



## Calumet County 4-H Leaders Council

### Board Member Role Description

Purpose:	Board members make a commitment to Calumet County 4-H members, leaders, and families to serve as a liaison and act on their behalf in a decision-making role. Board members work in partnership with the 4-H Youth Development Educator to explore the interests and needs of people at the local level and to assist in conducting programs to meet those interests and needs.
Success Criteria:	The program will experience an increase in enrollment and member and volunteer participation.
Time Required:	Adult directors hold a three-year elected term (10 two-hour meetings per year). Youth directors hold a one-year elected term (10 two-hour meetings per year). Directors are also expected to be a part of at least one planning committee (minimum of 5 hours). Terms run from July 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup> each year.
Qualifications:	Adult directors must have completed the youth protection process to become a certified volunteer. Youth directors must be an active 4-H member involved in youth leadership. Board members should have the ability to set priorities and assume responsibilities and be committed to working in a youth/adult partnership role. Board members should be sensitive to the needs of the 4-H community.
Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend board meetings (8 per year) and all Leaders Council meetings (2 per year)</li><li>• Serve on at least one planning committee; recruit volunteers from clubs to serve on committees.</li><li>• Commit to working in a positive and productive manner for the good of the 4-H program.</li><li>• Publicly support all final decisions made by the board regardless of personal feelings</li><li>• Stay informed about current 4-H programs at the club, county, and district levels.</li><li>• Seek ideas from members of the 4-H community about future directions of the 4-H program.</li><li>• Plan or assist with the planning of timely, effective programs that meet the needs of all people within the county, working closely with the 4-H Youth Development Educator.</li><li>• Be an advocate for 4-H, and represent the organization in a positive manner.</li></ul>
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Great way to learn about the Calumet County 4-H Program.</li><li>• Professional Experience to add to resume.</li><li>• Networking</li><li>• Be a role model for youth by demonstrating the importance being involved within the community.</li></ul>
Resources Available:	Returning Board members, 4-H leaders, 4-H Educator, and local, state, and national 4-H webpages.
Training Opportunities:	Annual 4-H volunteer training sessions, state-wide 4-H conferences.

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