

Leadership Opportunities!

Key:

Presenter can read or summarize in their own words

Directions to presenter for workshop questions and relating items discussed in workshop to our lives

Intro: *How many of you can tell me what the campaign slogan of milk is? (Got Milk?) Well today I am going to ask you a very similar question. Have you got leadership? How many of you think you have got leadership? Well, in the process we will also learn a little more about an organization that has really got leadership...FFA! (transition into activity.)*

Activity: Four word game, Leadership style: Same as usual, but put them in a situation that it is required to be a leader (i.e. solving a problem)

Directions: On the chalk board have the students list four random words.

Decide on your situation that puts the students in a leadership position.

Pick as many volunteers that are necessary to act out the situation.

Have your volunteers act out your leadership situation using only the four words that they picked at the beginning of the activity.

After 20 to 30 seconds stop your actors and move directly into the slide show.

Slide 1

Title: What is leadership? (*Ask audience to come up with a one to two word definition*)

Leadership is influence! That means to act upon someone or something else in a positive manner.

Leadership is an ability that we can develop through practice.

Leadership develops over time, not in a day!

Leadership starts with an individual choice to influence others!

FFA is the perfect practice ground for your leadership skills! Check it out!

(Relate the previous activity to their definition of leadership. ie: just as you took your' influence' to help achieve the common goal of _____.)

Slide 2

Title: Do you have what it takes? (*Have students throw out a few skills essential to being a successful leader*)

What does it take to be leader in the FFA?

- The ability to influence
- The ability to communicate clearly
- The ability to sacrifice and compromise
- The ability to perform effectively and consistently

Fortunately, everyone in this room possesses these skills. Now we just need to refine them a bit. Lucky enough, the nation's largest youth leadership organization is more than willing to help out! There are so many ways to become a leader in the National FFA! Try these next examples on for size!

Slide 3

Title: Pack your bags!

The National FFA Organization offers a series of Leadership and Personal Growth conferences expanding on the mission of the organization (*Explain the FFA mission statement to students, expanding on premier leadership and personal growth, which are pertinent to this workshop*) F.I.R.E is hosted by the state FFA Association, and challenges attendees to find their inspiration and reach for excellence in life and FFA.

The Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp invites FFA members to spend a week in the mountains above Lander, Wyoming to discover leadership and personal growth at 9,000 feet!

The National FFA's premier leadership event is the Washington Leadership Conference held annually in our nation's capitol! FFA members from across the country discover what it takes to become an authentic leader by solving problems, building relationships, living with character, and being guided by service!

The National FFA also offers a variety of opportunities to travel overseas through the FFA Global program!

(Expand on each conference to put a personal spin on the workshop. Students will become as excited about these activities as you make them!)

Slide 4

Title: Becoming an Officer...

Those members who want to take on a larger role in their local chapter or state association have the option of running for an office, placing them in a perfect role to become a leader!

Members can reach this goal many ways, but the best is to start out small by volunteering for various committees and activities within their chapter (*Explain some of your chapter's committees and activities here!*)

The next step is filling out an application and interviewing for your chapter officer team! Your local advisor can help you reach your goal of becoming a chapter leader! (*Talk about your chapter officer team, i.e. role you play, number of officers, qualifications, election process, etc.*)

Those who wish to take it to the next level can run for a state or even national office! They then have an opportunity to positively influence FFA members across the state, country, or even world!

FFA members who take advantage of the many leadership opportunities FFA has to offer can become officers at the local, state, and national level! These members utilize the skills they have learned at the many leadership conferences to influence their members, and develop the FFA brand! The extraordinary FFA legacy has made it a true honor to be an officer in the FFA, which will open many doors in the future.

Slide 5

Title: Got Life?

Most importantly, leadership experiences put life long skills into the hands of FFA members to prepare them for a career and their future! (*stress this to be the most important of the benefits*)

Living a lifetime of leadership will:

1. Deeper influence with those who follow you.
2. Successful and relevant organizations

3. Larger amount of followers

“A leader is someone who translates intention into reality and sustains it.” – Warren Bennis

The choice to be a leader isn't always an easy one. Being a leader is by no means a nine to five kind of job. By stepping up in your chapter, and committing yourself to leadership you and your chapter will stand out! Today you have learned a little bit more about an organization that truly has 'got leadership'! Just like we learned earlier, the choice is now yours. By joining FFA you will be offered unlimited opportunities to succeed and to grasp onto leadership. Ask yourself, have you got leadership?