

Adams County 4-H Volunteer Leader Requirements

Volunteer 4-H leadership offers you a challenging and rewarding experience. A leader said, “The best thing about 4-H is the kids! Watching them develop, seeing them change.” You too, will learn and grow in the process of being their leader.

To protect children involved in the program and to ensure the selection and placement of qualified volunteers, **an application and background check is required for new volunteer leaders.**

To maintain a quality youth program, leaders are required to recommit each year, to participate in training opportunities, and to be active members of the 4-H Leaders Council.

ALL NEW VOLUNTEER LEADER APPLICANTS (done once unless your commitment lapses over a year)

1. Submit volunteer application to Extension Office: participate in an interview with the Extension Educator, 3 references must turn in forms before proceeding to the next steps.
2. Consent to a background check and complete once you receive an email from Verified Volunteers
3. Complete WSU 4-H e-learning modules (counts as a training for the year)
4. Once you receive an acceptance letter: enroll using 4-H Online
5. Complete protecting Minors Training on 4-H Online (counts as a training for the year)

YEARLY REQUIREMENTS FOR CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROJECT LEADERS

1. Submit Club Financial Review and Audit Report to Extension Office by Nov.1st each year.
2. Enroll on 4-H Online, complete Protecting Minors training on 4-H Online by December 31st or before you hold your first meeting of the 4-H year (whichever comes first)
3. Complete yearly background check once you receive an email from Verified Volunteers by December 31st or before you hold your first meeting of the 4-H year (whichever comes first)
4. Support county 4-H program by attending a minimum of three Adams County 4-H Leaders Council meetings annually and participating in special email voting as necessary to make decisions regarding the program
5. Help with any fundraisers throughout the year
6. Gain new skills by participating in *two* leader training sessions annually. Opportunities include, county 4-H trainings (watch email, website, and Facebook for training dates), state 4-H leaders Forum, district 4-H mini-forum, Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum, CPR/first Aid training, any special workshops or clinic that may apply to youth and /or leadership. Teaching and sharing your knowledge and skills with other volunteers would be a part of this commitment.

4-H Mission: Help youth acquire knowledge, develop skills and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society.