

Washington County 4-H Ambassadors

The Washington County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of enthusiastic 4-H youth and adults. Members should have poise, speaking ability and an outstanding personality. They should be knowledgeable about 4-H, and willing to learn more! Some commonly asked questions:

* Who are the 4-H ambassadors?

The Washington County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of 4-H youth and adults who share the "good news" of 4-H with others. Membership is open to youth of any age, except first-year 4-H'ers. Interested parents are also welcome to apply.

* What do the Ambassadors do?

The 4-H Teaching Team is one important part of the Ambassadors activities in the program. Members prepare and teach classroom sessions on topics for 1st to 4th graders. Ambassadors are available to give presentation on 4-H or Special Emphasis maybe some of the areas as well as recycling, water quality or others used as a topics for youth and it's positive effects on youth and the community. They may assist at 4-H Officers Training, County fair, Open House and other areas of promotion.

* Who can be an Ambassador?

Youth and adults are encouraged to consider the Ambassadors! They must enjoy speaking to groups and be willing to commit time and energy to the program.

* What are the benefits of being an Ambassador?

Members gain self confidence, improve communication and leadership skills, increase their knowledge of 4-H and help promote an excellent youth organization. They also have fun!

* How do I join?

Interested 4-H'ers should complete an application form - available at the Extension Office . Applicants are then sent details on the interviews and further information about the Ambassador Program.

* Desirable Skills for an Ambassador :

- ▶ Knowledge of state and county 4-H programs.
- ▶ Willingness to meet people and promote new ideas.
- ▶ Enthusiasm for youth and the 4-H program.
- ▶ Good communication skills and willingness to give of your time.

4-H Ambassador Program

Washington County 4-H Ambassadors are 4-H members and adult leaders whose primary purpose is to promote "4-H" on the club level.

- GOALS:
1. Emphasize promoting the "4-H Experience" in your own community.
 2. Encourage members, leaders, and families to participate in club activities.
 3. Encourage members and leaders to share the 4-H experience with their friends.
 4. Encourage new enrollment and re-enrollment of current members in your 4-H club.
 5. Recruit adult volunteers to work with youth in your club.
 6. Encourage 4-H alumni to support and become involved in 4-H activities.

- WHO:
1. A 4-H member who is elected, selected, or has volunteered to be in charge of the club's promotional efforts. Some clubs may need several Youth Ambassadors.
 2. An adult leader who has volunteered to assist Youth Ambassadors as needed and works with other adult project leaders promoting 4-H.

TERM: One year

- TRAINING:
1. Youth and Adult Ambassadors should participate in the fall officer training meeting.
 2. Youth and Adult Ambassadors should attend training sessions sponsored by the County Promotion/Ambassador Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Willing to learn and share your knowledge of 4-H with kids and adults.
2. Encourage youth to find interesting projects in 4-H.
3. Willing to speak on the telephone and in front of a group of people.
4. Promote family oriented activities.
5. Dispense information from the Cloverline and other sources.
6. Participate in county activities sponsored by the promotion committee.
7. Willing to participate in the transition of duties to the next Youth and Adult Ambassadors upon completion of term.

Examples of Activities

The following handouts are just ideas and suggestions for activities and events for you to use at your local clubs. They can be adjusted in any way to meet your specific individual needs.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Ambassadors should greet members , families, and guests as they come to meetings.

1. Introduce yourself to new people and make them feel welcome.
2. Ask them a few questions if convenient..
3. Introduce them to other members before the meeting.
4. Encourage new members to participate on committees.
5. Thank people for coming to your meeting.

4-H TRIVIA

- * Include questions about the county, club, county fair, and state fair.
- * You can look at brochures on ideas about questions or go to the 4-H office and ask for trivia questions.
- * Some sample questions are:
 - Who is your General Leader?
 - When did your club start?
 - Who is your president?
 - Name one officer and their office position?
 - What do the four "H 's" stand for?
 - What so you pledge your heart to in the 4-H pledge?
 - What is the name of your 4-H club?
 - When is the county fair?
 - What is the 4-H motto?
 - Who is our County 4-H Youth Development Educator?
(also known as the youth agent)
 - Who is the County Youth Development Staff Assistant?
 - What is the name of our county 4-H newsletter?
 - What is the PAC in our county 4-H program?
 - What are the 4-H colors?
 - Name four different 4-H clubs in the county.
 - Name two 4-H alumni from your club.
 - Name two volunteer leaders from your club?

CLUB NEWSLETTER

A club newsletter provides excellent communication with your members, project leaders, and alumni. The Ambassador Committee can work with the club reporter to set up and print a newsletter for handout at meetings.

TIPS:

1. Use home computer
2. Keep it simple - one or two pages.
3. Print short articles or important notices.
4. Announce up coming events.
5. List project meetings.
6. Announce contest winners.
7. Use survey of club interests.
8. Reprint old club history that keeps alumni involved (make sure that these alumni get a copy).
9. Promote fund raisers.
10. Tie in family activities.
11. Insert trivia questions with answers in the following issue.
12. Promote adult leader issues.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

Open house programs are set up by the County Promotions Committee with local club participation.

Letters from the County Promotions Committee are mailed to every school in the county asking if 4-H Clubs can participate in their programs. Most schools permit our participation. If you know the people who are sponsoring the event, please talk to them about your clubs' participation. Please pass on those names to the county office.

The purpose of school open house is to promote 4-H in the community. Also to show what 4-H has to offer their families as well as educate the public about 4-H. We want to make a good impression to the public and to the school.

Guidelines:

1. Wear 4-H T-shirt or sweat shirt.
2. Set up the display 30 minutes early.
3. Hand Out pamphlets (available from the county office).
4. Talk to the public, ask and answer questions.
5. Display 4-H projects.
6. Club scrap book
7. Hands on activity(s)
8. Provide interest cards if people want more information.
9. Thank the Open House sponsors for allowing your group to come.