

4-H Beef Project Leader Position Description



Purpose: Help 4-H members gain knowledge and skills in the Beef project. In addition to the project subject matter, provide 4-H members opportunities to learn life skills through participation in a series of learning experiences.

Responsibilities/Duties:

- Teach a small group of 4-H'ers a series of at least six lessons related to their project during the project year. Project books titled: Beef Project – Level 1; 4-H Beef Project – Level 2; and 4-H Beef Project – Level 3 are approved project books.
- Visit members' homes to check on the progress of their animals periodically.
- Assist members as needed to enable them to participate in livestock shows.
- Keep members and their parents informed about project requirements and eligibility dates.
- Keep the AG Project Leader Coordinator informed of your project group's activities before and after the fact.
- Provide encouragement and feedback to members, letting them know what they are doing well and where they need improvement.

Skills/Knowledge/Experience Needed:

A sincere interest in working with young people and the beef project area; the ability to teach or the willingness to learn how to teach using the lessons provided. Knowledge of beef subject matter is desirable; understand the 4-H philosophy of positive youth development including life skills, ethics, leadership development and community service learning.

Benefits:

- Satisfaction of contributing to the positive development of young people.
- Learn more about an area of interest you may have.
- Meet new people and become more active in your community.
- Interact with dedicated volunteers and agents who share similar interests.
- Enhance your teaching, communication and leadership skills.

Position Expectations:

Prepare and conduct regular project meetings with your club members including a sequence of at least six learning activities that enable members (and their parents) to develop knowledge and skills. Members continue to participate because the learning experiences are fun, they enjoy working with the project leader and parents support the project leader's efforts.

Time Required:

- Project leader to attend a one-day training to prepare you for working with youth and understanding life skill development and the 4-H youth development philosophy.
- Conduct at least six project lessons. Project training will take about an hour, with an additional hour for preparation. Additional monthly meetings may be needed for completing project records, preparing for contests or conducting community service activities.