LEADERSHIP PATHWAYS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL



YOUTH COUNCILS | 7-12 GRADE | LEADERSHIP TEAM & MENTOR

There are many types of youth councils. On the local level we use junior teen and teen councils. At the state level we have region ambassadors and state ambassadors. All have a responsibility to promote youth leadership at their various levels.



• Jr./Teen council is a premiere leadership opportunity for youth ages 13-19 in 4-H. Their main roles are to be a youth voice for countywide planning, create service learning opportunities, and promote leadership skills in local 4-H clubs. Jr./Teen councils also work to support local 4-H staff with county wide events.

DESIGN TEAMS | 6-12 GRADE | PLANNER & TEACHER

Teens receive training on how to form a team to plan and implement an event. In many ways design team members are camp counselors, with additional responsibilities in planning. Typically, county design teams plan local outreach events and county-wide camps, while state Design team members develop and host large conferences and programs.

TRY TEAMS | 7-12 GRADE | PLANNER & TEACHER

TRY stands for Teens Reaching Youth. Youth in 7th-12th grade are trained as a team to teach a curriculum to peers and younger youth. It has been found that youth respond better to instruction when it comes from other youth (near-peer mentoring). The TRY team members in turn develop teamwork, leadership and personal mastery skills

PROJECT AREA AMBASSADORS | 6-12 GRADE | RECRUITER & MENTOR

This program is designed to help 4-H teen members develop leadership and public relations skills while promoting their chosen 4-H project area. They promote their favorite projects to potential members, parents and the general public. They may teach or mentor at workshops, clinics, camps or other gatherings or help conduct 4-H project events or contests.

CLUB MEMBERS & OFFICERS | 3-12 GRADE | OPERATIONS & TEACHER

In 4-H clubs, members and officers have the opportunity to explore leadership. Many clubs will elect a president or a presidency, or may even rotate leadership from meeting to meeting. Club members often have many opportunities to teach lessons and mentor other 4-H youth. All of these experiences help youth develop an interest in and explore leadership.



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