

NEVADA COUNTY 4-H PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Leadership - Overview

The **4-H Leadership Proficiency program** helps you learn what you need to know about your leadership project. You will learn to identify and understand roles, attitudes, tasks and functions necessary for effective leadership. You will have many opportunities to develop self confidence. The leadership project also strengthens local 4-H units as you become involved in leadership responsibilities and encourage other youth to follow you. In leadership, you will actively participate in planning programs, and developing and implementing your plans.

There are many resources to help you learn more about your project:

- The **4-H Publications Catalog** lists a variety of project materials and resources recommended for use in your project.
- The **4-H Educational Resources and Lending Library** at your county 4-H office includes other books, videos and reference materials that can be checked out by members and leaders.
- Every community is full of leaders, in business, education, public agencies, and government. Don't hesitate to visit or telephone them for more information.

There are four levels in the Project Proficiency Program. You may choose how many levels you wish to complete:

- **Level I – “Explorer”**, you begin to learn about many different aspects of leadership.
- **Level II – Producer”**, you learn more about leadership in your 4-H group and in your community.
- **Level III – “Consumer”**, you become experienced in many aspects of Leadership.
- **Level IV – “Leader”**, allows you to show your own leadership potential.

As you work through the Leadership proficiency program, have your leader initial and date each skill item when you have completed it. When you have finished all items in a proficiency level, have your leader and county coordinator sign the Certificate of Achievement.

