

Riverside County 4-H Youth Development Program County Ambassador Coach Application Packet

County Ambassador Coaches serve at least a one-year term, with eligibility for reappointment each year. The applicant must be a 4-H Adult Volunteer before serving as a coach. The application process for returning coaches is to submit intent to continue as a coach by the county deadline and go through the selection or appointment process defined by local 4-H personnel.

Coach Role

The Coach's role is to partner and collaborate with County Ambassadors to implement best practices in positive youth development. Best practices include but are not limited to, setting group agreements at the beginning of the term as to how the group will function, facilitating educational components of the program, allowing youth to facilitate meetings, and rotating leadership responsibility. A Coach should be flexible when working with County Ambassadors. Also, depending on the County's program, being a Coach could involve significant time commitments.

Coaches are expected to:

- Chaperone events and conferences where County Ambassadors are present.
- Partner with the County Ambassador team to coordinate meetings.
- Provide guidance to and collaborate with the County Ambassador team to ensure the team has clear, reasonable, and attainable goals.
- Facilitate good communication between the coaches and the team and between team members.
- Ensure that the team considers possible resources, including content experts, to accomplish the team's goals.
- Be knowledgeable of 4-H policies and ensure that the policies are followed. 4-H personnel are resources for policy interpretations.

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Application Form - This form may also be released electronically, such as a Google Form. *Additional page(s) may be used to answer the questions by attaching them to this form.*

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

By checking the boxes below, you are agreeing to each of the following:

- I am at least 21 years old.
- I am currently an active 4-H volunteer.
- I have the ability to travel and drive youth to events.
- I am not a parent/sibling of a current County Ambassador or related to the other coach.

1. Briefly explain your previous involvement with 4-H.

2. Please describe any special training, skills or interests that qualify you for the position.

3. Briefly discuss your understanding and commitment to youth-adult partnerships.

4. Are there any other comments you would like to make pertinent to your consideration as a coach?

Please return to the Riverside County UCCE/4-H Office