2014-2015 Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Purpose:
The purpose of the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council is to provide significant leadership development experiences for teens. Members of the Council will be involved in identifying needs, sharing ideas, and developing a plan of action to help address priority needs. In addition, the Council will assist in overall 4-H and Youth program development by serving in an advisory capacity to staff.

Counties Participating: Harrison, East Pottawattamie, West Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Page and Fremont Counties

Members of the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council will:
- Be involved in identifying strategies to address needs of youth and of the 4-H program in Region 17.
- Work to strengthen the youth program by developing activities/educational events to meet critical youth needs.
- Help to secure resources for programming.
- Interact with one another to share ideas that can help improve local 4-H clubs, county 4-H programs and regional participation.
- Develop new friendships and develop a support network.
- Develop and practice using communication and leadership skills.
- Serve as a link between county, regional, and state 4-H programs.
- Serve in an advisory capacity for youth programming in the region.
- Work with a project planning group to plan a regional 4-H event or activity.

Expectations of the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council:
- Devote approximately 40-60 hours between November and August to Council work.
- Attend fall organizational retreat on Saturday and Sunday, November 15-16, 2014
- Be willing to share ideas and listen to the ideas of others.
- Be committed to gathering input from others and involving others in developing and implementing an action plan.
- Be willing to arrange your schedule to participate in meetings and activities of the Council.
- Participate in the spring working retreat on Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, 2015
- Pay own expenses related to participation in the Council (i.e. transportation).

Composition of the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council:
- Each county may select three representatives to serve on the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council.
- The council will meet at a retreat on November 15-16. Additional group meetings will be scheduled as needed to carry out the goals of the council. An additional retreat may be scheduled by the group in the winter 2014 (tentatively March 7-8).
- Final retreat may be an overnight experience volunteering at the Iowa State Fair, Aug. 2015.
- An application process will be used at the county level to select their representatives. Each representative must be in high school and must complete a written application. Each representative must also submit one letter of recommendation from either a county Extension staff member, a teacher, clergy member or another non-relative adult.
• State 4-H Council members from Region 17 will be invited to participate in the Regional Youth Leadership Council. They must complete and submit an application by the deadline if they wish to accept the invitation to participate. They will not be counted as one of the three county representatives. However, counties must pay the membership fee for these youth. State 4-H Council will submit their applications to the county Extension office. **The county Extension office will use their forms to select their representatives to the Regional Youth Leadership Council and submit those names with contact information to David Seilstad by Friday, October 17.**

**Expectations of Participating Counties:**

• Recruit and select three participants to represent your county on the team by **Friday, October 17, 2014.** Forward names and contact information to David Seilstad by this date.

• Pay a fee of $30/member for each representative from your county, including State Council members to help pay the costs associated with the team. Make checks out to Harrison County Extension.

• Provide members an opportunity to share information from the team within your county.

• Assist in marketing programming opportunities to share information from the team within your county.

• Assist in recruiting adults who meet the Child Protection standards to chaperone events planned by the Region 17 Youth Leadership Council.

• Provide space for meetings when appropriate.

• Provide paid staff to assist in one Region 17 Youth Leadership Council program effort during the year if requested.

• At least two county staff members or volunteers will help supervise and conduct the Fall or Spring Retreat.
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Application Form

Counties in Region 17: Harrison, East Pottawattamie, West Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Page and Fremont

Name______________________________________County_____________________________

Address_____________________________________Town________________Zip___________

Phone_____________________________________Email_____________________________

Cell Phone ___________________Do you have texting ability with your cell phone? Yes  No

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)____________________________________________________________

Grade in School____________________________School________________________________

Briefly describe your leadership experiences in 4-H.

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Briefly describe your leadership experiences outside of 4-H.

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Why do you want to be part of the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council?

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List one specific leadership skill you’d personally like to strengthen during the next year and explain why.

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What topics or issues would you like to see the Region 17 4-H Youth Leadership Council address?

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Are you willing to commit 40-60 hours between November and August, to help strengthen the 4-H and Youth program in our region?  
___Yes  ___No

Will you be able to attend the first retreat scheduled for November 15-16, 2014?  
___Yes  ___No

Are you willing to share ideas and listen to the ideas of others?  
___Yes  ___No

Are you committed to gathering input from others?  
___Yes  ___No

Are you open to using communication techniques such as email, instant messaging and Web Conferencing?  
___Yes  ___No

Are you willing to find your own transportation to group activities?  
___Yes  ___No

Are you committed to arranging your schedule to participate in the meeting and activities of the Regional Youth Leadership Council?  
___Yes  ___No

Please indicate which, if any, of these you are or were a part of:

___County Council  ___2014 -2015 State 4-H Council
___2013 - 2014 Region 17 Youth Ldrship Cncl.

Return this completed form and a letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult to your County Extension Office by

(County date)