



Lincoln-Adams County Teen Representatives Program Description

Mission Statement

Serving those youth who have participated in a 4-H program and would like to advance their own level of leadership capability and serve their 4-H program in an increasingly more hands-on way.

Purpose

The CTR program has in mind those young people who would like to one day serve on statewide boards and committees (Fair Board, 4-H Foundation, Advisory Board) or take on statewide teen leadership roles (State Ambassador, Conference Planning Committees) or attend Regional and/or National 4-H events (Western Regional Teen Leadership Conference, National 4-H Conference, National Technology Conference). This program is designed to prepare young 4-H teens for success in these more advanced leadership opportunities.

The County Teen Representatives will receive training in leadership and program development. These skills will be used to improve and facilitate communication throughout the county and local teen programs, and organize county and district youth events and activities that enhance the 4-H Youth Development program and promote its teen opportunities.

Eligibility

Open to 4-H members in grades 7, 8, 9, or 10 who have been active 4-H enrolled members a minimum of two (2) years.

Prerequisites include:

- Club/Group leadership/officer position min. 1 year
- Involvement in organizing community service projects
- Consistent attendance and active participation in club/project related activities and meetings
- Positively assisted and/or participated in county 4-H programs
- Endorsement by club/group leader and county office

Membership/Selection

Open to two (2) youth per county. Each county will select/elect their representatives for a two-year term. Each term will begin Dec. 1 and end Sept. 30. Terms shall be staggered so that one new CTR is elected per year.

Required Attendance each year of CTR service

Attendance and participation in required trainings is generally financially supported by the Lincoln County Leader's Council.

1. Statewide CTR Team Training
 2. Meet with County contact once per month
 3. Attend conference call with County Reps within your district once per quarter
 4. Participate in 4-H Leaders' Council or Leaders' Executive Board meetings a minimum of twice a year.
 5. Attend North East District Teen Rally
- (Please note: Attendance above may vary depending on the number of projects the CTR is involved with at any given time.)

Job Description

1. Work with CTR team to determine one to three local county leadership projects. (Scope and size of project will influence how many projects the team accomplishes.)
2. Serve on NE District Teen Rally planning committee. Plan and implement District Rally event with guidance/support from State Ambassadors, County Staff and Faculty, State 4-H Office and other volunteers.
3. Connect with 4-H clubs and 4-H Staff to promote teen opportunities at all levels of 4-H programming.
4. Express the needs and concerns of county 4-H Teens when attending County and District meetings.
5. Submit mid-year progress report and end of year report.

Other possible activities:

- Serve as voting youth delegates at Washington State 4-H Leader's Forum.
- Represent youth on committees at county, district, and state levels.
- Based on experience, do presentations at training sessions or workshops.
- Promote 4-H throughout community.
- Produce and/or update Teen leadership opportunities flyer.

Training Benefits

The County Teen Representatives will receive training in leadership and program development. Training topics include:

- Youth-Adult Partnerships
 - How to positively and effectively function as an equal partner
 - How to facilitate Youth Adult Partnership (YAP) training to other youth
- Program Finances
 - Learn about costs and revenues of events
 - Carry out effective fund-raising activities

Training Benefits continued:

- Small Group Facilitation
 - How to organize a fun and effective workshop
 - How to provide instruction, get acquainted and closure activities
 - Experiential Learning Model
- Program/Event Evaluation
 - Develop event goals and objectives
 - Develop evaluation tool that reflects the event's goals/mission
 - Administer evaluation and compile data, draw conclusions
- Public Speaking
 - How to speak to variety of audiences
 - Appropriate impressions: attire, language, and subject matter
- Business Etiquette
 - Conducting small talk
 - Shake my hand
 - Appropriate attire, language for variety of audiences
 - 4-H image

Application Process

1) Contact your local Extension office for a CTR application, or download an application from the Lincoln-Adams 4-H Web site. <http://www.lincoln-adams.wsu.edu/4-H/TeenTime.htm>

Lincoln County: Davenport office 725-4171

Adams County: Ritzville office 659-3209

2) Applications should be returned to the Lincoln County Extension office by Monday, November 2th, 2009.

3) Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a panel of three people.