Now to the direct point...What is the first step for a Person to become a Project, Key or Resource Leader?

As with member enrollment, leader and key committee lists are created after the January 5 open enrollment closes. (Key committees do meet each October and November to evaluate the past year and start to make plans for the next.) Interested persons are asked to sign up by enrolling through the http://wi.4hOnline.com website making sure to check the appropriate role. Remember that by doing so you will also need to abide by the policies set forth by WI 4-H and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Begin the enrollment process using the instructions found on the 4hOnline website. When you get to the project selection page of your enrollment, you will need to select which type of leader you wish to be. In the projects drop-down box you will see all projects offered in Shawano County. For instance, if you are intending to be a project leader in Visual Arts you would select "Art: Visual Arts".

BUT if you would like to serve on the county visual Arts Key Committee you would select "Art: County Visual Arts Key Committee – youth and adult leaders". You will notice **YOUTH leaders** are encouraged to be on these committees as well. Please discuss this with your members to consider enrolling AND participating in these committees. That is the way we help ensure these programs are truly for our members! **YOUTH** can also enroll as a youth leader within any given project in their club.



You will notice in some key committees there are multiple options to join. Looking above at the County Livestock Key Committee you would be able to join under Beef, Sheep or Swine. This will allow everyone to know your project of specialty. If you know a lot about two projects within a given key committee, you are welcome to enroll under one or multiple projects.

For example, say you would like to be the Crocheting and Child Development **Project leader** for your club and you feel you can offer knowledge and input on the county level as well, but you are really only comfortable in this level in crocheting. Looking at this list, you would select BOTH "Child Development" and "Crocheting" and select **PROJECT LEADER** in the drop down box for both. You would then also select "Crocheting: County Family Living Key committee-Youth and Adult Leaders". Then you would select **KEY LEADER** in the drop down box. Remember, though, that you can list EACH project you are comfortable being a county-wide leader in. You can also enroll in a key committee and list yourself as a **RESOURCE LEADER**. This is an individual who may not have a strong background but an interest in the

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Cloverbuds:Intro to 4-H Communications

Computers

Computers: County Mechanical Sciences Key Committee - youth and adult leaders

Creative Writing Crocheting

Crocheting: County Family Living Key Committee - youth and adult leaders

project and is willing to assist others in finding the resources they need. You may also sign up as a resource Leader for your club only simply by enrolling within your project of interest. For example, you would like to help others with computers, but don't feel like you have the knowledge to be a project leader. You could select Computers and then in the drop down box under that you would select Resource Leader. This tells your club leader that you are willing to help direct others to find resources. Maybe it is contacting the Extension-Shawano County office to see if there are other Computer leaders that could help out members in clubs other than their own. Maybe it is providing simple information about upcoming events or information about where a member can go for resources.

Enrolling is just the first step but it is a very important step for you to complete. Without Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development doing so, you will not be on the appropriate communication listings so that you will be kept up to date with the latest details for a given project. Remember that all leaders must complete the required Volunteer in Preparation training, background check (which Logged in as & Chris Clover is re-run every 4 years) and new leaders must complete the Mandated Reporter Training. A link to this is available in 4hOnline by clicking on the "Trainings" tab, then the Grey box "Sign Up for a Training". All new leaders MUST do the Mandated Reporter. ALL leaders are encouraged to complete that as well as the "Essential Elements of Youth Development" training found there. Your Trainings Completed or In Progress FYI, according to WI 4-H policy, if you are returning to a leadership role after being absent for 5 or more years, you must complete the ENTIRE training process again. Training Edit / View