



Nebraska 4-H Youth Curriculum Committee Fact Sheet

Purpose

To provide direction and support from the distinct perspective of 4-H youth for product development, marketing and evaluation aspects of the Nebraska 4-H Curriculum program.

Composition/Selection/Terms

- Approximately 12 youth members, ages 14-22, from any of the four Extension districts across the state, representative of the different curriculum delivery methods (club, special interest group, after-school program, school enrichment), and representative of the eight Nebraska 4-H Pick-A-Project areas.
 - Animal Science (Beef, Horse, Vet Science, etc.)
 - Communications & Expressive Arts (Photography, Theater, etc.)
 - Consumer & Family Science (Child Development, Clothing, etc.)
 - Environmental Education & Earth Sciences Shooting Sports, Forestry, Range, etc.)
 - Healthy Lifestyles Education (Foods, Safety, Sports, etc.)
 - Leadership & Citizenship (Junior Leader, Citizenship, etc.)
 - Plant Science (Crops, Horticulture)
 - Science & Technology (Aerospace, Computers, Woodworking, etc.)
- Members will be selected through a competitive application process at the beginning of the calendar year. (See application form.) Potential members need to be nominated by an Extension professional, which is reflected in the signature requirement on the application form.
- Members will serve a twelve-month term and can be considered for up to four consecutive terms of service.

Application Process

4-H youth who are interested in being a member of the Nebraska 4-H Youth Curriculum Committee must complete the three-part application packet. The application packet is available online at <http://4h.unl.edu> and includes the following:

- 1) Online Application Form (submitted online, **due by March 1, 2009**)
- 2) Creative Application Questionnaire (submitted via e-mail to Michelle Garwood at mgarwood2@unl.edu or U.S. Mail by **March 1, 2009**)
- 3) Nomination Signature Form signed by youth, parent/guardian, and a UNL Extension county staff member (submitted through U.S. Mail, **postmarked by March 1, 2009**)

Youth Curriculum Committee Members will be selected by UNL Extension Staff Members who are a part of the Nebraska 4-H Curriculum Committee. Youth selected to participate on the committee will be notified by mid-March. At that time, members will be surveyed in order to set the first meeting date (late March/early April).

Overall Responsibilities

- Help assess the curriculum needs of the Nebraska 4-H youth population.
- Support the selection, development, evaluation, and marketing of Nebraska 4-H Curriculum.
- Team with the Nebraska 4-H Curriculum Committee (comprised of Extension Staff) to help accomplish goals and develop leadership skills.

Member Responsibilities

- Seek environment to participate in the online virtual meetings; a computer with high speed Internet connection, as well as a phone line, will be needed to participate. Members must be willing to seek the resources available to allow them to participate in the virtual meetings to be held by the group; if a member does not have access to these resources within their home, they may potentially obtain them by making arrangements with a local public libraries, schools, or UNL Extension Offices.
- Serve as a representative voice for youth in geographic area and interest area.
- Gather input and agenda items before meetings.
- Attend scheduled Curriculum Committee meetings.
- Respond as appropriate to all Curriculum Committee communication.
- Review and recommend new curriculum for Nebraska 4-H.
- Complete action items assigned at meetings, including sub-committee or mentor/mentee cooperative tasks.
- Participate in the planning and implementation of special events (i.e. State Fair).

Member Support

- Leadership and team building activities.
- Mentoring relationship with a professional Curriculum Committee member in a similar interest area.
- Transportation and meal expenses to perform official Nebraska 4-H Curriculum duties.
- Technology support for approved projects.

Meetings

Meetings will typically be held 3-4 times per year in a location or locations identified as convenient for most members. Video/phone conferencing, e-mail, and additional forms of technology (i.e. Blackboard) will also be used to conduct meetings. In addition, members will be asked to participate in a special project during State Fair.

Meeting Number 1 (Introductions) – March (Date/Time TBD)
Will meet virtually (via Breeze conference call)

Meeting Number 2 (Retreat) – May (Date/Time TBD)

Meeting Number 3 – July (Date/Time TBD)

State Fair Event

Meeting Number 4 – November (Date/Time TBD)

Members will be provided with instructions on how to participate in conference calls.

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