

Jennings County Junior Leaders



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Junior Leaders – Who and What Is It?

Who can be in Junior Leaders?

- Any 4-H member in grades 7-12 during the calendar year.

What's the Purpose of Junior Leaders?

To accomplish the following while having FUN!

- Promote education
- Assist 4-H leaders in planning and conducting 4-H clubs
- Become acquainted with other 4-Hers
- Participate in county 4-H activities
- Encourage younger members to assume leadership roles
- Assist with 4-H projects and activities
- Provide opportunities to accept responsibility
- Provide service to the community
- Become leaders in our community

To Complete Junior Leaders and be eligible for the Completion Trip.....

- You should attend at least 75% of the Junior Leader meetings/activities from the first meeting you attend. NOTE: If you contact Melessa Wiesehan before the meeting/activity and let her know that you cannot attend the meeting/activity.
- You must sign up and work the required number of shifts at the Junior Leader Food Stand. You must attend the food stand cleanups. **All Junior Leaders MUST find an adult (parent, family member) to work in the Food Stand. The number of shifts required will be based on total enrollment.**
- Participate in at least 50% of the scheduled community service projects each year.
- Any Junior Leader not meeting any of the completion items will be ineligible for the completion trip, awards, or hold a Junior Leader office.

Junior Leaders' Bylaws

Expectations

All Junior Leaders are expected to comply with the "Behavioral Expectations" as set forth by Purdue University. Being a Junior Leader is an honor, an opportunity, and a responsibility. You are representing an organization not only from Jennings County but nationwide. The 4-H organization tries to maintain honesty, integrity, and virtue in its youth. We hope that the 4-H Junior Leaders will maintain their reputation of producing tomorrow's outstanding citizens and leaders.

Membership

To be a member of this organization:

- a) One must be enrolled in the 7th to 12th grade during current enrollment year.
- b) Be a member of at least 1 Jr. Leader Committee.

Officers

To be an officer of this organization:

- a) One must have completed 1 year of Junior Leaders, and be a member in good standing.
- b) The president and vice president serve as the Jr. Leader Representatives on 4-H Council.
- c) If an officer cannot be at a meeting, they are responsible for finding a replacement for them for the meeting
- d) If an officer misses 2 meetings (unexcused), then a replacement will be appointed
 - a. Excused = family or school activity that has been communicated to Melessa Wiesehan prior to the meeting

Organization Requirements

A) Meeting Attendance

- a. **Members are expected to attend at least 75% of the regular monthly meetings** from the first meeting attended in order to be eligible for special activities, recognition, awards, and the completion trip.
- b. Members that are **not able to attend a meeting** are asked to **call Melessa Wiesehan in advance of the meeting**

B) Committee Meetings

- a. Committee members are expected to attend the meetings for the committees on which they have volunteered to serve. If they do not, they may be removed from that committee. A good committee can only operate efficiently if the members are there to run it.
- b. A chair and vice chair will be elected for each committee. The criteria for the officers will also be used for the chair and vice chair of committees.
- c. Each committee should consist of at least 6 people.
 - i. 4 previous Jr. Leaders and 2 first year Jr. Leaders
 - ii. If there are more than 6 on a committee, there should be no more than ½ of the committee made up of previous Jr. Leaders and no more than ½ first year Jr. Leaders

C) Community Service

- a. Every member must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled community service activities with the group in order to be eligible for the completion trip.

D) Fund Raising

- a. **All Junior Leaders are expected to help with all fund raising activities.** The Junior Leader program functions from the proceeds of these efforts. The Junior Leaders operate from money from fund raising and foodstand sales. It is important for every club member to do their part to make each year a success.

E) Food Stand

- a. All Junior Leaders are required to sign up and work in the Food Stand. The number of shifts required will be based on total enrollment.
- b. All Junior Leaders **MUST** find an adult (parent, family member) to work in the Food Stand. The number of shifts required will be based on total enrollment.

F) Fair

- a. Junior Leaders are required to:
 - i. Assist at the Community Building check-in (Check-in involves helping to check the project in, place ribbons on the project and set up the building for the fair)
 - ii. Work at the Junior Leader Food Stand the required number of shifts and find an adult to work the required number of shifts.
 - iii. Fair cleanups, pre or post fair (must do at least 2)
 1. Community building, Livestock barns, and Grounds cleanup

4-H Royalty

A) Rules

- a. To be considered for the Court the Jr. Leader must:
 - i. Be a current Jennings County 4-H Member and Junior Leader
 - ii. Have completed at least one year of Junior Leaders
 - iii. Submit a completed application, completed Royalty Agreement to Melessa Wiesehan by a deadline determined on an annual basis.
 - iv. Attach to application a letter of character reference from one of the following: Teacher, Minister or Employer
 - v. Have an interview with Royalty Judges
- b. Royalty may not reapply
- c. Court members may reapply in subsequent years
- d. Royalty judges will not reside in Jennings County

Candidates will be judged on the basis of a possible 100 points. The written application will be worth a possible 30 points and the interview will be worth a possible 70 points



Bob Amick Memorial 4-H Junior Leader Award

- 1) Each Jr. Leader is encouraged to apply for the Bob Amick Award.
- 2) Only 4-H Jr. Leaders who have completed the Jr. Leader requirements are eligible. (See Jr. Leader Handbook for requirements.)
- 3) 4-H Jr. Leaders may receive the Bob Amick Award **only after completing two years** of Jr. Leaders.
- 4) The award may only be received once.
- 5) The award must be applied for, and applicants may be interviewed if necessary.
- 6) The award consists of a plaque and a monetary award in the amount of \$100.00 (subject to change by yearly review), and will be presented at the Awards Banquet.

Name: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Years in Jr. Leaders: _____

A. Jr. Leader Involvement: *****Count only activities completed as a Jr. Leader

- 1) List Office Held: _____
- 2) List Committee you are on: _____
- 3) Meetings: Circle the months you attended the meeting

	September	October	November
December	January	February	March
April	May	June	
- 4) Community Service: List the activities you participated in and list your role.
 - a) _____ Role: _____
 - b) _____ Role: _____
 - c) _____ Role: _____
 - d) _____ Role: _____
- 5) 4-H Council Sponsored Events: Circle the activities you assisted with, and list your role.
 - a) 4-H Council Dinner Fundraiser Role: _____
 - b) Mini 4-H Day Camp Role: _____
 - c) Other: _____ Role: _____
- 6) Food Stand
Circle the Food Stand clean-ups you participated in: Pre-fair Post-fair
List the required shifts you worked: _____
List any extra shifts you worked: _____
List the name of the Adult(s) you got to work in the Food Stand: _____
How many shifts did the adult work: _____

6) 4-H Fair: Circle the activities that you assisted at as a Jr. Leader, not the events you attended as a 4-H member, and list your role.

Community Building Set Up	Role: _____
Mini 4-H Judging	Role: _____
Early Project Check In	Role: _____
Project Check In & Judging	Role: _____
Served as 4-H Royalty or Court	Role: _____
Project Release (check-out)	Role: _____
Other: _____	Role: _____

7) List anything you feel you did as a Jr. Leader that was not previously mentioned.

B. Program Involvement: ***Do NOT include activities completed as a Jr. Leader.**

1) Workshops: List any workshop you attended, either in county or out of county.

A) _____
B) _____
C) _____

2) Camps & Trips: Circle the camps & trips you attended.

Purdue Science Workshops	4-H Round-Up	4-H Band
4-H Chorus	4-H Jr. Leader Conference	State Fair Leadership
4-H Congress	4-H Camp: circle one: Camper, CIT, Counselor or Jr. Director	

3) General 4-H Activities: List any activity you attended that is not previously mentioned, either in county or out of county.

C. 4-H Club Participation: ***Do NOT include activities completed as a Jr. Leader.**

- 1) Name of 4-H Club you are a member of: _____
- 2) Office Held: _____
- 3) List activities you participated in with your club: (meetings, workshops, demonstrations, community service projects, trips, etc.)