

4-H Officer/Youth Leadership

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Being chosen to be an officer by your 4-H club is a great honor. It means your club has complete confidence in you to make your 4-H club better.

As an officer, you are expected to show up to every meeting and complete your officer duties. Being an officer opens doors to so many youth leadership options as well.

As a youth leader, you hold the responsibility for taking charge of projects and activities for the younger members of your club to participate in. You lead them through the exercises by demonstrating or playing along with them. This gets everyone involved and makes it easier for

some members to open up to each other.

Some youth leadership projects the Campbellsport 4-H Club has done in the past are recruiting new members and playing ice-breakers at meetings to get to know the new members each year. As a youth leader, you take charge of projects and activities.

Some activities my fellow officers and I have taken charge of are icebreakers at meetings, family game night, family swim night, movie night, and many more. Projects we can lead include photography, foods, ceramics, small animals, home environment, and many others.

Personal guidance from the adult leaders makes you become an even better youth leader. They give advice on which projects you should do and give tips on how to make them great. We take what we learn from them and apply it to be good leaders.

One of the projects I made was a display case at the Campbellsport Public Library. It had projects from a variety of different categories displaying how diverse and fun 4-H is. It also held a poster giving the contact information of our general leader for those who wanted to join the Campbellsport 4-H Club.

Being an officer and youth leader has given me new skills, abilities and confidence. It has allowed me to volunteer for many things and follow through with my commitment. I am learning life skills that will always be with me.