



TRY 4-H!



Become a 4-H Teen Ambassador!

TRY 4-H! is a **leadership opportunity for 4-H members in grades 7-12 (Fall 2019)**. This teen-led program is specifically designed to help grow Vermont 4-H. Teens who apply and are accepted will become **4-H Teen Ambassadors**. TRY 4-H! is looking to tap into the passion, knowledge, and experience with 4-H that we know our older members have and love to share!

NEW THIS YEAR! We want more teens to get involved in TRY 4-H! and recognize that teens have pretty busy schedules. So we are offering two different terms of service; **each term will last for 4 months**. The first term will run from August 15—December 15 and the second term will run from January 15 – May 15. In June/July we will bring all Teen Ambassadors together for a **fun celebration of service**—the celebration activity will be decided by Teen Ambassadors (e.g, water park, river float, beach day, etc.).

Teen Ambassadors will serve a **4 month term** and will be expected to do the following:

- Submit an **application by August 1, 2019** and be selected to serve from August 15—December 15. (Applications for the January-May term will be due no later than December 1, 2019.)
- Attend a mandatory Teen Ambassador training on August 15 from 4-7 pm at the UVM Extension Office in Berlin. All other meetings are held over Zoom, an online meeting platform. You just need a computer or smartphone to connect—or you can call in over the phone. We will meet once per month; date & time to be decided by group.
- Communicate regularly via email and attend Zoom video conference meetings once a month.
- Promote 4-H in your community and around Vermont either solo or with other Teen Ambassadors. The goal is to try to do at least 3-4 promotions during your term as teen ambassador. Promotions are anything from exhibit tables, hosting an activity for younger kids, writing a story for your paper, creating a video and posting to Instagram, etc. There are lots of ways to promote 4-H!
- During the August-December term the focus will be on hosting information and activity tables at school open houses, farmers markets and other events/promotions (e.g. Wag It Forward: Festival for Pets). The focus for the January-July term will be on 4-H State Day. Teen ambassadors will assist in the planning, promotion and staffing of this event. Teen ambassadors in this term may also want to take the lead in planning for 4-H Service Day or host an information and activity table at events (e.g. Burlington Kids Day).
- Promote 4-H in your community, your county and the around the State; be a positive 4-H role model.

Go to www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements to download the application.

For more information contact: Lauren Traister, 4-H Teen & Leadership Program Coordinator,

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If you require a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program please contact Lauren Traister at 1-866-260-5603 x 402 no later than August 1, 2019.



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Teen Ambassador Application – August 15-December 15 Service Term
Due no later than August 1, 2019

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Do you text? (Circle one) Yes No

Date of Birth _____ T-shirt Size (Circle one – Adult Sizes) SM MED LG XL XXL

4-H Club _____ County _____

Fall 2019 Grade in School (Circle one) 7 8 9 10 11 12

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a Teen Ambassador for the TRY 4-H! program?
2. TRY 4-H! requires Teen Ambassadors to make a 6 month commitment to the program. Describe a time when you had to make a commitment and how you honored that commitment.
3. What would you say about 4-H to convince someone to join a 4-H club?

Check Here: I am aware that I will need to attend the mandatory training on Thursday, August 15 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm if I am selected to serve as a Teen Ambassador.

Check Here: I am aware that I will need access to the internet for email communication and to attend the Zoom video conference meetings.

Check Here: I have discussed the responsibilities of serving as a TRY 4-H! Teen Ambassador with my parents and am prepared to fulfill all of the commitments. I know that I will need transportation to and from all 4-H exhibits and programs hosted by TRY 4-H!

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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RETURN TO:

UVM Extension, attn: TRY 4-H, 29 Sunset Drive #2, Morrisville, VT 05661
or email Lauren.Traister@uvm.edu, or fax 802-888-2432