

JUNIOR AND TEEN LEADER GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

1. To encourage leadership development in 4-H Teens.
2. To provide help and support to current 4-H adult volunteers and to the 4-H Program.
3. To promote leadership development as a valuable learning experience for 4-H Teens.

METHOD:

1. All 4-H members 12 or older may become Junior Leaders by enrolling in Project 272 – Building Personal Leadership Skills and completing a Junior Leader plan. One copy of the plan goes to the Extension Center, one to adult leader that Junior Leader is working with and the third copy is kept by the Junior Leader.
2. Teen Leaders must be 14 or older, enroll in Project 281 – Leadership for Life or Project 282 - Leading into the Future and complete and distribute three copies of Teen Leader plan.

(Webster County does not require members to have previously enrolled in any Leadership Projects before becoming a Junior or Teen Leader. However, it would be fine to have done so or to do so now. Leadership Projects do not count toward project enrollment limits.)

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Junior Leaders develop a plan to assist an adult project, activity or club leader. Please communicate with your leader as you develop your plan so you can be the most helpful to the leader.
2. Teen Leaders develop a plan to teach, lead and be fully responsible for a 4-H project or activity.
3. All Junior and Teen Leader plans are due by January 1st, of the current program year.

RECOGNITION:

1. By actively helping another leader or leading a project yourself, Junior and Teen Leaders will be recognized as acquiring and demonstrating leadership skills. They will serve as a positive role model to younger members.
2. Members who complete their plan and turn it in by county award evaluation time, will be recognized at Recognition Night.