Leadership is the ability to get others to work toward a common goal. It is a way of thinking and a way of acting. The 4-H Teen Leadership Project is an opportunity for teens to develop and practice their leadership skills. Who can be a teen leader? A 4-H member who is in grade 8-13 and appointed by an adult club leader or county 4-H agent. The main responsibility is to assist the adult leaders with a 4-H club or special program. It is not to take over for the adult!

To complete this project each year, you are expected to fulfill the following requirements:

Do ALL of the following:
- Be appointed as a teen leader by your adult club leader or county 4-H agent.
- Attend at least 70 percent of your club meetings.
- Complete this record of your accomplishments as a teen leader.

Complete at least ONE of the following:
- Serve as an elected officer of the club.
- Serve as chairperson of a standing or special committee.
- Work with the club president and adult leader to prepare agendas for club meetings.

Check which one you completed and describe what you did:

Date completed

Complete at least ONE of the following:
- Teach a new skill.
- Interview all the members of your club to find out what they would like to do in your club during the next year.
- Create a “phone tree” for the club membership (to call members in case of between-meeting notices, changes in meeting plans, inclement weather, etc.).
- Write or assist with monthly club meeting reports.

Check which one you completed and describe what you did:

Date completed

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Complete at least ONE of the following:

- Give a public presentation at the county level.
- Serve as a 4-H Camp counselor or C.I.T.
- Be an active member of your county’s 4-H teen council.
- Attend NJ 4-H Action Days or other state or national 4-H event.

Check which one you completed and describe what you did:

Date completed

Complete at least ONE of the following:

- Organize a promotional campaign for 4-H in your town or county.
- Organize a community service project for your club.
- Plan and conduct a get-acquainted game for your club.
- Plan a club field trip or arrange for a guest speaker.

Check which one you completed and describe what you did:

Date completed

Describe the most important knowledge or skills you learned in the 4-H Teen Leadership Project during the past year:

List or describe your goals in the 4-H Teen Leadership Project for the next year (if applicable):

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Your name: __________________________ Grade: ____ 4-H County __________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

Name of club in which you served as a teen leader: ____________________________

I completed the above requirements to the best of my ability:

_________________________ (Member signature) ____ (Date)

I verify my son’s/daughter’s completion of the above requirements:

_________________________ (Parent signature) ____ (Date)

I certify that this member has met the requirements for the NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Project for the past year:

_________________________ (4-H Leader signature) ____ (Date)