

Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Science Matters Mentor Position Description

Title:

Johnson County 4-H Science Matters Mentor

Purpose:

To help youth develop and apply their knowledge and skills to identify an issue and solution that will positively impact the health and lives of people, plants, and animals.

Contact People:

Johnson County 4-H/Youth Development Agent and Program Manager

Benefits of the Position:

- An opportunity to work with teen leaders in the community.
- Satisfaction of significant contribution to growth of members.
- Opportunity for continued personal growth and leadership in the community.
- All-expenses paid trip to attend the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science on January 10-13, 2019.
- Stipend of \$500 for your time and effort upon completion of the project.
- Mileage will be paid for travel in personal vehicles.

Required:

- Complete Volunteer Service Screening Process
- Complete Johnson County 4-H Science Matters Project Leader Application
- Attend National Youth Summit on Agri-Science on January 10-13, 2019. (All expenses paid)
- Commit to meeting at least 12 times with the youth. This may be through video conferencing, conference calls, or face-to-face meetings.

Responsibilities:

- Direct and guide youth to research, identify a community need, develop an action plan, implement, and reflect upon the project.
- Provide youth opportunities for hands-on experiential learning opportunities to gain knowledge and skills.
- Work with the County Agent to prepare the youth to participate in two showcase events that demonstrate the team's skills and knowledge gained.
- Support the distribution of provided curriculum.
- Allow for independence and give youth opportunities for leadership roles.
- Supervise the youth and develop a youth management plan for activities/events, if appropriate.

Desirable Skills:

- Interest in helping youth develop skills for success.
- Ability to organize and coordinate teenagers.
- Ability to communicate with youth and adults.
- Enthusiasm for youth and the 4-H program.
- Ability to engage youth in conversations and provide guidance.

Time Required:

- Meet at least once a month with your group.
- The first meeting will be in October, 2018 and end with a showcase event in May, 2019.
- Communicate with youth and families as needed through email or phone calls.

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