

VOLUNTEER LEADERS AT OUT-OF-COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

A GUIDE FOR EXTENSION WORKERS AND VOLUNTEER 4-H LEADERS



THE GOAL

There should be one adult volunteer leader for every county delegation. This person will live and work directly with delegates throughout the event in a family pattern. Please note: where county groups are small in number, one leader may be responsible for up to eight members from several counties.

THE QUALIFICATIONS *needed by an adult volunteer leader attending out-of-county 4-H events:*

- Has a positive attitude and is able to develop powers of observation, sensitivity and appreciation in members.
- Finds joy in working with youth and in living with them rather than "providing a program" for them.
- Enjoys being involved in the setting.
- Is interested in contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the event and has skills and abilities equal to the responsibilities they are to assume.
- Is currently actively serving as an adult volunteer 4-H leader.



THE FUNCTION

The primary function of local volunteer 4-H leaders is to assist with local 4-H work. Therefore, any 4-H leader involvement outside the county should be for the purpose of helping the young people profit most from experience beyond the county level and/or to gain new ideas which will strengthen them as 4-H leaders.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES *at out-of-county 4-H events include:*

- Supervising county delegation or other basic living group unit of members. This includes maintaining discipline and providing guidance to the members assigned to them through all phases of the program.
 - Participating fully in the programs of the event and assuming responsibilities as instructed by Extension workers in charge. This includes seeing that their group members follow the event's schedule such as:
 - Rising on time.
 - Keeping living spaces in order.
 - Helping to enforce set curfews and safety procedures.
 - Going with group to instruction session, assemblies, tours, etc. unless otherwise assigned.
 - Carrying out the specific responsibilities as assigned by Extension workers in charge.
 - Being alert to ways to improve the experience of delegates and others participating in the event.
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