





## 4-H VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SERIES

Nebraska 4-H Youth Development

## Ten Tips for Working with Youth

- 1. Share the responsibility of leadership. Provide guidance, but avoid total control.
- 2. Listen carefully to youth and try to understand their perspective.
- 3. Provide meaningful roles and assignments for youth.
- 4. Share all work activities, even tedious ones.
- 5. Treat young people as equals and develop a partnership relationship.
- 6. Keep youth informed about activities, even when problems occur.
- 7. Be energetic and excited about activities. Have a positive, open attitude.
- Make activities fun and challenging.
- 9. Be clear about the levels of authority for youth and back their decisions when they fall within the agreed upon guidelines.
- 10. Serve as role models for the youths and be fair and consistent in your actions.



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