Volunteer Position Description
4-H Youth Development
Ohio State University Extension

Position Title:
4-H Cloverbud Volunteer

Time Required
On-going and dependent on county

General Purpose:
Support and work in partnership with 4-H professionals, volunteers and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences to help 4-H Cloverbud youth grow and reach their fullest potential.

Specific Responsibilities:

• Willingness to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program, and county 4-H program.
• Provide an emotionally and physically safe environment.
• Serve as a liaison between the county Extension office/staff and 4-H Cloverbud members, their parents/guardians, and those working with you.
• Support 4-H professionals and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences to help young people grow and reach their fullest potential.
• Inform and encourage members, parents, and other volunteers to actively participate in appropriate 4-H opportunities.
• Give support and recognition to members.
• Understand the importance of being a positive role model.
• Have fun.
• Let the 4-H Cloverbud children know you care.
• Be committed to young people and their growth in all areas.
• Utilize the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum Instructional materials or other approved activities while working with 4-H Cloverbud children.
• Be aware of available learning experiences and help the club members select appropriate activities.
• Maintain open communications with other club volunteers.
• Be dedicated to young people and sensitive to their needs.
• Follow the guidelines and policies of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program, and county 4-H program.
• Attend 4-H Cloverbud events, meetings, and activities.
• Read 4-H newsletters and literature from the Extension office and their web site and keep members, parents, and others informed.
• Participate in appropriate volunteer development opportunities.

Qualifications & Expectations:

• Been approved through the OSU Extension Volunteer Selection Policy and Procedure requirements (includes a background check).
• A sincere interest in working with 4-H members.
• An interest in learning the characteristics of 4-H Cloverbud-aged children.
• The ability to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision-making, responsibility, and other important life skills.
• The ability to work with minimal supervision from 4-H professional staff.

Ohio State University Extension Agrees to:

• Provide training opportunities that will help the volunteer meet the needs of members, volunteers, and parent/guardians.
• Provide appropriate manuals, pamphlets, newsletters, and other resource materials.
• Have professionals available to consult with volunteers on a one-to-one basis.
• Provide appropriate recognition and awards to volunteers.
• Give leadership for recruitment of members.

Mentor/Supervising Professionals:
• County Extension 4-H Youth Development Professional