



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

Volunteer Position Description

Team Coach



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:

- Coach will become part of the state event coaching team.
- Be a resource for youth as they prepare for the national contest.
- Recruit additional coaches for team specific needs.
- Identify educational and learning resources to prepare teams for contest.
- Chaperone youth on overnight trip experiences.

Time Required:

- 4-8 hours weekly, for 2-3 months prior to national contest.
- 4-6 days of travel for event.

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.
- Familiarity with specific 4-H contest at the state and national level.
- Advanced or expert knowledge in contest content and access to resources.
- Ability to ask for help from individuals with more knowledgeable about in-depth areas of the contest.
- 21 years of age or older (25 years of age preferred for chaperone responsibilities).

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 during team practices.

- Be available to coach youth and to run practice.
- Analyze need for further/updated training and seek opportunities.
- Promote youth development practices.
- Be a resource for youth and families participating in an event.
- Work in partnership with the state 4-H staff responsible for the event to grow resources available for youth in contest at the state and national levels.
- Chaperone youth to national event.

SDSU Extension and South Dakota 4-H Agree to:

- Provide training opportunities and resources to help volunteer 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.

Success Criteria:

- Youth attend and compete at national event as a team with other 4-H members.
- Youth grow in their knowledge of content within national event.
- Youth develop interest in coaching younger 4-H members in content learned through experience of competing in event.

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Printed Name	Signature	Date

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