

20 Missouri 4-H
24 Volunteer Summit



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Strategic Vision of the Past, Present, and Future of the Missouri 4-H Program

Lupita Fabregas, Missouri 4-H Senior Program Director

Project Leader Guide

Emily Bergsieker, 4-H Youth Development Field Specialist

During this session, you will learn techniques for recruiting project leaders, as well as the fundamentals of being a successful project leader. The session will cover everything from getting started to the final project meeting, ensuring that youth have a positive development experience throughout the process.

Effective Strategies for Recruiting 4-H Members

Trisha Ely, Volunteer Leader

In this session, Trisha will explore innovative strategies for recruiting new members to 4-H. The discussion will cover her comprehensive approach, methods for expanding reach, leveraging technology, engaging families, and highlighting the numerous benefits of 4-H membership. Attendees will leave with actionable insights and practical tools to enhance their recruitment efforts.

Sowing the Seeds for Youth and Clubs to Thrive

Katie Hogan, 4-H Youth Development Field Specialist

Most of us know the requirements to grow a plant, but the formula for thriving youth or a successful club may seem a little more complex, but it's not! When we incorporate the seeds into the soil, add some fertilizer and water, we see growth happen. Explore and gather the ingredients necessary for youth to thrive in their clubs to implement in your own.

Practical Experiential Learning Tips

Kellie J. L. Seals, Assistant Extension Professor, 4-H College and Career Pathways

Experiential learning encompasses more than hands-on, authentic experiences. It draws upon prior knowledge and launches learners full circle as they reflect on and apply what they learned. This session will translate experiential learning theory into checklists of easy, practical tools to use to help 4-H'ers grow their learning.

Demystifying STEM

Jeffery Chalfant, Assistant Professor & 4-H State Specialist in STEM, Missouri S&T

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is often thought of as challenging to program for and teach, especially if someone is not an expert in a STEM field. However, using approaches like phenomenon-based instruction does not require someone to be an expert in STEM. In this session, 4-H volunteers will learn about phenomenon-based instruction and how it can help 4-Hers build scientific understanding. Additionally, to help support 4-H volunteers, STEM resources available through Missouri 4-H and Missouri S&T will be explored. Join this session to learn about how you can provide quality STEM programming to your 4-Hers.

Developing America's Next Generation of Good Neighbors

J. Clay Hurdle, Assistant Professor & 4-H State Specialist in Leadership and Civic Engagement

Developing leadership capacity in America's youth is paramount to societal growth and having positive impact across all sectors. This process begins with fostering a greater sense self-awareness and talent identification that enables youth to feel empowered about their potential as leaders and their ability to connect with others. Participants in this session can expect to learn about the foundations of intrapersonal leadership development, specifically team development, conflict, and conflict resolution. Just like Fred Rogers of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood tried to teach young people about loving and appreciating themselves and their neighborhood friends, 4-H'ers can learn to be excited about the tremendous capacity they have to leave their marks on their communities and the people in their lives as leaders as they learn to work well with others to achieve a common purpose. This process begins with caring adults in a young person's life: 4-H volunteers!

Volunteer Recruitment: Leveraging Relationships to Build 4-H through any Skill Set

Laura Evans, 4-H Youth Development Field Specialist

Unlock the potential of every skill set with "Volunteer Recruitment: Leveraging Relationships to Build 4-H Through Any Skill Set." This session will reveal how diverse talents can enhance 4-H programs, spotlight volunteer roles suited to various skills, and offer practical tips for using your network to find the perfect volunteers. Discover how to make every skill count and build a thriving 4-H community!

The Many Forms of 4-H Youth Development

Stephanie Femrite, Assistant Director, Missouri 4-H

4-H Youth Development takes many forms. To reach youth where they are, we must adapt how we deliver programs and content to meet their needs and interests. You will

learn about current 4-H programs that take different forms while learning how to support and engage in innovation and flexibility that supports thriving youth.

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