



#SCIENCEMATTERS

Call for 4-H Science Matters Project Leaders

General Description

Alameda and Contra Costa 4-H Programs have been selected to participate in a new nationwide project called Science Matters. Its long-term goal is to drive youth to a pathway that will deepen their understanding of how science connects to their food, animals and health; spark their interest in agri-science careers; and empower them with the skills and support to show their communities just how much science matters.

The 4-H Science Matters Adult Volunteer:

- Advises and assists 4-H members in planning events and activities.
- Identifies resources available to help members plan agri-science activities.

Time Commitment

- Project meetings planned by the group (minimum six hours of project instruction).
- Special project activities, visits, tours, fair, etc.
- Attendance at training sessions.
- Ability to travel from January 11 – January 16, 2018 to the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science at the National 4-H Conference Center.
- One year - until June 2018.



Questions/Interested?

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Activities

- Help build agricultural literacy among urban and rural youth in underserved communities and provide pathways for leadership and service in the field of agri-science.
- Demystify uninformed perceptions of agriculture and show the impact that advancements in science create for our world.
- Work with a team of 4-5 teen leaders in your community to identify an issue that can be solved through agriculture and science based solutions.
- Science Matters activities include community action planning, implementation, presentation and evaluation.
- The Science Matters Adult Volunteer will be the adult volunteer for all events hosted and/or attended by the unit.
- Include hands-on experiential learning opportunities for team to gain knowledge and skills related to the role of science in their community.



Qualifications

- 18 years of age or older.
- Project volunteers must be or can complete 4-H adult volunteer certification.
- Knowledge of the subject matter and/or a willingness to attend training.
- The ability to communicate with groups of diverse youth and adults.
- Able to share decision-making and responsibilities with youth.
- Have the time and energy to devote to the project.
- Commitment to 4-H program mission and core values.



Rewards

The 4-H Science Matters Adult Volunteer may experience the:

- Satisfaction of significant contribution to growth of youth.
- Respect and friendships of youth, fellow volunteers and 4-H staff.
- Respect and gratitude of parents/guardians and community.
- Recognition of accomplishments by unit and county.
- Opportunity for continued personal growth.
- Paid travel expenses from January 11 – January 16, 2018 to the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science at the National 4-H Conference Center.
- Mileage reimbursement.

Resources Available

The 4-H Science Matters Adult Volunteer will receive:

- Support and assistance from parents/guardians of unit members and from the county 4-H staff.
- County or area training sessions.
- Members' manuals, leaders' guides and other printed and audiovisual materials from Cooperative Extension and other sources.

