



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas.

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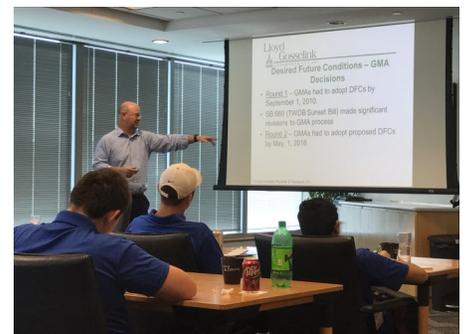
# Program Structure

Through an application process, (2) high school youth from each of the (16) Texas Regional Water Planning Areas are selected to participate in a summer **4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy** and commit **service** hours annually in a variety of ways.

## Texas 4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy is a 10-day tour of Texas exposing youth to a wide diversity of water resources, water uses, sensitive ecosystems, water quality concerns, as well as the applied research and technologies employed to conserve this valued resource.

Ambassadors will gain insight into water law, policy, planning, and management as they interact with representatives from state water agencies, educators, policy-makers, and water resource managers. Water Ambassadors will also gain an appreciation for the complexity of managing Texas surface and groundwater resources, its importance to local, regional, and state economies, and the responsibility we all have to protect this valuable resource for future generations.



*Knowledge without wisdom is like water in the sand.* — Guinean Proverb

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## Leadership, Mentorship, & Community Service

Water Ambassadors will commit a minimum **40 hours of service** over a 12-month period following the Academy. Service hours may include delivering water education at local 4-H clubs, schools, fairs, and community events.

Ambassadors can also earn credit by assisting local water utilities, water conservation districts and Extension agents as they conduct water outreach activities and demonstration projects.

Additional service credit will be awarded for Ambassadors who participate in periodic web-based continuing education opportunities and assignments administered by the 4-H2O Program Coordinator.



**EXPERIENCE** 💧 **EDUCATION** 💧 **KNOWLEDGE** 💧 **SKILL** 💧 **CREATIVITY**  
**SERVICE** 💧 **LEADERSHIP** 💧 **MENTORSHIP** 💧 **ADVOCACY**

By connecting with water professionals, Water Ambassadors gain exposure and recognition as **youth leaders**, learn about **internship opportunities**, and explore pathways to the diverse **career paths** in the water industry.



*No two persons ever read the same book.* — Edmund Wilson

*Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.*

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# Coordination & Oversight

The Texas 4-H State Water Ambassadors Program and 4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy is led by Texas 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and supported in part by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. An 'Action Team' of industry, organization sponsors, and stakeholders provide guidance for programming and serve as mentors for Water Ambassadors.

# Investor & Partnership Opportunities

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program is funded through private sponsorships. Funds will be used solely for the mission and objectives of the Texas 4-H Youth Water Ambassadors Program.



Sponsorships are made to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation—a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.



Texas 4-H is a club for kids in 3rd—12th grade, with programs for K-2. From food science and robotics to fashion design and photography, there's a 4-H activity for everyone. Find a club near you to start making friends, learn new skills, and be a better you!

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