4-H Volunteer
Resource Leader
Position Description

Serve as speaker, teacher, or special consultant to the 4-H club, project leader, or District Extension 4-H Staff.

Responsibilities:
• Work cooperatively with project leaders and District Extension 4-H staff in designing and teaching project training meeting(s) for leaders or members
• Serve as a telephone resource in project area
• Attend 4-H leader training meetings
• Submit one or more articles for the 4-H Informer newsletter during the year
• Keep up-to-date in project area
• Serve as the communications link between project leaders and 4-H staff in the exchange of ideas, needs, and evaluation of programs
• Help with project promotion
• Serve as a positive role model for youth
• Possibly chair special programs for a specific period of time
• Possibly teach a special project
• Possibly serve on 4-H Advisory Committee

Benefits:
• Liability insurance for official 4-H activities
• Leadership training opportunities
• Leadership recognition
• Travel opportunities
• Opportunities to meet and share ideas with other leaders
• Contribution as a positive youth development volunteer

Time Commitment:
• Varies with specific project, special program, and time of year. An average of 2-3 hours per week or one day per month can be used as a general estimate.

Qualifications:
• Interest in sharing knowledge and special subject matter with others
• Ability to relate well and communicate with a wide variety of people
• Willingness to work with any 4-H member or leader
• Knowledge of special project area and willingness to update skills
• Enthusiasm
• Enjoy working with people
• Complete Volunteer Leader Application and Agreement Form

Resources:
• Alaska Cooperative Extension 4-H Staff
• District, state, and national leader training activities
• Printed materials, slides, films, and other teaching aids from the University of Alaska and other Land Grant universities
• Professional associations, organizations, and societies that relate to subject matter specialty

Responsible to:
• Club organizational leader and/or project leader
• District 4-H faculty

We can never underestimate the influence or impact 4-H leaders have on youth, the face of our future. Your ordinary, everyday interaction with young 4-H’ers is a powerful tool by which many youth learn decision making and leadership skills. The job YOU are doing IS important! Who knows, you may be influencing a future inventor, scientist, or even President of the United States.