



Arkansas 4-H Horse Club Volunteer

General Purpose and Responsibilities

- Coordinate activities throughout the year or assist other leaders
- Organize workshops and other learning opportunities for youth
- Teach specific skills to 4-H members as outlined in the 4-H project curriculum
- Advise members and parents about opportunities to showcase their completed projects (such as County Fair, District and State Horse Shows, 4-H Horse Camp, etc.) including dates, locations, and requirements
- Teach 4-H Horse Program Objectives (see below for each position). Also teach and promote humane treatment of animals, enjoyment of horses as recreation, skills and knowledge that relate to the horse industry, and appreciation of all equine disciplines.
- Recruit other volunteers and potential leaders
- Accompany youth to local, regional, state, and national competitions

Duration of Commitment

- Annual. Time will vary, depending on activity load and time of year. Term limits for each position are recommended, but not required.

Requirements and Qualifications

- Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the Youth Protection/Risk Management Committee
- Have the ability to organize information and materials as well as have the knowledge to direct youth and parents to information online
- Ability to travel to events
- Have the ability to work with minimum supervision from Extension staff
- Have the ability to educate youth while nurturing positive self esteem, decision making, responsibility, and leadership in youth
- Have the ability to communicate effectively with youth, parents, and other adult volunteers
- A sincere interest in sharing knowledge and skills in the horse project with youth in an informal setting
- Ability to delegate responsibility

- Must be a team player

Available Positions (More detail about each position is available online or upon request).

- Horse Judging Team Coach
- Hippology Team Coach
- Speaking Competition Coach
- Horsebowl Coach
- Horsemanship Instructor
- Horseshow Team Coach
- Event Planning Coordinator
- Fund Raising Coordinator
- Club Leader
- Phone Committee Chairman
- Refreshment Chairman
- Community Service Chairman

Benefits

- Offering youth an opportunity to advance horse knowledge
- Appropriate learning and teaching resource materials may be provided
- Professionals will be available for consultations on a one to one basis
- Recognition will be provided to volunteers
- The opportunity to work with youth and provide positive support and growth experiences
- Some reimbursement for attendance at approved forums, conferences, workshops, in-service trainings, and national competitions
- Office support for materials (word processing, duplicating, mailing meeting notices, etc.) as approved by the Extension Staff.

*******Contact Information*******

Contact your county extension office to find a 4-H Horse Club for your family to be involved in. Map of County Offices can be found at: http://www.uaex.edu/findus/county_offices.htm

Other sources of information:

<http://www.aragriculture.org/horses.htm>

www.arkansas-livestock.com

<http://www.kidsarus.org/>

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