

# TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

## GOATS (MEAT, HAIR, DAIRY)



**Title:** Goats 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 Goat project opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the Goat project.

### **Benefits of serving as a 4-H Project Leader:**

- Gain and/or enhance knowledge and skills in the Goat 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 Goat project.
- Request training and project materials through the club manager or county Extension agent.
- Become acquainted with the project and activities related to the Goat project. The project experiences are listed in the Texas 4-H Clover, found online at: [texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/)
- Obtain a list of 4-H members in the club/county that are interested in the Goat 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 a Texas 4-H Volunteer Application for the current 4-H year.
- 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.



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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### Time Required:

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:

- Texas 4-H Forestry Invitational
- Field Guide for the Eastman Nature Trail
- National 4-H Curriculum ([www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org))
  - Dairy Goat 1 - Getting Your Goat
  - Dairy Goat 2 - Stepping Out
  - Dairy Goat 3 - Showing the Way
  - Dairy Goat Group Helper's Guide
  - Meat Goats - Group Activity Helper's Guide
  - Meat Goats 1 - Just Browsing
  - Meat Goats 2 - Get Growing with Meat Goats
  - Meat Goats 3 - Meating the Future
- Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)
  - 4-H Meat Goat Guide - AS 3-4.060

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



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