

Look Ahead to Leadership

If leadership isn't in your short-term future, but you'd like it to be long-term, now's the time to learn about it and develop your skills.

Observe

Your first step is opening the chute to your brain so knowledge, examples and experiences can pour in. Watch other leaders in action. Consider their styles. Attend debates and panels so you can see dialogue and discourse at work. Practice your own communication skills, too.

REVIEW ONLY

"GOOD LEADERS MUST FIRST BE GOOD SERVANTS."

—Robert Greenleaf

Volunteer

When asked, take on an added responsibility that will help you learn what it's like to be a leader. Next time, volunteer.

All the while, notice what feels right, what doesn't. You'll begin to see that you know a thing or two about being a leader, and you'll feel confident and ready for the next step.

DO NOT SUBMIT

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YOU MAY NOT BE RUNNING THE SCHOOL OR THE COUNTRY. YOU MAY NOT EVEN BE A CLUB LEADER. BUT YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF SOME THINGS, AND THEY MAKE GREAT PRACTICE AREAS FOR TIMES WHEN YOU WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MUCH MORE.

- ▶ How do you handle these areas of your life?
- ▶ What might apply to taking charge as a good leader?

Check off what you're in charge of and more you think of:

- Attitude
- Room
- Car
- Locker
- Backpack
- Laundry
- Music practice
- Athletic challenges
- Other
