



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

EXTENSION

## 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.
- Plan 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.