



CHAPERONE SERVICE

Objective: To guide and work with youth participating at a Massachusetts 4-H program in order to maximize the educational value of the experience and to ensure the safety of all participants.

Term of Appointment: _____

Time Required: (As instructed by the Massachusetts 4-H Extension Educator/Event Coordinator.) _____

Specific Responsibilities:

- Follow all policy and guidelines of the Massachusetts 4-H Program found at www.mass4h.org
- Submit appropriate paperwork as required by Massachusetts 4-H Extension Educator/Event Coordinator.
- Communicate appropriately with Massachusetts 4-H Extension Educator and follow his/her feedback and directions.
- Represent Massachusetts 4-H in a professional manner, which includes following through with all assignments.

Qualifications Needed:

- Commitment to the 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct.
- Ability to work cooperatively with Massachusetts 4-H Extension Educators to implement program.
- Enjoy working with youth.
- Demonstrated flexibility, respect and acceptance of diverse youth.
- Ability to assume responsibility and make sound decisions.
- Ability to motivate and communicate with youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision making, responsibility and leadership skills in youth.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision from professional staff.
- Successful completion of the Massachusetts 4-H Volunteer application process.

Benefits:

- Pride and satisfaction of providing youth development opportunities to youth.
- Opportunity for training and resume building.
- Leadership, mentoring and skill building in youth development.
- Opportunity to network with other volunteers.
- Liability insurance coverage in accordance with UMass policies.

This volunteer service description has been reviewed and agreed upon.

SIGNATURE OF 4-H VOLUNTEER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS 4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR

DATE