

4-H Volunteer Types

There are four (4) main classifications for volunteers in the Wyoming 4-H program: 1-Project leader, 2-Club leader, 3-Activity/Event leader, and 4-Key leader. Every volunteer should be marked as one of the four types. Depending on a county's structure, there may be many more of one type than another. Below is an explanation of each with examples.

1-Project Leader

4HPlus! type 12

A project leader is a volunteer willing to meet with a group of young people and provide educational teaching, clinics, workshops, field trips, etc., in the project area of interest. Usually project leaders contact the youth, arrange for a meeting place, and provide multiple learning experiences. It is suggested that they plan, organize, and accomplish at least 6 learning opportunities.

Examples: Photography, Sheep, Foods and Nutrition, Rifle, Aerospace, GIS/GPS

2-Club Leader

4HPlus! type 14

A club leader is a volunteer that is willing to help facilitate the functions of a club. Clubs are the core structural unit to 4-H that provide the best youth development environment and positive experiences. Usually club leaders work with the club officers (elected young people) to organize and accomplish club meetings and business. Club officers should be encouraged to do the club functions including arranging meeting facilities, times of meetings, agenda creation and club business, recreational activities, refreshments, and communications that would be required for success of the club. Club leaders encourage, remind, facilitate, guide, and direct club officers but should allow the young people to "learn by doing" in the safe environment of a club. Club leaders are a critical link in communication of 4-H happenings and should be in frequent contact with the 4-H Educator and Extension office.

Examples: Rocky Range 4-H Club leader, Spurs and Latigo 4-H Club leader

3-Activity/Event Leader

4HPlus! type 11

An activity or event leader would be a volunteer willing to work on a specific task and may be episodic (specific time frame) or event oriented. They generally report to someone else or take a lead on a project. Such volunteers may serve on committees, provide transportation, organize and conduct, publicize or promote, or possibly direct certain aspects of the county program.

Examples: State Fair Chaperone, Carnival Chairwoman, Livestock Sale Committee Member

4-Key Leader

4HPlus! type 13

A key leader is a person that is identified by the 4-H Educator as primary contact for specific areas of knowledge or expertise. They tend to be the first person a 4-H Educator contacts for input on a decision that needs to be made or for carrying out action involving a committee. They usually have been "deemed" as an advisor based on their expertise, knowledge, experience, or abilities in matching a need in a project. Counties may have multiple key leaders in any one area or may not have any key leaders.

Example: Shotgun Key leader, Cloverbud Key leader, Horse Key leader, After-School Coordinator