

State Committee of 4-H Volunteer Leaders

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this committee is to provide a representative group of volunteer 4-H leaders to assist the state 4-H staff in planning, executing and evaluating aspects of state 4-H Youth Development programs involving 4-H volunteer leaders.

It is recognized and hereby reaffirmed that the primary function of local volunteer 4-H leader is to assist with local 4-H work. County organizations of leaders perform a useful purpose in strengthening the services of leaders within the county. County Extension agents are primarily responsible for all aspects of leader recruitment, training, supervision and recognition. Therefore, any 4-H leader involvement outside the county should be for the purpose of helping 4-H youth, preferably from their own club or county, profit most from experiences beyond the county level, and/or to gain new ideas which will strengthen them as local 4-H leaders.

The State Committee of 4-H Volunteer Leaders, as described hereafter, is designed to function in a coordinating, helping role so far as state level 4-H volunteer leader events are concerned.

MEMBERSHIP

- To be eligible for membership on the State Committee of 4-H Volunteer Leaders, individuals must have an approved volunteer leader application on file in the local county office, be registered in the volunteer leader database, and have appropriate documentation on file with the UT Office of Risk Management.
- The state 4-H office, from nominations received from the selection committee, shall appoint the members of this committee. Regional Directors and outgoing members of the State Committee of 4-H Volunteer Leaders shall serve as the selection committee and make recommendations to the Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development.
- Members of this committee are to be appointed as follows:
 - There shall be three volunteer 4-H leaders per region on this committee. They shall be appointed for a term of three years and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The appointment shall be so made that each year one leader in each region will be appointed. Thus, one-third of the committee will be serving their first term, one-third in their second term, and one-third their third and final term annually.
 - In making appointments, care should be exercised to appoint leaders who have demonstrated interest in 4-H work, and who are currently **actively** serving as local 4-H leaders. It is desirable to maintain balance between relatively new leaders and those with lengthy tenure in 4-H work. Terms expire at the close of State 4-H Roundup.

PLAN OF OPERATION

- Members of this committee shall attend State 4-H Roundup, Southern Region Leader Forum, Region 4-H Volunteer Leader Forums, State 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, and State 4-H Congress to assist as needed with the leader activities associated with these events.
- The Chairman of the Committee in cooperation with the state 4-H staff will prepare the assignments of responsibilities for committee members at these events.
- One Chairman, one Vice-Chairman, and one Secretary of the committee shall be elected annually in a meeting of the committee prior to the close of 4-H Roundup. The term of office shall be one year. Officers are to come from committee members who will be serving in their second or third terms while in office.
- The report of committee activities and recommendations, if any, for improvement of future committee operations shall be made to the state 4-H staff after the secretary of the committee has mailed a tentative copy to all committee members for correction and approval. If there are items needing administrative attention, it is the responsibility of the Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development to see that such matters are called to the attention of appropriate Extension personnel.