

VOLUNTEER 4-H LEADER DESCRIPTIONS

1. Organizational Leader: The 4-H Club Organizational Leader is responsible for: coordinating activities and schedules; for maintaining communication with the local Extension Office and; working with youth for local club program planning, training and resources. This includes: enrolling 4-H members, organizing the club, election and training of officers, helping members plan, carry out and evaluate their 4-H programs, keeping members, parents and other leaders informed of program and club activities. Time required: 10-12 club meetings per year, 2-3 hours per week. There can only be one designated organizational leader per 4-H Club, however, some clubs do designate assistant organizational leaders to help the main organizational leader.

2. Project Leader: The project leader's main responsibility is to teach skills and subject matter in a project area. Project leaders help members learn to keep good records and prepare demonstrations and exhibits. They may conduct workshops, tours or field trips related to the project and encourage members to participate in project-related events and activities. When the project leader does not have the necessary technical information to lead a project, the leader finds other resource people to give the project help. Project manuals are provided (in most projects) at no cost to the leader. Time required: project meetings planned by the group (4-12 per year, 1-2 hours per meeting).

3. Activity or Event Leader: The activity leader assists with specific events or activities in which club members participate. These may include: local achievement nights, field trips, paper drives, judging contests, community service projects, safety, public speaking, career exploration, and so forth. It may be a long- or short-time commitment. These events or activities can be carried out at regular club meetings or at times that work into the club program. Some examples are: recreation leader, Carnival Booth leader, transportation, Club tour leader, demonstration leader or community pride leader. Time required: 2-3 hours per month, in addition to the length of the activity(s).

4. Resource Leader: The resource leader either supports project or activity leaders. They are people in the community with special skills, talents and abilities who are needed to help 4-H members learn about specific projects. Many people are willing to share their training and experience with young people on a limited basis, perhaps an evening or two. Resource leaders are recruited by other leaders or invited by a 4-H member to meet with the group. Time required: 5-10 hours per year.

5. Boulder County 4-H Council: Three adults are needed annually to serve as advisors for the Boulder County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council meets 9-times annually giving major direction to planning, organizing, executing and evaluating the many events and activities of Boulder County 4-H. Meetings last about 90 minutes. Time required: 3-4 hours per month.

6. Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Council: 12 volunteers are voting members of the Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Council. This council meets 9-times annually. Meetings last about 90 minutes. This council gives major direction to planning, organizing, executing and evaluating the many events and activities of Boulder County 4-H. Elections occur annually in November at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet. Time required: 3-4 hours per month.

7. Other: Tell us how you'd like to help with the Boulder County 4-H Program.