

4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Position Description

The importance of this position description is two-fold: 1) your role as a 4-H Cloverbud volunteer is essential for the 4-H Cloverbud program and the responsibilities for 4-H Cloverbud volunteers should be clearly described and understood, and 2) to meet the OSU Extension Volunteer Selection Policy and Procedure requirements, all 4-H volunteers must have a written position description.

Position Title

4-H Cloverbud Volunteer
Ohio 4-H County Program Ohio State University Extension

Responsibilities

- Willingness to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program, and county 4-H program.
- Provide an emotionally and physically safe environment.
- Serve as a liaison between the county Extension office/staff and 4-H Cloverbud members, their parents/guardians, and those working with you.
- Support 4-H professionals and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences to help young people grow and reach their fullest potential.
- Inform and encourage members, parents, and other volunteers to actively participate in appropriate 4-H opportunities.
- Give support and recognition to members.
- Understand the importance of being a positive role model.
- Have fun.
- Let the 4-H Cloverbud children know you care.
- Be committed to young people and their growth in all areas.
- Utilize the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum Instructional materials or other approved activities while working with 4-H Cloverbud children.
- Be aware of available learning experiences and help the club members select appropriate activities.
- Maintain open communications with other club volunteers.
- Be dedicated to young people and sensitive to their needs.
- Follow the guidelines and policies of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program, and county 4-H program.
- Attend 4-H Cloverbud events, meetings, and activities.
- Read 4-H newsletters and literature from the Extension office and their web site and keep members, parents, and others informed.
- Participate in appropriate volunteer development opportunities.

4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Qualifications

- Been approved through the OSU Extension Volunteer Selection Policy and Procedure requirements (includes a background check).
- A sincere interest in working with 4-H members.
- An interest in learning the characteristics of 4-H Cloverbud-aged children.
- The ability to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision-making, responsibility, and other important life skills.
- The ability to work with minimal supervision from 4-H professional staff.

Ohio State University Extension Will:

- Provide training opportunities that will help the volunteer meet the needs of members, volunteers, and parent/guardians.
- Provide appropriate manuals, pamphlets, newsletters, and other resource materials.
- Have professionals available to consult with volunteers on a one-to-one basis.
- Provide appropriate recognition and awards to volunteers.
- Give leadership for recruitment of members.

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