Leaders influence and support others in a positive manner for a shared goal. Leaders aren't just elected. You can be a member of committees, small groups and teams. Learning about yourself and how you work with others is a key part of developing leadership skills.

- Understand roles, attitudes, tasks and functions necessary for effective leadership.
- Strengthen local 4-H units in leadership responsibility and encourage other youth.
- Participate in program planning, development and implementation; help recruit new members and leaders.

Here’s what you can do all year!

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Citizenship

- Make arrangements for your club's next service project
- Investigate a historical leader and share his or her accomplishments.
- Volunteer to serve on a committee for your next town celebration.
- Mentor a younger member with recordkeeping and preparing exhibits for the fair.
- Join a political campaign for a candidate you support.
- Serve on a local board that deals with youth issues.

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Here are other opportunities to explore leadership:

- Mentor a younger youth in 4-H in a skill area you have learned.
- Meet others interested in leadership.
- Check out camps at 4-H Camp.
- Apply for a state 4-H ambassador position.
- Apply to be a page in the state Legislature.
- Attend the Extension Youth Conference and participate in workshops, motivational speakers and a community service project, bringing ideas back to your community.
- Apply to attend the National 4-H Conference or National 4-H Congress.
- Attend Leadership Awareness Weekend.
- Attend Citizenship Washington Focus.

Interested in a college education in the area of political science, business administration, teaching, or public service administration in agriculture or community and regional planning? Schedule a visit with North Dakota State University at www.ndsu.edu and explore those majors.

### 4-H Resources

- National 4-H Curriculum Books
  - Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going? (FF105)
- 4-H Meeting Handbook
- Educational Trunks
  - The Big Box of Leadership and Team Building
  - The Leadership Challenge

### Recordkeeping

- Planning for My Project Adventure (PA093)
- ND 4-H Project Plan (PA095)
- ND 4-H Plan of Action (PA096)
- ND 4-H Participation Summary for 11- to 19-year-olds (PA098)

### Other Resources

- Youth Leadership Initiative
- Team Builder Resources

### Events

- 4-H Ambassador Program
- Extension Youth Conference
- Leadership Awareness Weekend
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Citizenship Washington Focus

### Exhibit Ideas

- Make a poster with a timeline to demonstrate a historic leader's rise and accomplishments.
- Exhibit a calendar or log of weekly responsibilities in your home.
- Create before and after photos of a room you organized, focusing on the development of your organizational skills.
- Give a presentation on the elements of an effective meeting.
- Develop a graphic organizer to showcase the talents in your club or community.
- Create a display showing the timeline and your process of leading a community service project.
- Create a poster sharing a club contract your group has created and share how your group came up with it.
- Create a series of workshops teaching other 4-H’ers a project skill. Videotape the workshops and put them on the Web so others have access.
- Take a personal inventory to analyze your leadership style and share a journal or display about what you learned and how it affects your work in groups.
- Create a scrapbook showing your leadership roles in the clubs or organizations in which you participate.
- Create a resume showcasing your skills and strengths.

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