

## **ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADERS Southern Region Leader Forum**

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:** Early October

### **OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM:**

Adult 4-H leaders from 13 southern states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands assemble annually for a three-day training program conducted at Rock Eagle 4-H Center near Eatonton, Georgia. The purpose of the forum is for volunteer leaders to

- (1) Participate in experiences that improve their ability to perform individual leadership roles.
- (2) Learn new skills, information, techniques, and resources to enhance the quality of their local 4-H program.
- (3) Become knowledgeable about a variety of successful 4-H programs, activities, and systems—through structured and unstructured opportunities.
- (4) Share with others the knowledge and skills learned at the forum to increase the impact of 4-H youth work back in the home state, county, and club.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Delegates should be actively involved in their 4-H program at the local and county level. Because a substantial amount of walking is required during the week at Rock Eagle, leaders attending should be in good physical condition. Leaders applying should possess a willingness to share their learning experiences with others when returning home.

### **APPLICATION AND DUE DATE:**

Leaders interested in applying for this activity should use the standard application—Arkansas Adult 4-H Leader Activity Application, FY4-H-656—and submit it, along with the \$50 deposit, to the state 4-H office by July 1. Full activity fees are due August 1.

### **EXPENSES:**

The total cost of this activity cannot be determined until forum registration fees are set and mode of transportation is determined. However, cost should be approximately \$350–\$400. This fee covers conference registration, meals, lodging, insurance, and transportation. Transportation costs may vary depending on type chosen.

Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders Association will award a limited number of scholarships to volunteers desiring to attend the forum. To apply for the scholarship, a leader should complete the application form "Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders Association Scholarship Application" and submit it with the forum application.