



4-H Project Leader Volunteer Service Description

Title: 4-H Project Leader

Purpose:

Use the method of experiential teaching and “learn-by-doing” to guide youth through project work. Help create a safe and welcoming 4-H community where youth develop meaningful relationships and valuable life skills.

Term of Appointment:

From October 1st to September 30th, renewed annually. Renewable upon agreement of volunteer and Extension Staff member and completion of current year enrollment.

Time Required:

Complete initial training and orientation. Plan and conduct educational activities and projects. Overall time commitment is negotiable with 4-H staff or Volunteers with whom Project Leader works but should include a minimum of six hours of project work with youth.

Responsibilities

- Provide hands-on experiential learning experiences.
- Work toward creating a positive youth development environment which includes opportunities for: belonging, mastery, generosity, and independence.
- Assist members to set and pursue project goals.
- Attend events and/or club/group meetings and provide other support as needed for club, county, and state 4-H events.
- Attend online or face to face trainings or workshops to support one’s own learning.
- Help and encourage 4-H youth and families to learn about and access county, state and national 4-H events and opportunities related to their project area.
- Maintain and submit necessary reports in a timely manner including record of volunteer hours and other reports as requested.
- Maintain communications with UNH Cooperative Extension staff and other volunteers regarding members, projects, reports, and trainings.

Qualifications:

- Ability to complete UNH volunteer screening process.
- Believe in “positive” approach to youth development.
- Ability to work and communicate with youth from diverse back grounds.
- Willingness to be a lifelong learner.
- Basic computer skills (or willingness to learn).
- Work with minimal supervision.
- Ability to manage and reduce program risk for 4-H youth and adults.
- Ability to be a team member.

Benefits:

- 4-H out-of-pocket expenses and mileage are tax deductible.
- Liability protection for volunteer service under NH RSA 508:17
- Provide service to one’s own community as part of UNH Cooperative Extension’s youth development program.
- Opportunities for increasing one’s own leadership skills.