



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Life brings many situations where good leadership skills can make a difference: working on a group project in a class, being part of a team, finding yourself with people about to make a mistake, owning your own business or even being an elected leader. You'll make a bigger difference by knowing how to make good decisions, build relationships, organize your life and plan for success. Get started with a foundation in leadership that you can build upon over a lifetime!

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

### STARTING OUT

- ✿ Assess your leadership skills
- ✿ Reflect on the people and things that are important to you
- ✿ Look to understand how others feel
- ✿ Understand self-responsibility
- ✿ Learn more about effective communication
- ✿ Care for personal belongings
- ✿ Identify steps to completing a project or goal
- ✿ Practice innovation and creativity
- ✿ Look at ways to resolve conflict
- ✿ Plan an event

### RESOURCES

- ✿ My Leadership Workbook 07905
- ✿ My Leadership Journal 07906
- ✿ My Leadership Portfolio 07907

### LEARNING MORE

- ✿ Communicate your leadership skills with others
- ✿ Identify similarities and differences in leaders
- ✿ Learn about the importance of trusting others
- ✿ Learn about responsibility
- ✿ Understand the parts of a presentation or demonstration
- ✿ Develop a multimedia presentation
- ✿ Identify talents in your club and community
- ✿ Learn how to effectively work with a team
- ✿ Practice problem solving

- ✿ Leadership Mentor Guide for Grades K-5 07903
- ✿ Leadership Mentor Guide for Grades 6-12 07904

### GOING FURTHER

- ✿ Learn about your differences and commonalities
- ✿ Identify your strengths and weaknesses
- ✿ Discover how others can help you be a better leader
- ✿ Develop interviewing skills
- ✿ Write your own mission and vision statement
- ✿ Research issues in your community and look to solve them
- ✿ Plan a meeting
- ✿ Identify leadership styles
- ✿ Interview leaders in your community

## TAKE IT FURTHER!

- ✿ Visit and interview an elected official
- ✿ Attend a school board meeting or city council meeting
- ✿ Attend a leadership camp or conference
- ✿ Become a junior police officer or junior park ranger
- ✿ Invite a new person to 4-H, serve as a mentor help them get involved
- ✿ Volunteer to plan a club program
- ✿ Be in charge of your club communication
- ✿ Serve as a camp counselor
- ✿ Attend WYLE (Wyoming 4-H Leadership Experience)
- ✿ Be a delegate to National 4-H Congress
- ✿ Be a delegate to National 4-H Conference
- ✿ Serve on the Wyoming 4-H Leadership Team
- ✿ Attend Citizenship Washington Focus or Leaders Washington Focus
- ✿ Teach a workshop at Showcase Showdown

### ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Give a demonstration on different leadership styles

Write an article for the newspaper or newsletter about a 4-H experience

Create a video to promote 4-H

Create a webpage for your 4-H club

### GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Organize a group trip to the state or nation's capitol

Organize a candidate forum for an election

Join a political campaign for a candidate you support

Serve on a local board

### LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Serve as a club officer

Serve on a club committee, if your club does not have committees think about starting some

Lead a game or activity at your club meeting

Conduct club officer training

## EXHIBIT IDEAS

- ✿ A notebook of activities to teach leadership at club meetings
- ✿ A photo story of a leadership experience
- ✿ Display of a community service activity you planned
- ✿ A poster on your personal mission and vision statement
- ✿ A poster on a leader in history
- ✿ A calendar or log of your responsibilities at home
- ✿ A graphic organizer that shows the talents in your club or community
- ✿ A brochure or poster promoting 4-H
- ✿ A photo display of your work mentoring another 4-H member
- ✿ A poster or display you could use as a tool to teach another 4-H member a skill
- ✿ A poster about your personal leadership skills
- ✿ A resume showing your skills and strengths
- ✿ A poster on effective committee meetings
- ✿ A before and after display of an event you organized

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