



Volunteer Position Description

4-H Workshop or Clinic Presenter

4-H volunteers are committed in 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:

- To share content expert related information to youth and adults.
- Lead youth through an interactive educational experience in a mutually shared area of interest to foster youth spark in the topic.
- Design an event that supports and nurtures the sparks of participants both youth and adult.

Time Required:

- Varies by program. May be a single time 1-6 hours or a series of educational workshops with shorter time frames.

Qualifications:

- Adults who are interested in sharing knowledge and skills with youth.
- An appreciation of experiential learning and a desire to help youth learn by doing.
- Commitment to providing educational opportunities to diverse groups of youth and adults.
- Enthusiasm, patience, and understanding.
- South Dakota 4-H Handbook training may be required.

Responsibilities:

- Create and maintain a safe environment that fosters positive youth development.
- Design age-appropriate activities to meet the goals of the program or workshop.
- Share knowledge and skills in mutual areas of interest with youth such as: animal science, outdoor skills, woodworking, welding, family consumer science, the arts, shooting sports, etc.
- Assisting youth to be beyond ready for work, ready for life, to be their full authentic selves both now and in the future. Help equip youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.
- Include an opportunity for youth to reflect on their learning.

Benefits:

- Personal skill development through supporting youth and contributing to the 4-H organization, including: acquiring leadership, strengthening communication skills, and gaining confidence.

- The opportunity to directly work with youth and observe them succeeding.
- Satisfaction of contributing to positive development of youth.
- Potential to gain technical skills that are transferable to professional work environments.

SDSU Extension and South Dakota 4-H Agree to:

- Provide training opportunities and resources to help volunteer meet their needs.
- Brief volunteer event orientation, including logistics, positive youth development and risk management considerations, event schedule, and other state specific requirements.
- 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.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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**Based on the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study conducted by the NCR Volunteer Extension Specialists and Evaluation specialists from MN and WI in January of 2024.*