



Volunteer Service Description

Title: 4-H Judge

PURPOSE:

Contributes to the success of the county 4-H Youth Development program by helping 4-H members learn to recognize their accomplishments through 4-H project work and to evaluate their performance through the exhibit experience.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To serve as a conference judge at 4-H exhibits.
- To greet youth with enthusiasm and a smile when they come to judging, being sensitive to their age, experience, and personality.
- To be open-minded and encouraging when making constructive comments – use the “sandwich method”.
- To complete the score sheets and ratings for each project for each child.
- To work with Extension staff member or volunteer to see that all necessary papers are completed and that ribbons have been distributed.
- To select competitive awards and delegates for the next level of competition, as appropriate.

To help youth learn:

- More about a specific project or topic
- Recognize their accomplishments (efforts, successes, challenges)
- Evaluate his/her performance and/or exhibit
- Guide thinking to what they would like to learn next

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be able to communicate positively with 4-H-aged youth.
- Must be familiar with the competencies, skills, and characteristics of junior, intermediate, and senior-aged 4-H youth participating in the Judging Contest.
- Must have experience judging contests and giving oral reasons, or participate in judges' orientation.
- Must not have a conflict of interest, such as being in a close personal relationship or continuous direct contact, with any of the 4-H'ers in the contest. Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, being a relative, friend, 4-H leader, trainer, or in a leasing/business relationship with the 4-H'er or his or her immediate family.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation • Training • Support from 4-H Agent and other volunteers
BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses incurred and miles driven are tax deductible. • Liability and workman's compensation insurance provided by the University of Florida. • Recognition from others in your community. • Helping in the positive development of the youth of the county.
TIME COMMITMENT
Varies, depending on the event, but usually no more than 2-4 hours.
MENTOR / SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL
Name: Address: City, State Zip Phone

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