Title: Beef Project Leader for ____________ 4-H Club in _______________ County

4-H Project Leader Advisor:
County Extension Agent - 4-H and Youth Development, or Agent serving as County 4-H Coordinator

Purpose of the 4-H Project Leader:
Provide structured learning experiences, personal guidance as well as counseling in Beef project opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the Beef project.

Benefits of serving as a 4-H Project Leader:
• Gain and/or enhance knowledge and skills in the Beef subject matter area.
• Be a significant part of the educational and developmental process for youth.
• Foster the development and growth of successful youth-adult partnerships.
• See the impact the 4-H and Youth Development Program has in the county.
• Experience personal growth from serving as a project leader.

Responsibilities of the 4-H Project Leader:
• Provide structured learning experiences for youth enrolled in the Beef project.
• Request training and project materials through the club manager or county Extension agent.
• Become acquainted with the project and activities related to the Beef project. The project experiences are listed in the Texas 4-H Clover, found online at: texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/
• Obtain a list of 4-H members in the club/county that are interested in the Beef project.
• Develop an annual project plan based on:
  • Project educational objectives
  • Level of members’ experiences
  • Members’ specific interests
  • Resources available
• Conduct project meetings and activities.
• Assist members with setting goals and keeping records of achievements in project.
• Provide opportunities for 4-H members to participate in other 4-H activities and events.
• Involve members as junior and teen leaders.
• Encourage parent interest, involvement and support of 4-H activities.
• Coordinate project group activities with club manager and other leaders of the club.
• Provide recognition for members and supporting parents/adults.

Qualifications and Special Skills:
• Reside in the county.
• Registered as a direct volunteer for the county 4-H program, by completing an enrollment through 4-H Connect.
• Passed a criminal background check through the Youth Protection Standards Program within the past three years.
• Participate in Volunteer Orientation.
• Value the development of positive life skills in youth.
• Value diversity among youth and other adults involved in the 4-H program, creating and maintaining a 4-H project experience where all children feel welcome and opportunities are made available.

Time Required:

For more information about this project, or about 4-H in general, contact your local County Extension Office or visit the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu

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Project leaders serve a one-year term. The 4-H year runs from September 1 thru August 31 of the following year. 4-H projects are implemented throughout the year; however, project events and activities are sometimes concentrated over a span of a few months.

**Resources and Support Available:**
- 4-H Beef Leaders Guide - 4-H AS3-1.025
- Managing Beef Cattle for Show - AS 1-2
- Using Expected Progeny Differences (EPD) and Scenarios in Livestock Judging Contests
- Animal Science Skills for Life - 4-HCCS PC-6372
- A Guide to Raising Beef Cattle - ST-037-4 (N4-HC)
- Your Calf - A Kid’s Guide to Raising and Showing Beef and Dairy Calves - ST-947-8
- National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
  - Beef 1 - Bite into Beef
  - Beef 2 - Here’s the Beef
  - Beef 3 - Leading the Charge
  - Beef Group Helper’s Guide
- Texas A&M Publications (http://animalscience.tamu.edu)
  - Feeds and Feeding for Junior Beef Cattle Projects
  - Managing Beef Cattle for Show
  - Sick Calves: How Do You Know
- Texas Show Steer Breed Classification
- The Facts on Optaflexx™
- Use of Preventative & Therapeutic Drugs in Show Animals
- Approach to Placing a Market Steer Class
- Breeding Beef Cattle Judging Outline
- Evaluating Market Steers from a Grading Standpoint
- Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures
- Presentation of Oral Reasons
- Reasons Terminology for Breeding Cattle
- Reasons Terminology for Market Steers
- Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by Former Members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Team
- Why Judging Beef Cattle is Important

If interested, respond to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office in your county.

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