4-H COMMUNITY CLUB
VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION
POSITION TITLE:
4-H Community Club Volunteer

TIME REQUIRED:
Varies depending on club schedules/activities

LOCATION:
Darke County

GENERAL PURPOSE:

• Serve as a liaison between the county Extension office, local 4-H professional and 4-H members, their parents and other volunteers regarding 4-H club programs.
• Support 4-H professionals, volunteers and members in conducting meaningful, educational experiences to help youth grow and reach their fullest potential.
• Inform and encourage members, parents and other volunteers to actively participate in appropriate 4-H opportunities.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Be committed to young people and their growth in all areas.
• Complete assigned or volunteered tasks by deadline or completion dates.
• Advise 4-H club members regarding contributions to and participation in club activities.
• Be dedicated to young people and sensitive to their abilities and needs.
• Encourage 4-H members’ and parents’ interest and participation.
• Welcome parent’s ideas, activity and project assistance, cooperation, support, and attendance at 4-H activities.
• Follow all 4-H guidelines and policies of Ohio State University Extension, the Ohio 4-H Program and the county 4-H program.
• Recruit new members when the club has openings.
• Attend all (or most) of the club meetings and activities.
• Read 4-H newsletters and literature from the county Extension office and keep members, parents and other volunteers informed.
• Participate in one or more volunteer development opportunities every two years.
• Be aware of 4-H projects available, help members select projects and encourage parents to support their child’s project work.
• Inform members and parents of project evaluation requirements and dates.
• Continually provide feedback to members, letting them know when they are doing a good job and advising them when they need to improve.
• Praise members for the progress they make.
• Serve as a positive role model and mentor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

• An individual serving as 4-H Club Advisor must have:
  • The ability to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision making, responsibility and leadership in youth.
  • A sincere interest in teaching and sharing knowledge and skills with youth and adults in an educational setting.
  • The ability to organize information and materials and delegate responsibility.
  • The ability to motivate and communicate effectively in verbal and written forms.
  • The ability to work with minimal supervision from professional staff.
  • A sincere interest in working with other volunteers and professional staff in an educational setting.
  • A 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.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AGREES TO:

• Provide training opportunities that will help the volunteer meet the needs of members, advisors and parents.
• Provide appropriate manuals, pamphlets, audio-visual aids, newsletters and other resource materials.
• Have professionals available to consult with advisors on a one-to-one basis.
• Provide opportunities for professionals to listen to advisors’ ideas to help improve the 4-H program.
• Provide appropriate recognition and awards to advisors.

MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

• Organizational Advisor

• 4-H Youth Development Educator
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