BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Participant

Junior Leadership

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Jr. Leadership Beaufort County is a 4-H Program dedicated to developing high school age participants into young leaders. This program will provide training in the area of personal and leadership development, networking, communication, financial management, and civic engagement.

Program meetings will have two parts. The morning portion of the program will be dedicated to youth completing hands-on 4-H projects that develops essential life skills. The afternoon will consist of youth learning by example. They will meet community members that are paving the way in their disciplines.

Youth will be required to complete a service project to be eligible for graduation from the program. Students who will be classified as high school sophomores and juniors during the program year are eligible. The program is open to public, private and home schooled students who live and/or attend school in Beaufort County. Students must be in good academic standing with their school and must have a written endorsement from their high school principal or guidance counselor as well as support of their parent/guardian.

The program requires dedication and a $100 program fee that must be paid in full before orientation. If assistance is required, please contact Beaufort County 4-H agent Meghan Barkley at mebarkl@clemson.edu

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach, the involvement of caring adults, and the knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land grant university system to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.

Beaufort Jr. Leadership will adhere to CDC guidelines and follow recommendations from Clemson University Leadership.
**PROGRAM GOALS**

- Youth develop valuable leadership and essential life skills.
- Participants are given the opportunity to gain new contacts through network and relationship building.
- Create an environment where youth are confident in their abilities to make a difference through community service and volunteerism.

**TIMELINE**

- March 5, 2021: Application opens
- May 7, 2021: Application closes
- Late May 2021: Interviews
- Fall 2021: Retreat and program launch
- Spring 2022: Inaugural class graduation

**OUTCOMES**

- Youth take acquired leadership and essential life skills into their future career.
- Participants will be able to stay engaged with the established network as they further their education and develop their careers.
- Participants will be equipped with the tools to engage in community development in Beaufort county as strong leaders, concerned citizens and positive role models.
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

May 7th 2021 - Deadline to submit applications

August: Mandatory Orientation
Session Focus: Teambuilding, Personality Assessment, Leadership Development and Etiquette

**Monthly sessions will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted**

September: History & Art Day
Session Focus: Students take a journey to the past and discover the rich history of the second major settlement in South Carolina while also learning the value of arts & culture in Beaufort.

4-H project focus: Developing communication skills

October: Business & Industry Day
Session Focus: Students will receive an overview of the top industries, economic profile, and business climate for Beaufort County along with career options.

4-H project focus: Exploring college & career options and financial management

November: Health Care & Healthy Living Day
Session Focus: Exposing students to the large health care industry in our county, the impact of the industry on our county and career opportunities in addition to being reminded of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

4-H project focus: How to prepare a healthy and balanced meal

December: Social Issues and Community Service Day
Session Focus: Overview of social issues affecting Beaufort County citizens. Students will hear from community service organizations that work to address these concerns. Participants will determine their Community Service Project at the conclusion of this session.

4-H project focus: Completing volunteer service hours
January: Education Day
Session Focus: Students will learn policies and procedures behind the education system in Beaufort County.

4-H project focus: Practice public speaking and learn professional dress

February: Military Ties Day
Session Focus: Students will have the opportunity to learn about the missions and activities of the Military and the roles and impacts they have in our local community.

4-H project focus: Training on how to manage meetings

March: Local Government Day
Session Focus: Students will garner an understanding of how local government is organized, operated, and funded.

4-H project focus: Preparation for emergency situations and CPR training

April: Agribusiness Day
Session Focus: Students will visit a local farm where they will learn more about agriculture and agribusiness’ economic impact. Students will have the opportunity to network with industry leaders and learn more about the many career opportunities available.

4-H project focus: Resume writing and interview preparation

May: Graduation
Graduation will take place in the evening with a reception to follow. The families of our graduates along with our sponsors and advisory board members are all invited.
For questions, please contact:

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