

Getting Started With...

4-H COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

LEVEL 1 - LOCAL LEADERSHIP

This is where you participate through your local club every month. Being a committee chair and/or a club officer is a great place to start and gain experience!

LEVEL 2 - COUNTY LEADERSHIP

Every county has a council that allows for additional development for ages 13-18.

- **Name:** Larimer County 4-H Junior Leadership Club (JLC).
- **Meeting Time:** fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.
- **Where:** alternating every month from the McKee building and the Extension office.
- **How to Join:** all you need to do is attend! However, to be a good standing member to vote and become elected, you need to attend 3 of the last 6 meetings, serve on at least one committee, and attend at least 7 meetings per year.
- **Purpose:** to help the growth of the community and the council members. We do this by fundraising with the Dairy Bar, providing scholarships, promoting the 4-H program, and helping the Extension office by planning special events.

LEVEL 3 - REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Colorado is divided into ten districts that combines counties together. This opportunity is for Senior members and is great to meet other 4-H'ers in the neighboring counties.

- **Name:** District II Senate (Larimer, Boulder, and Weld)
- **Meeting Time:** six yearly meetings on the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM.
- **Where:** the McKee building.
- **How to Join:** anyone can come and participate, but only elected alternate senators (first year) and senators (second year) from the three counties can vote. Become a senator through the Junior Leadership Club!
- **Purpose:** to provide input for the three counties, and to plan a leadership event for younger members called Junior Jam.

LEVEL 4 - STATE LEADERSHIP

Second year elected Senators at the county level not only vote on the regional level, but also vote at the state level as well.

- **Name:** Colorado 4-H Youth Senate.
- **Meeting Time:** semi-annual meetings during the Leadership Development Conference in late January and State Conference in late June.
- **Where:** Denver and Fort Collins.
- **How to Join:** event delegates can watch meetings, county elected senators can vote at meetings, but only elected Presidents from each district are allowed to be on the state officer team. Being a district President also provided the opportunity to be elected the state Vice-President or state President.
- **Purpose:** to represent the 4-H program throughout the state, provide support to the state, and plan four annual educational conferences for Colorado 4-H members.

LEVEL 5 - NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

This level of leadership does not require you to be elected at any of the previous levels, but it does help get into this position when filling out the applications. There is no national senate body, but there are annual conferences that allow you to be on the leadership team.

- **National 4-H Congress:** held in Atlanta Georgia during Thanksgiving weekend, this fun event truly focuses on each “H” of 4-H. Members are selected by winning a Senior Grand Champion in certain projects at the State Fair. Once you have attended, you will be provided the opportunity to fill out an application to be considered for the National Design Team!
- **National 4-H Conference:** held in Chevy Chase Maryland in April, and members have the opportunity to present issues that affect youth to the government. Members are selected by completing an application and participating in an interview from the State Office. Once you have attended, you can fill out another application and participate in an interview to be considered for the National Leadership team!