Roles for Youth Leaders in 4-H Clubs

There are many opportunities for youth to get involved in their club. The following are some ideas. Many of the ideas overlap from one club type to another.

**4-H SITE-BASED CLUBS**

- Form and participate in community-based youth leadership group.
- Teach lessons.
- Lead group activities.
- Pan and lead educational activities and lessons.
- Plan and lead field trips.
- Assist in fundraising activities.
- Organize snacks and meals.
- Incorporate community residents into programming (e.g. guest speakers).
- Incorporate parents/guardians into educational events.
- Recruit youth into the program.
- Train peers.
- Read with younger children.
- Be a positive role model.
- Serve as advocates for the program and youth issues.
- Volunteer and participate in community events.
- Host discussion on teen issues and community needs.
- Participate and lead local, regional and state 4-H events.
- Serve as a program liaison to parents and guardians.

**4-H AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

- Teach lessons.
- Lead small group activities.
- Lead group activities.
- Plan and lead educational activities and lessons.
- Organize and lead educational activities and lessons.
- Organize snacks and meals.
• Read with younger children.
• Serve as a program liaison to parents and guardians.
• Serve as one-on-one or group mentor.
• Provide officer training; mentor officers.

4-H PROJECT BASED CLUB
• Assist an adult in coordinating project meetings.
• Plan and conduct one or more project meeting.
• Be a mentor.
• Secure a program speaker.
• Plan and lead a field trip.
• Assist in fundraising activities.
• Recruit youth into the club.
• Help younger members with their projects.
• Ask parents to help with projects, activities and/or events.
• Serve on county committees.
• Encourage parents to help their children with projects and other activities.

4-H COMMUNITY CLUB
• Invite someone to join 4-H.
• Help a new member enroll and choose a project.
• Mentor club officers.
• Lead recreation.
• Help with community service-learning projects.
• Assist with county events.
• Assist in fundraising activities.
• Explain the 4-H program and your club to parents of new members.
• Help younger members reflect on their 4-H experiences.

CREATIVE INITIATIVES FOR ALL CLUB TYPES
• Volunteer “I’ll be glad to” without being asked.
• Disagree with a leader in your club or program coordinator/director in a constructive way.
• Suggest that something should be done differently and have constructive suggestions.
• Come up with new ideas that have not been done in your club or county.