



## 4-H Mentor Volunteer Position Description

### **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.

### **4-H Needs Caring Adults to:**

- 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.

### **Benefits:**

- 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.

### **Qualifications/Skills Needed:**

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

### **Support:**

- Communication, listening, and mentoring skills via extension staff, leader forums, conferences, etc.

### **Responsible to and receives counsel and guidance from:**

- County 4-H Staff
- 4-H Youth Program Specialist

### **Time Commitment:**

- 2-3 years
- 1-3 hours a week