LEADERSHIP

In this project, youth will...

- Learn about skills and characteristics of an effective leader, and the opportunity to develop these skills

- Learn and practice the leadership life skills of communication, decision making, teamwork, understanding themselves, responsibility and management & prepare for careers in various fields.

Beginner
Identify characteristics of effective leaders.
Complete a checklist of your leadership skills.
Identify leaders in your community.
Give a speech at your 4-H club meeting on a leadership characteristic.
Organize a community service project for your 4-H club.
Serve as a 4-H Club officer.

Intermediate
Interview a leader in your community.
Give a speech to a local civic club on your 4-H project.
Recruit youth to join a 4-H club.
Organize a county 4-H service project.
Organize a workshop or day camp for your 4-H club or county.
Mentor a younger 4-H member.

Advanced
Compete in a public speaking contest on the district and state level.
Run for a district or state 4-H Officer position.
Serve as a club officer for your county's teen leader group or county council.
Conduct a leadership or officer training for younger 4-H’ers.
Organize a 4-H project club.

4-H: Making the Best Better

Head:
To think, to plan, and to reason:
- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making

Heart:
To be kind, true, and sympathetic:
- Feeling
- Caring
- Sportsmanship
- Responsibility

Hands:
To be useful, helpful, and skillful:
- Working
- Community Service
- Giving
- Teamwork

Health:
To resist disease, enjoy life, and to make for efficiency:
- Personal Safety
- Self-esteem
- Character
- Responsibility

Experience • Share • Generalize • Apply
### Opportunities
- 4-H O-Rama Speaking Contest
- Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Local Leadership Program
- Local and State Camps

### Curriculum
- Step Up to Leadership: My Leadership Workbook
- Step Up to Leadership: My Leadership Journal
- Step Up to Leadership: My Leadership Portfolio
- Mentor Guide

### 4-H Record Book
4-H Record books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. Members document their personal experiences, learning and development.

### Resources
- AR CES 4-H Youth Development: Officer Manuals
- National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System: [www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org)

### Expand Your Experiences!

#### Healthy Living
- Help your county agent conduct a healthy eating program at your school
- Start a group exercise program at a local park

#### Science, Engineering, and Technology
- Create a club web page
- Volunteer to do social media for your county 4-H program

#### Citizenship
- Organize a voter registration activity in your community
- Participate in a Veterans’ Day program in your community
- Volunteer to help write the county 4-H newsletter

#### Leadership
- Present an educational speech at a 4-H club meeting
- Go to a state or national convention and invite other 4-Her’s to go
- Participate in the Arkansas 4-H ExCEL program

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