Kalamazoo County 4-H program continues to implement new opportunities for teen to increase their leadership experiences. One way is to formalize and recognize teen leaders. Their role would be similar to adult leaders.

- Teens are required to hold at least 3 meetings and 3 hours of education, mandatory orientation for first time Teen Leaders and one-training per year for all Teen Leaders held at the 4-H office. If attending a Kettenun workshop educational requirement is met for 2 years.

- Teens can lead projects when an adult that has been screened is present. Example (teen holds project meeting after a Community Club Meeting).

- Teens would be required to through VSP.

- Recognition for Teen Leadership at Fall Achievement or Leaders Banquet (teens will decide which one they would prefer) with free fair pass for those that attend.

- Teens qualify for free Kettunen Center trainings. Teens will help the 4-H program reach more members and provide needed guidance in project areas where adult leaders are in short supply.

**Requirements:**

- Have a minimum of 3 years experience in the project area being led.

- Be at least 13 years 4-H age.

- Hold at least 3 educational meetings (supervising adult must be present)

- Participate in the teen leader workshop

- Complete required paperwork

**Benefits:**

- Leadership experiences are valuable when applying for college, jobs and scholarships.

- Recognition includes invitation to Leaders Banquet. If a teen leader attends they will be presented with one week fair pass.

- Help to strengthen 4-H by giving back the expertise that teen leader has learned.
TEEN LEADER APPLICATION

NAME:_________________________________________________

CLUB: _______________________________________________

PROJECT LEADING: _____________________________________

NAME OF SUPERVISING ADULT:____________________________

EXPERIENCE IN PROJECT:

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Teen’s signature: __________________________Date__________

Supervising adults signature: _________________________Date________

Community Club Leader’s signature: _________________Date__________
Kalamazoo County 4-H Teen Leader Enrollment Form

CLUB: ________________________________

TEEN LEADER NAME: ____________________________________________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________

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My signature indicates I agree to each of the following:

- Meet leadership requirements and enroll as a teen leader.
- Follow the policies, philosophy and procedures defined by staff and the appropriate Michigan State University Extension committees.
- Fulfill outlines job requirements with no monetary compensation.
- Be supportive of the MSU Extension program and its activities at all levels.
- Abide by the MSU Extension volunteer Code of Conduct.
- Affirm that the MSU Extension program actively seeks members from every race, ethnic, religious and social-economic group.
- Supply MSU Extension office with all information about changes in the group or club, including membership, as they occur.
- I understand that the media to promote/recognize 4-H leaders' accomplishments, activities, events, community services, and fundraisers may photograph 4-H leaders. I authorize the media, Michigan State University, MSU Extension, the Michigan 4-H Youth Program, the 4-H club, and their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice for use by the above mentioned groups in research, educational and promotional programs. I understand and agree that these audio, video, film and/or print images may be edited, duplicated, distributed, reproduced, broadcast and/or reformatted in any form and manner without payment of fees, in perpetuity.
- I understand the rules and policies of this club and of the Kalamazoo County 4-H Program.

MSU Extension volunteers will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent Kalamazoo County and MSU Extension youth programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models for youth.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship and provide positive role models for youth.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by Kalamazoo County and MSU Extension youth programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Avoid criminal activities.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension youth activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension youth activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support MSU Extension to develop an affective, county, state and national program.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.

It is important that all MSU Extension volunteers comply with the Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with any component of the code or participation in other inappropriate conduct as determined by MSU Extension representatives may lead to dismissal as a volunteer from the MSU Extension youth program.

Teen Leader Signature: _______________________________ Date: ______________

COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER SECTION:

I have explained the rules and policies of this club and of 4-H to the youth and parent(s) whose signatures are indicated on this form. I agree to allow this youth to participate fully in my club.

Community Club Leader's or Project Leader’s Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________