TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

SWINE

Title: Swine 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 Swine project opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the Swine project.

Benefits of serving as a 4-H Project Leader:
• Gain and/or enhance knowledge and skills in the Swine 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 Swine project.
• Request training and project materials through the club manager or county Extension agent.
• Become acquainted with the project and activities related to the Swine 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 Swine 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:
- National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org)
  - Swine - Group Activity Helper’s Guide
  - Swine 1 - The Incredible Pig
  - Swine 2 - Putting the Oink in Pig
  - Swine 3 - Going Whole Hog
- Texas A&M Publications (http://animalscience.tamu.edu)
  - Baby Pig Basics
  - Carcass Quality - Why Is It Important
  - Diarrheal Disease in Show Swine
  - Elimination of the Porcine Stress Gene: What the Show Pig Industry Needs to Know
  - From the Ground Up: Importance of Structural Soundness
  - From Pen to Place: Carcass Composition of Market Hogs
  - Keeping Show Gilts as Replacements
  - Keeping Show Pigs Healthy - E-418
  - Paylean Use in Show Pigs
  - Preventing Drug Residues in Livestock
  - Preventing Lameness in Show Pigs
  - Providing a Safe, Wholesome Product: Administration of Medications to Ensure Safety and Quality
  - Starting Them Off Right! Getting Your New Show Pigs on the Right Track
  - The Facts About Paylean - Ratopamine for Swine
  - The Frequency of the Porcine Stress Gene in Texas Show Pigs
  - Texas 4-H Swine Guide - AS 16-1
  - Breeding Swine Selection
  - Evaluating Market Swine
  - Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures
  - Presentation of Oral Reasons
  - Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by Former Members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Teams

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