



Position Description

Mentoring Volunteer

Responsible to
CEED, CYC, or YFS

Purpose

To provide new 4-H leaders with the support, encouragement, training and personal contact to help them become well-rounded, knowledgeable, confident 4-H leaders. This position will help produce a solid network of leaders to enhance our 4-H youth program.

Benefits to the Volunteer

- Being able to share the expertise you possess as a successful 4-H leader.
- The satisfaction of helping the 4-H program retain knowledgeable, confident leaders and seeing a wonderful program grow and reach more youth.
- Meeting new people with common interests and goals.
- Being an active partner in helping the 4-H program in your county succeed.

Major Duties

- Attend special mentor volunteer trainings.
- Contact new leaders and provide a current resource leader list for specific project areas.
- Help mentor new leaders and be available to answer questions.
- Telephone or otherwise notify new leaders concerning trainings and meetings that would benefit them or their subject matter (offer rides to meetings, etc.)
- Keep the appropriate Extension staff informed as to progress, needs, and potential issues.

Skills Needed

- Leadership, friendliness, knowledge of 4-H philosophy/goals/program, enthusiastic attitude towards program, enjoys working with others and helping them succeed.

Term

- 2 to 3 years

Time Involved

- 1 to 3 hours a week

Training

- Communication, listening, and mentoring skills via Extension Staff, Leader Forums, Satellite Conferences, etc.

Support

- County Extension Office support, 4-H and Iowa State University Extension resources.

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