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County Project Chairperson

Role Description

Volunteers are the key to successful experiences for 4-H members. Through the 4-H program, county project chairpersons relate to leaders whose efforts are aimed at helping young people reach goals they have established in a specific project.

General Responsibilities

The county project chairperson assists the county extension staff in providing subject matter, instruction, and support for project leaders and works cooperatively with other volunteers to increase the growth opportunities for 4-H members through projects.

Principal Duties

1. Promotion

Publicize and promote the project among 4-H members and leaders.

Consult with extension agents and other leaders.

Develop specific project plans and relate them to the total county program.

2. Recruitment

Give guidance to local clubs in the recruitment of project leaders.

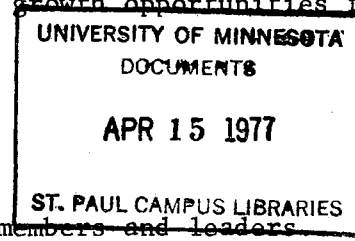
Assist in recruitment of project leaders when desirable.

3. Instruction

Provide project training and support for project leaders.

Use a variety of methods to help project leaders give maximum opportunity to 4-H members.

Occasionally teach 4-H members or assist project leaders in teaching to keep in touch with youth.



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4. Resource person

Know available resources relating to the project.

Serve as a resource person in the subject matter area.

Keep up with subject matter, project offerings, activities, events, and support.

Qualifications

Women and men in the county may serve as county project chairpersons. Occasionally mature junior leaders might also qualify. The qualifications for anyone assuming this role follow:

Sincere interest in youth and youth programs.

Willingness to devote time and energy to working with other adults and to receiving training.

Interest and expertise in subject matter of chosen project.

Knowledge of the community and its resources.

Ability to work cooperatively with adults.

Respect for individuality and integrity of 4-H project leaders.

Organizational ability.

Enthusiasm, patience, and understanding.

Relationships

The county project chairperson is given general guidance and support from the county extension staff and provides direct support to the project leaders; works cooperatively with extension staff and project leaders to develop plans for the project; provides guidance and opportunity for junior leaders.

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