

Learn More — Lead On

Youth opportunities for learning and developing leadership skills are endless. Leadership occurs in the community, not in seclusion, separate from others. Here are some ideas that can extend your leadership skills within your club or community. You'll find resource pages at the end of this section.

Ideas for Meaningful Leadership Activities:

Presentation or Demonstration Ideas

- Meeting Manners
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Duties of a club officer
- Leadership Styles
- How to develop a multi-media presentation
- How to plan an effective meeting
- Understanding diversity
- Decision-Making process
- Problem Solving process
- Resolving conflict
- Facilitation skills
- What is Service-learning
- Planning service projects
- Planning fundraising events
- Goal-setting

Field Trip Ideas

- Visit an elected official's office
- Organize a group trip to the state capitol or nation's capitol
- Visit a local city or county council meeting
- Attend a school board meeting or leader's council meeting
- Attend a local leadership workshop
- Attend a leadership camp or conference

Service-Learning Ideas

- Plan a service project for your club
- Map community service opportunities
- Assist with a community project
- Tutor younger youth
- Start a literacy program in your community
- Help raise money for a local charity
- Plan an environmental clean-up
- Start an Adoptive Grandparents program
- Conduct a community needs assessment/survey
- Assist a community service organization as a volunteer
- Organize a candidate's forum
- Plan a community celebration of diversity
- Plan a service project for National Youth Service Day

Exhibit Ideas

- A notebook or scrapbook of the leadership activities
- A portfolio of your leadership experiences
- A display on Leadership styles
- A photo story of a leadership experience
- A display of a community service-learning project you help plan

Extended Leadership Opportunities

- Serve as a club officer
- Assist club officers with preparing and conducting meetings
- Serve on a committee
- Serve as a chairperson of a committee
- Recruit youth for your club
- Recruit volunteers
- Help plan a club program
- Write an article for a newspaper, newsletter
- Coordinate a fundraising effort
- Teach others
- Plan a field trip
- Serve as a camp counselor
- Help plan a camp program
- Plan a family event for your club
- Serve on a community youth council
- Promote youth leadership opportunities
- Organize a youth leadership club
- Develop a club Web page
- Interview community leaders
- Prepare a press release
- Volunteer at a museum, animal shelter, zoo
- Become a junior police officer, hospital aide or junior park ranger
- Invite a new person to every club meeting