



What's in a Name?

Sometimes it is helpful to understand the 4-H lingo. There are four primary leadership roles referred to at the local and county level. The following are definitions of each of these leadership roles.

Organizational Leader – A volunteer(s) who is the primary contact between the club and the county Extension office. They coordinate, guide, and provide leadership for the local club. Their most important role is to encourage, involve and develop other volunteers.

Activity Leader – Volunteers who provide leadership for planning and coordinating an activity through a committee of youth and adults. (i.e. Talent Contest, Picnic, Service-Learning Project, etc.)

Project Leader – Volunteers who provide the leadership in learning and educating members in a specific subject matter.

Teen Leader – Teen Leaders are 4-H members who are 13-19 years old. As teen volunteers, they assist adult volunteers. Responsibilities given to teen leaders will vary with the skills and abilities demonstrated by the young person. As skills are acquired and responsibility demonstrated, teens may serve as an activity, project, and/or organizational leader.

Volunteers – Adults and teens needed to conduct local and county programs and activities.

Certificate of Training for 4-H Volunteers – Adults and teens that have been through an established and required Mississippi 4-H screening and training process. These volunteers are approved to chaperone and transport 4-H members other than their own child. Certificates of Training will be issued annually to those 4-H volunteers who participate in at least three Volunteer Training opportunities and agree to follow the Mississippi 4-H Behavioral Guidelines.