



University of Florida Volunteer Role Description

Title: Overnight Chaperone

PURPOSE:

Provides safe and inclusive environments for youth to experience 4-H by supervising youth during overnight 4-H events.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Become familiar with event and 4-H rules and procedures, including 4-H volunteer policies, emergency procedures, and 4-H behavioral expectations and disciplinary policy and procedures.
- Participate in a briefing for 4-Hers and their parents before traveling to the event.
- Accompany the participants to the event activities.
- Share the responsibility for driving a vehicle to event activities as needed.
- Be present to supervise and assist 4-H members at activities and lodging areas.
- Know where 4-H members are at all times.
- Cooperate with Florida Cooperative Extension faculty, staff, and volunteers in enforcing 4-H and event rules and procedures.
- Attend any and all adult briefing meetings for or during the event and share information from that meeting with members.
- Assist with any activities as requested by event personnel.
- Update skills and knowledge by attending leader training meetings that are applicable.
- Maintain sensitivity to the individual differences of 4-H members such as differences in interests, abilities, personal needs, cultural heritage, and family support.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Complete and sign the following forms and return the originals to the County 4-H Office. Volunteer Appointment Form, 4-H Health Statement, 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Complete Chaperone Certification Program
- Ability to communicate with youth. Understanding of the developmental characteristics of youth.
- Mature and responsible adult ages 21 and older.
- In some cases willing to pay own expenses, or expenses in excess of what is provided.

- Must be a 4-H volunteer for at least three years for out of county or out of state events.
- Have a belief in the educational value of the 4-H youth development program.
- Have a belief in the importance of youth development and the need to provide young people with out of school learning opportunities. An understanding and acceptance of Youth/Adult partnerships.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- Orientation
- Training
- Support from 4-H Agent and other volunteers

BENEFITS

- Expenses incurred and miles driven are tax deductible.
- Liability and workman’s compensation insurance provided by the University of Florida.
- Recognition from others in your community.
- Helping in the positive development of the youth of the county.

TIME COMMITMENT

Varies by event

MENTOR / SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL

Name:
 Address:
 City, State Zip
 Phone

 Volunteer Signature \ Date

 4-H Agent Signature \ Date

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