

Breaking Through the Boundary of Teen Leadership

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Project Groups

- Leadership I starts off with basic leadership skills-leading a meeting, basic budgeting, goal setting, communication skills, planning a project, etc. The group plans and implements a community service project.
- Leadership II concentrates on speaking skills and publicity. Members learn how to write press releases and conduct publicity campaigns. Projects include planning and conducting a community service project.

Project Groups (Cont'd)

- Leadership III focuses on fundraising and grant writing. Participants in this group will search for and write a grant proposal as well as take responsibility for planning a community service project.
- Leadership IV has teens taking all the skills they have learned and putting them into practice by working independently to plan and implement a community service project.

Leadership Weekends

- Weekends for both middle schoolers and high schoolers are planned by teens for other teens. Usually held at the 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, the weekends focus on leadership skills. The weekends are open to all youth in Northern Virginia area. In addition to planning, the majority of the weekend is led by qualified experienced teens.

New Dominion Outreach Program

- Volunteer adult leader Barbara Reese teaches once a week leadership program to middle schoolers at the New Dominion Alternative Education Center in Manassas. New Dominion has been recognized as a National Leader school (one of only 63 nation wide) and last year students contributed 3096 hours of community service.

Purpose

- To teach and develop leadership skills.
- To provide a healthy, drug and alcohol free atmosphere for teens to socialize.
- To encourage community service by teens.
- To promote good character among the teens.

Community Service

- Sock puppets for Pediatric patients at a local hospital.
- Luau at B.A.R.N. transitional housing.
- Baby care packages for teen mothers.
- Halloween party for community children.
- Safe Night for teens to have a fun night without the influence of drugs, alcohol, or violence.
- Stocking stuffers for needy children.

Deana's Experiences

- I have been in Teen Leadership Club for four years and have completed Leaderships I-IV.
- I co-chaired the March middle school weekend with Kim Sager. I will also be chairing the middle school weekend next March.
- I have done many community service projects, fundraising, publicity, and I have completed the Tadmasters program twice.

Kim's Experiences

- I have been in 4-H for 9 years and in the 4-H Leadership Club for 3 years.
- I have helped with a number of community service projects, fundraising, and publicity.
- I am currently serving as Northern District 4-H State Ambassador in Virginia, in which I used the skills I have learned to get the job.
- I have also attended Tadmasters classes on public speaking through the 4-H Leadership club.

What We Have Learned

- How to plan, fundraise for, publicize, and conduct a community service project.
- Public speaking.
- CHARACTER COUNTS!
- Goal setting.
- Organization.
- Team work.

Impact on Our Lives

- It has taught us how to be good citizens and good leaders.
- It has given us the opportunity, confidence, and skills to come here and speak to you.
- It encouraged us to be the best we can be and to make the best better.
- It has given us the opportunity to explore who we are and the difference we can make in our communities.

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