Wright County 4-H

Ambassador Program

PURPOSE

- Develop talents in youth leaders
- Cultivate leadership skills and responsibilities in youth leaders
- Create a better understanding of local citizenship
- Strengthen and promote 4-H in Wright County
WRIGHT COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SELECTION

New Members

- Applications released in the fall; terms begin in October - the new 4-H year
- Applicants must be in grade 9 - 13 by September of the application year
- Selection will be made by application and interview process conducted by county Extension staff members and Ambassador Advisors.
- Parents will sign that they support their youth’s involvement in the program & will see that transportation is provided.

Returning Members

- Notify the 4-H staff of your intent to re-join.

AMBASSADOR EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

General

- Attendance at county & regional ambassador workshops or training sessions
- Provide leadership and assistance to the 4-H Program (especially County Fair)
- Must attend at least four Federation meetings, be active in 4-H more than County Fair (e.g. PDC, Bowls, Camps, etc.), be willing to visit 4-H club meetings & be of assistance
- Assist in other county events (see attached list) in various roles
- Violation of the Code of Conduct (inappropriate behavior, usage of alcohol and/or illegal substances, etc.) will result in immediate review by advisors and county Extension staff which may result in dismissal.

Meetings

- Meetings will be scheduled by current ambassadors and advisors, but should be no less often than every other month.
- The group will typically meet once a month for two hours
- Ambassadors will be responsible for hosting one meeting per year. Host duties include: securing a meeting place and time; planning a program that showcases their area’s unique characteristics in order to promote awareness and the 4-H citizenship project.

Ambassadors must attend at least 75% of the meetings! Ambassadors who fail to meet this requirement will be dismissed.

Leading Events

- Wear green Wright County 4-H Shirts or Ambassador Polo and nametags at any Ambassador events (not required for meetings)
- Reliable transportation to and from Ambassador activities (can carpool with other Ambassadors)

Participation Events
• Must exhibit at least one project at the county fair

• All Ambassadors are required to attend the Building Leadership & Understanding (BLU) conference for Central MN. If scheduling conflicts arise, Ambassadors may attend YELLO!, another 4-H leadership camp or complete a Youth Leadership project for that 4-H year.

• Must host one Ambassador meeting during the 4-H year. Hosting involves working with other area Ambies to: locate a meeting place and create a brief, educational program that informs other Ambies about the area.

ACTIVITIES AMBASSADORS MAY BE CALLED UPON TO HELP WITH INCLUDE:

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<td>• Member &amp; Volunteer Awards Banquet (Late November)</td>
<td>• Project Day (Any winter month)</td>
<td>• Wright-Hennepin Electric Meeting Fundraiser (March)</td>
<td>• Clothing &amp; Performing Arts Day (April/May)</td>
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<td>• Officer Training (Late October/Early November)</td>
<td>• Share-the-Fun (February)</td>
<td>• Cloverbud Day (March)</td>
<td>• Orientation Day for new members (May)</td>
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<td>• Fall Fun Event (e.g. Fright Night) (October)</td>
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<td>• National 4-H Week Promotion (Early October)</td>
<td>• BLU 4-H Conference (January – February)</td>
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ADVISORS

• Advisors for the ambassadors will be determined on a voluntary basis, with approval by the ambassadors and Extension staff.

• Advisors are responsible for seeing that ambassadors represent 4-H with integrity and uphold the mission and philosophy of 4-H. They will be responsible to see that the above expectations are met.