

4-H Internship/Volunteer Opportunity

Announcement: Santa Cruz Ranchers 4-H is seeking several UA students to fill internship roles as 4-H project leaders or assistants in a new club located in an underserved urban setting. As soon as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, this club will head into its second year with established leadership and membership in place. You will join a team composed of neighborhood leaders and will be mentored by a long time 4-H community club leader who is assisting with the new club's establishment and growth.

Prerequisites: Must be 21 by Aug 1, 2020 and willing and able to obtain a 4-H volunteer certification which includes online training, letters of reference, a fingerprint card and background check. Must have an interest in positive youth development, community development and informal nontraditional hands on education as dictated by the 4-H "*Learn by Doing*" model.

Commitment: A two semester commitment (Aug 15 to May 1, 2021) is preferred for either a formal internship for credit or noncredit volunteer project leader position. However, assistant positions will also be available with a one semester commitment. The club is structured with 2-3 meetings per month on Wednesday afternoons plus occasional weekend events. As a project leader (2 semester commitment), you will select and deliver the project curriculum and mentor your 4-H project members age 8 to 18 through out the year culminating with their participation at the Pima County Fair in April 2021. As a project leader, you will assist with club meetings, delivery of curriculum and creating opportunities for members to develop mastery and leadership as they progress in their projects. An assistant position will work alongside a project leader to facilitate and run the project.

4-H Projects: Santa Cruz Ranchers currently offers the Poultry, Horse and Pygmy Goat projects and has an interest in adding additional projects such as sewing, nutrition and cooking, photography, and rocketry among others. Initially, the greatest need is for project leaders to run the Poultry project and support the Horse project.

Volunteer Opportunity: This is a unique opportunity to volunteer in an underserved area of Tucson where the infrastructure and support are in place providing a strong foundation for positive outcomes. These efforts will be supplemented by a recently awarded 4-H National Mentoring Program Grant (<https://utah4h.org/projects/other/yfp/>) which will provide additional volunteer youth mentoring opportunities in the areas of improving academic performance, enhancing social competencies and strengthening family bonds. Santa Cruz Ranchers 4-H was one of three Tucson sites to receive this national grant which will begin August 2020.

4-H: 4-H is a youth development organization that is over 100 years old with clubs around the world with the goal of developing citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills in youth through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach. Although its roots are in agriculture and animal projects are still popular, 4-H today has added projects in citizenship, healthy living, science, engineering, and technology. 4-H is the result of a partnership between the UA Cooperative Extension at land grant universities, Pima County and the US Department of Agriculture. There are over 6 million 4-H members in the US with over 1000 in Pima County.

Questions: Please contact Tabitha Sims (Certified 4-H volunteer and advisor to SCR 4-H club) at tsims@specinst.com or (520) 240-1158.