**Title:** 4-H Horse Project Leader

**Purpose:** Provide informal, hands-on training for 4-H horse project members in small groups assisting and expanding the youth’s knowledge and skills for project learning, critical thinking and career exploration.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Plan, organize and conduct hands-on project meetings to study, explore and master skills of caring, training and studying the horse for exhibiting, breeding and/or researching equine or nutrition science.
2. Communicate with the youth and parents meeting times, locations and educational topics such as STEM related experiences.
3. Coordinate tours for field trips for further exploration of project.
4. Introduce training and riding techniques for youth to learn and teach his/her horse.
5. Use the recommended curriculum provided by the local extension agent.
6. Serve as a mentor for youth.
7. Complete the required volunteer screening process and submit forms needed to fulfil the volunteer role.

**Skills and Knowledge Needed:**

* Knowledge of 4-H and/or horse project
* Knowledge and experience of planning, organizing and conducting project meetings
* Ability to work with adults and teens
* Organizational skills
* Communication skills, written and verbal
* Enthusiasm and patience

**Time Required:**

* One year, renewable

**Resources Available:**

* Extension Agent
* Local Club Leader
* 4-H Website, 4-H Curriculum, 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, 4-H Standard of Excellence Achievement Levels
* Local, Regional and State events and activities

**Benefits to Volunteer:**

* Work with adults and teens for expanding youth knowledge
* Personal satisfaction, networking

**Expectation Resulting from this position:**

* Fun, educational thriving project meeting where 4-H members want to attend
* Safe environments provided for learning with trained project leaders

**Contact Person(s):**

Club Leader

Extension Agent

State 4-H Horse Events Coordinator

State 4-H Specialist