



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

Volunteer Position Description

Overnight Chaperone



All South Dakota 4-H volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process, background check and training requirements. 4-H volunteers are committed to working in partnership with SDSU Extension to ensure a positive youth development environment and successful 4-H Program. All volunteers will support the positive growth and development of all youth in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Educational Amendments, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Volunteers will follow all civil rights policies set forth by the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota State University, and SDSU Extension. 4-H volunteers will follow all guidelines and policies of SDSU Extension, South Dakota 4-H and county 4-H programs.

Purpose:

- Work with SDSU Extension staff to ensure youth have a fun and safe overnight experience.

Time Required:

- Dependent on overnight experience length. Varies from one night to six nights.

Qualifications:

- Active status as a certified volunteer with SDSU Extension South Dakota 4-H.
- Firm understanding of South Dakota 4-H program structure, guidelines, policies, etc.
- 21 years of age prior to 4-H event (25 years of age required for any volunteer driving youth).
- Ability to interact with all different age levels.
- Ability to observe member behavior, assess its appropriateness and enforce appropriate safety regulations.
- Physical ability to respond appropriately to and assist members in emergency situations.

This role is ideal for people who have:

- An interest in teaching and sharing knowledge and skills with youth.
- An interest in working with other volunteers and professional staff.
- An ability to communicate effectively with youth, parents and other adults volunteers and staff.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct yourself in a responsible manner and serve as a positive role model.
- Promote safety and inclusivity throughout the trip length.
- Provide a safe and caring environment for all youth delegates.
- Promote youth development practices.
- Chaperone all youth delegates within the framework of trip's itinerary.
- Willingly listen to ideas from all youth delegates and provide appropriate feedback.
- Take an equal share of the on-call nights.

- Participate fully in the trip's activities from start to finish.
- Enforce rules and behavior expectations for all youth delegates.
 - Per the member Code of Conduct and specific trip's Code of Conduct/Expectations.
 - Per the South Dakota 4-H Dress Code (when applicable).

SDSU Extension and South Dakota 4-H Agree to:

- Provide training opportunities and resources to help volunteers meet their needs.
- Provide appropriate manuals, pamphlets, audio-visual aids, newsletters and other resource materials.
- Have professionals available to listen to leaders' ideas to help improve the 4-H program.
- Provide appropriate recognition and awards to leaders.

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Printed Name	Signature	Date

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