in the leadership of club meetings and activities.
- **Work with younger 4-H members.**
Assist the 4-H club's younger members at meetings and spend extra time getting to know them and set a positive example for them.



- **Assist with preparation and implementation of the Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet.** Specific roles include overall preparation, awards presentations and speaking positions, set-up and take-down.
- **Follow all 4-H guidelines and policies of the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service and the Arkansas 4-H Program.** Teen Leaders must abide by all 4-H rules and guidelines as printed in the Arkansas 4-H Code of Conduct.

4-H Teen Leaders work with:

- 4-H project/club leader
- 4-H adult advisor(s)
- 4-H Extension personnel
- Younger 4-H members
- Community members
- Other youth serving organizations, Teen Leaders and peers

Benefits:

- Learn new skills.
- Feel involved in the community and in the county 4-H program.
- Receive appreciation from other members and adults.
- Gain a sense of pride from helping others reach their goals.
- Receive individual recognition and awards.
- Develop job skills.

Teen Leader Advisor

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As an applicant to be a 2009 Faulkner County 4-H Teen Leader, I _____, have read the previous information in its entirety. I agree to abide by the goals and objectives of the Teen Leader Club while maintaining a positive image for the 4-H program and most importantly to have fun in my role as a Teen Leader.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of 4-H Leader

Date

Signature of County 4-H Agent

Date

