

Junior Leader Responsibilities

Many young people who have been 4-H members for two or three years are ready to expand their leadership role within their 4-H club. These members may have shown leadership qualities by serving as an officer or committee member or through their project work. Older 4-H members may gain new leadership skills by assisting other members with their 4-H project work.

The following is a list of ideas of responsibilities that junior leaders may assume in their own 4-H community club:



Recruit two new members to the club - Many young people today have very little knowledge about 4-H and know nothing about the variety of opportunities available to them through 4-H. Personal contact is our best recruiting tool.

Serve as a "mentor" or "big friend" to a new member - Many new members do not have siblings who are in 4-H or parents who are alumni. So they need help to get started on the "right foot" from the very beginning.

Guide new members in the selection of their projects - Junior leaders may be able to share information about projects that they have enrolled in during their years of membership. They may be able to talk about the types of activities and learning experiences that are included in the project manuals. They can show new members samples of project manuals, leader guides and other resources available to members in their project area.

Assist members in setting project goals - Junior leaders can help members select activities and learning experiences from their project manuals that they would like to work on during the year. They may also discuss personal experiences they have had as it pertains to the project.

Suggest topics for talks/demonstrations in a particular project area - Junior leaders can help generate a list of possible topics for talks or demonstrations in a project area.

Help members in developing and presenting a talk/demo - Junior leaders might demonstrate a "good" and a "bad" talk/demo for a group of members. They may help members develop an introduction, body and summary for their talk/demonstration.

The following is a list of some responsibilities that junior leaders are responsible for at the county level.

4-H Awareness Teams

- Present at the various schools during Ohio 4-H Week.
- Present on fair/farm safety at Hillsboro and Bright Local Schools

Club Round Up

Assist with setup and clean up. Plan and implement an activity, help with registration and assist clubs where needed.

Member, Office and Advisor Training

Help with set up and clean up. Officers will teach or assist in teaching sessions. Assist with registration, sessions, hall monitors, and anywhere else that is needed. Signups are typically in February or March.

Cloverbud Day Camp/Fun Day

Develop and implement Cloverbud fun day under the direction of the 4-H Educator. Act as assistants with the programming during the event. Sign up will be the month prior to the event. Typically held during the summer.

Highland County Fair

- Sign up to help with various activities during the fair, such as Jr. Fair Building judging day, handling of posters, ribbons, assist with horse shows and other events during the week.
- Cloverbud Activities - help plan and implement activities during specified times during the Highland County Fair
- A signup sheet will be distributed with all activities listed prior to the fair. It is your job to remember what you signed up for and to be on time for those events.