UTAH 4-H PROJECT LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION
RABBITS

Title: Rabbit Project Leader for _____ 4-H Club in _____ County.

4-H Project Leader Advisor:
Provide structured learning experiences, personal guidance, as well as mentoring in the Rabbit project opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the Rabbit project.

Qualifications and Special Skills:
- Reside in the county.
- Register as a club leader for the county 4-H program, by completing the leader enrollment and mandatory trainings on Zsuite: https://4h.zsuite.org/.
  - New Leader Trainings: There are 4 of them and they each are about 10 minutes long. They have to be completed once.
  - Protection of Minor Training: This training is about 30 minutes long and must be completed annually.
  - Driving Training (if applicable) is done every two years.
- Pass a background screening requested by the Utah State 4-H Office and conducted by BCI (Bureau of Criminal Identification). This screening is done the first year of being a leader and every five years after that.
- Participate in Rabbit Leader Trainings.
- 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.
- Help our youth have a positive experience.
- **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A RABBIT EXPERT!**

Benefits of serving as a 4-H Project Leader:
- Gain and/or enhance knowledge or skills in the Rabbit subject matter area.
- Be a significant part of the educational and development 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, hands-on experiential learning experiences for youth enrolled in the Rabbit project.
- Request training and project materials through your local County Extension Office.
- Become familiar with the project and activities related to the Rabbit project. The project experiences can be found online at: https://extension.usu.edu/utah/4h/animals/small-animal/rabbits.
- Obtain a list of 4-H members in the club/county that are interested in the Rabbit project.
- Develop an annual project plan based on:

- ○ Project educational objectives
- ○ Level of members' experiences
- ○ Member's specific interests.
- ○ Resources available
- Conduct project meetings and activities.
- Assist members with setting goals and record keeping for the project.
- Provide opportunities for 4-H members to participate in other 4-H activities and events.
- Elect club officers.
- Encourage parent interest, involvement and support of 4-H activities.
- Coordinate project group activities with club officers and other leaders of the club.
- Provide recognition for members and supporting parents/adults.

Time Required:
Project leaders serve 3-6 months depending on the project area. The 4-H year runs from September 1 through 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.
Minimum: 6 hours over a 6-month time frame. Up to the leader.
- Examples: Community Club, Rabbit Camp, Afterschool Program, etc.

Resources and Support Available:
- Discover 4-H Rabbit Curricula
- Utah 4-H Companion/Pet Rabbit Leaders Guide
- Utah 4-H Show/Breeding Rabbit Leaders Guide
- Utah 4-H Meat/Market Rabbit Leaders Guide
- Official Guide Book to Raising Better Rabbits & Cavies
- Standard of Perfection: Standard Bred Rabbits & Cavies

For more information about this project, or about 4-H in general, contact your local county Extension office or visit the Utah 4-H and Youth Development website at: https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/.