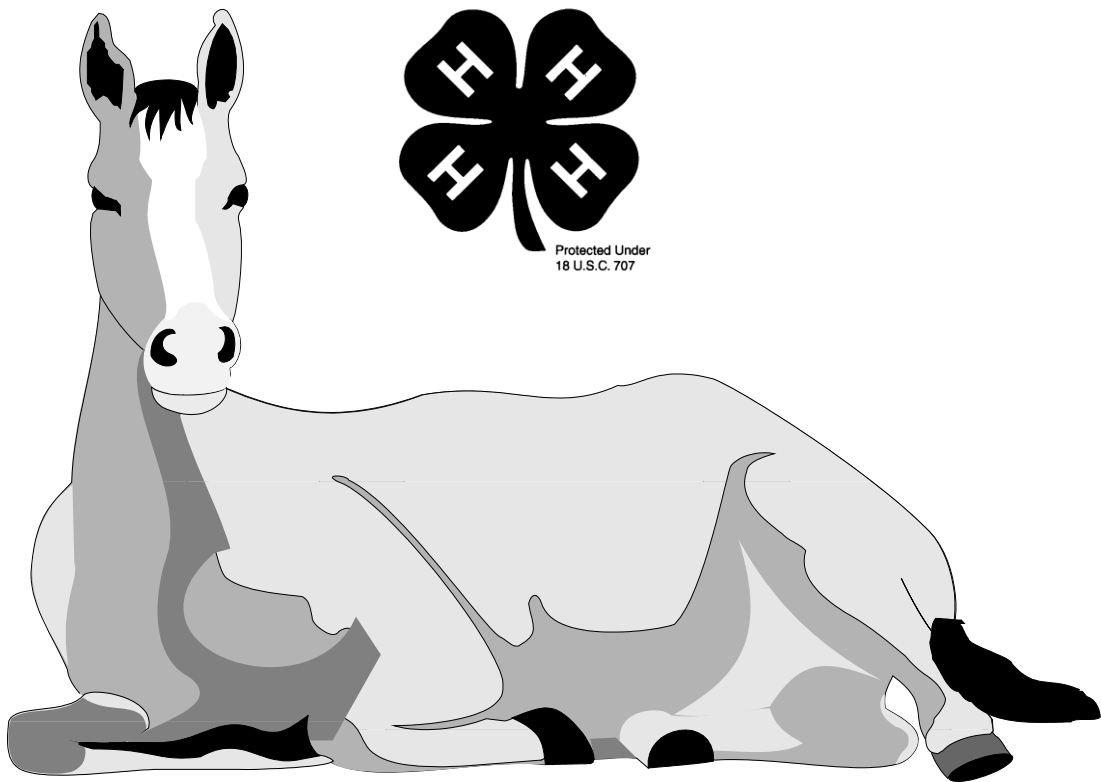


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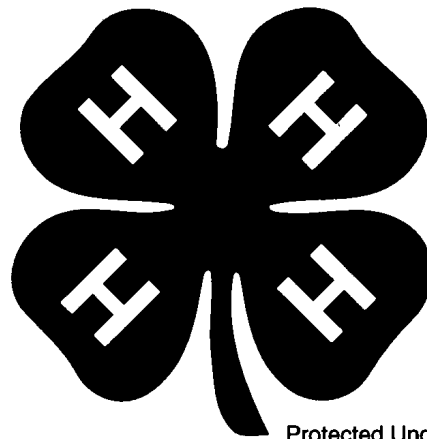
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We're pleased you joined 4-H! 4-H clubs are for all boys and girls, grades 1-13 (one year out of high school), wherever they live. Youth, grades K-3, can be 4-H Cloverbud members. Youth, grades 4-13, can be regular 4-H club members and enroll in many different 4-H projects. In a regular 4-H club, members choose projects that interest them. This guide is especially for new standard 4-H club members and their parents. 4-H is a family affair that includes learning **and** fun.

What a New 4-H Member Needs to Know

What is 4-H?

4-H is boys and girls getting together to learn new things, meet new friends, and have fun!

What is a 4-H project?

A topic that a member chooses to work on in a 4-H club. Different clubs offer different kinds of projects, such as rocketry, food and nutrition, gardening, and dog obedience. A 4-H project is something a member learns to do with the help of leaders and parents.

Some facts about 4-H

4-H Emblem - A green four-leaf clover, with a white 'H' on each leaflet

4-H Colors - Green and White

4-H Pledge (Members say it while saluting the 4-H flag)

I Pledge
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country,
and my world.

4-H Motto - To Make the Best Better

4-H Slogan - Learn by Doing

4-H is worldwide with about 10 million members!



My club name is _____

It meets _____

My club leaders are _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Members of my 4-H club are:

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A 4-H Club Member's Responsibilities

Tips to Help Make You and Your Club Successful

A 4-H club is a group of kids working with an adult volunteer leader toward common goals. These goals are chosen and accomplished by the entire club working together. The officers and leaders can't do it alone. This means that every member of the club needs to pitch in and do his or her part! Below are some reminders to help you help your club be successful.

1. Attend all of your club meetings. You can't be an active member if you're not around. Arrive on time, and plan to stay until the meeting ends. If you miss a meeting for an important reason, let your leader or an officer know in advance if possible.

Remember that, in 4-H, meetings are held to:

- Get things done
- Bring up new ideas
- Build leadership skills of all members
- Be a change of pace from everyday activities
- Get to know other members
- Learn and have fun

2. Follow an agenda during each meeting and don't get off the subject.

3. Go to meetings with your ideas and share them with others.

4. Raise your hand and be called on before speaking. Only one person should talk at one time.

5. Listen to what others have to say. Even if you don't agree with their opinions, it lets you hear other points of view. No matter what, you should respect their freedom of speech.

6 . Be a friend. Get to know other members. Help out when needed. Not all members are the same, but no one is more important than another. Be a friend and you'll have a friend!

7. Tell your parents about important dates in advance so they can get you to the meeting or event.

8. Know how to run a good meeting.

"Parliamentary procedure" is used to make sure that:

- One thing at a time is discussed
- Courtesy is given to everyone
- Rules of the majority are followed
- Rights of the minority are protected

The "official" way to suggest something in a meeting is to "make a motion." This is done by being called on (recognized) by the president and then saying, "I move that the club does..." Another club member seconds your motion. Then there is discussion and the club votes on the motion. That's really all there is to it. It just takes practice.

9. Read your county 4-H newsletter! It is written for you. There is news about other 4-H clubs and upcoming 4-H events for you and your club. Keep your newsletter and other 4-H materials in a safe place. This will help you be a better member.

10. Give a club and county public presentation.

Are you afraid to speak in front of a group? Don't worry, you can learn how in 4-H. Public speaking skills will not only help your club, but also help you succeed in everything else you do. It's not hard once you get started.

11. Enjoy your 4-H club. Have fun and learn at the same time!

What Parents of New 4-H Members Need to Know

The Mission of 4-H

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world. This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

How a 4-H club works

A 4-H club is usually a group of five or more kids, guided by an adult 4-H leader. Each club has a constitution. It is approved by the club members and contains the rules by which the club operates. The club meets once or more each month. Some members serve as officers. They are elected by the club members. Dues are optional and decided by the club.

Cloverbud clubs provide an introduction to 4-H and a way for younger members to explore several projects. Cloverbud is designed to be noncompetitive. In a **regular 4-H club**, members choose to work on at least one project in-depth. A project may be a topic like geology, photography, small animals, food and nutrition, or bicycling. It can be almost any subject that the club agrees to learn. Often a club will concentrate on one or two projects. Completed projects may be exhibited at the County 4-H Fair each summer. They are judged and awards are given for quality work.

How to get your child signed up in 4-H

If your child hasn't already done so, he or she needs to complete a 4-H Club Member Registration Form. Your club leader should have copies of this form. This will make your son or daughter an official 4-H member and her/his name will be added to the county 4-H mailing list. Please follow instructions and make sure that all parts of this form are filled in. Your child's club leader can help. The form requires the member's, parent's, and leader's signatures. Remember to sign it before giving it to the club leader. Another form can be used later to join other 4-H clubs or to change personal information, such as address or telephone number.

Where to get help

Many people in 4-H are ready and willing to help you. Here is a list of some of them:

- **4-H leader** - An adult who volunteers to help lead a 4-H club. Leaders work with club members to plan and conduct meetings and activities. Most of all, they teach 4-H members new skills.
- **4-H volunteer organization** - Every county has a group of volunteers which helps support the 4-H program. This organization works with the county 4-H agent to plan county 4-H events and to improve and expand 4-H. The name of this group varies among counties. It is often called the 4-H Association or 4-H Leaders' Association. Parents, club leaders, and other adults are welcome to serve on your county's 4-H volunteer group.
- **County 4-H Agent** - The professional who is responsible for administering the 4-H program in your county. He or she is a faculty member of Rutgers University and is located in the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office in your county. Other 4-H staff may also be available to help with county 4-H events, or to organize new clubs.
- **NJ 4-H Website** - There are also lots of resources online at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu

Helping your child become involved in 4-H

4-H offers many things to do. Being active in the club is most important. Here are a few other exciting 4-H activities. Get details from your county 4-H newsletter or club leader.

- **Public Presentations** - a great way to learn how to speak before a group without being afraid. A contest is sometimes held so members can be recognized for their efforts.
- **4-H Summer Camp** - 5-1/2 days of fun, friends, and learning at New Jersey's 4-H camp in Stokes State Forest.
- **County 4-H Fair** - an opportunity for all members to exhibit their completed 4-H projects each summer.

A parent's role in 4-H

Children need parental encouragement to get them started in 4-H and to keep them involved in the program through their teen years. You can help if you:

- **Share** - Take an interest in your child's 4-H project and activities. Listen, look, and offer suggestions, but avoid the temptation to "take over" and do things yourself. Learning by doing is the 4-H way. Your child learns by his or her mistakes as well as successes, if you provide encouragement.
- **Prepare** - Parents can assist by helping a child understand the value of having projects, duties, and presentations done on time, in a proper way. Also, be sure your child learns the importance of letting someone know if he or she cannot follow through as expected.
- **Be there**- Your child will gain more from 4-H by attending club meetings regularly and by getting involved in 4-H Camp, 4-H Fair, and many other activities. Parents can be part of 4-H, too. Don't just drop your youngster off at meetings - sit and observe. You are welcome. Get to know the club leader. Lend a hand wherever you can. However, try to remain objective and avoid "taking over" any activities. Remember, the club is for the kids.
- **Care** - Parents are expected to support their child's participation in the 4-H program to the best of their ability and to abide by the policies, procedures, and standards of behavior set forth by the 4-H Youth Development Program. Arrange to attend programs and events where your child is taking part. Your presence shows that you consider your child, and what he or she is doing, very important.

If this club doesn't work out, try another 4-H club. Contact your county 4-H office.



...from your new friends in 4-H

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1. What is 4-H?



4-H is an informal, practical educational program for youth. It is the youth development program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the off-campus division of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station of Rutgers University. 4-H is where there's fun in learning and learning in fun!

2. What is the mission of 4-H?

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world. This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land-grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

3. Isn't 4-H just for kids who live on farms?

No! 4-H is for all youth, wherever they live--on farms, in suburbs, in cities. 4-H serves youth from all backgrounds and interests. It reaches both boys and girls through 4-H clubs, special-interest groups and short-term projects, school-age child care, individual & family learning & mentoring, camping, and school enrichment. Most 4-H members are from towns and cities and they participate in contemporary projects such as bicycle care and safety, consumer education, aerospace and model rocketry, go-carting, and animal sciences. 4-H offers membership without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or handicap.

4. What is a 4-H club?

Clubs are the foundation of the 4-H program. A 4-H club is a group of five or more youngsters guided by one or more adult volunteer leaders. A club can be any size from a small group of kids from one neighborhood to a larger club consisting of youth from all over the county.

5. What happens in a 4-H club?

A 4-H club usually concentrates on one or more projects such as gardening, woodworking, small animals, food and nutrition, karate, photography, etc. 4-H members build leadership by electing officers and conducting their own business meetings; work together on community service activities; meet new friends; and most important, have lots of fun.

6. What age must you be to join 4-H?

Youth, grades 4-13 (one year out of high school), can be standard 4-H club members and enroll in many different 4-H projects. Members of this age may exhibit their completed work to be judged for awards. Youth, Kindergarten-3rd grade, can be 4-H Cloverbud members. The 4-H Cloverbud program is a noncompetitive learning experience. Usually, Cloverbud members are in separate clubs where they sample a variety of 4-H projects. Older 4-H members also have special opportunities, such as serving on a county-wide 4-H teen council.

7. Does it cost money to join 4-H?

4-H has no membership registration fee. Uniforms are not required. Most 4-H project information, activities, and events are free-of-charge or available at cost, which is usually minimal. Each club chooses whether to charge dues.

8. How did 4-H originate?

4-H clubs were preceded by corn clubs for boys and canning clubs for girls, organized in the early 1900's by public school educators who wanted to broaden the knowledge and experience of their students. 4-H became an official part of the Cooperative Extension Service, along with agriculture and home economics, at about the time Cooperative Extension was officially established by the U.S. Congress in 1914. The term "4-H Club" first appeared in a federal document in 1918, and by the mid-1920s, 4-H was well on its way to becoming a significant national program for youth. 4-H is an American idea that has spread around the world. Throughout its long history, 4-H has constantly adapted to the ever-changing needs and interests of youth.

9. Where does 4-H get its funding?

Rutgers Cooperative Extension, of which 4-H is a part, receives funds from a cooperative partnership of three levels of government: federal (the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture), state (via the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey), and county (through the county Board of Chosen Freeholders). 4-H also receives support from private sources.

10. Who "runs" the 4-H program?

Volunteers are the key to providing 4-H programs for youth. Capable, interested adult volunteers are always needed to lead clubs and to assist with 4-H activities. Orientation is provided, so no previous experience is necessary. 4-H volunteers are supported by a professional staff, including a county 4-H agent who is a faculty member of Rutgers University. The county 4-H agent is responsible for the county-wide 4-H program and also has state and national responsibilities. There are various county 4-H support and advisory groups made up of interested adult volunteers. State and national 4-H personnel assist county 4-H professionals.

11. What do the four H's on the 4-H emblem stand for?

The 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white 'H' on each leaflet, symbolizing Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The 4-H emblem was patented in 1924.

12. What is the 4-H pledge?

At 4-H club meetings and other 4-H events, 4-H members recite the Pledge of Allegiance and this 4-H pledge:
I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
my Heart to greater loyalty,
my Hands to larger service,
and my Health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

13. What is the 4-H motto?

"To Make the Best Better."

14. What is the 4-H slogan?

"Learn by Doing."

15. Where are 4-H programs found?

4-H programs are conducted in 3,150 counties of the United States, and also in the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. In addition, more than 80 countries around the world have youth programs similar to 4-H, with an overall enrollment of about 10 million young people.

16. Is 4-H in my county?

Yes! 4-H is in every county in the state. In New Jersey, thousands of members are in hundreds of local 4-H clubs. Thousands more are involved in 4-H through school enrichment, short-term programs, and camping. In addition, thousands of adults volunteer their time to assist with the 4-H program. You can become part of 4-H by contacting your county 4-H office.

17. How can I find out more about 4-H in my county?

Contact the 4-H staff in the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office in the county where you live.



The 4-H Program 4-H Philosophies & Opportunities



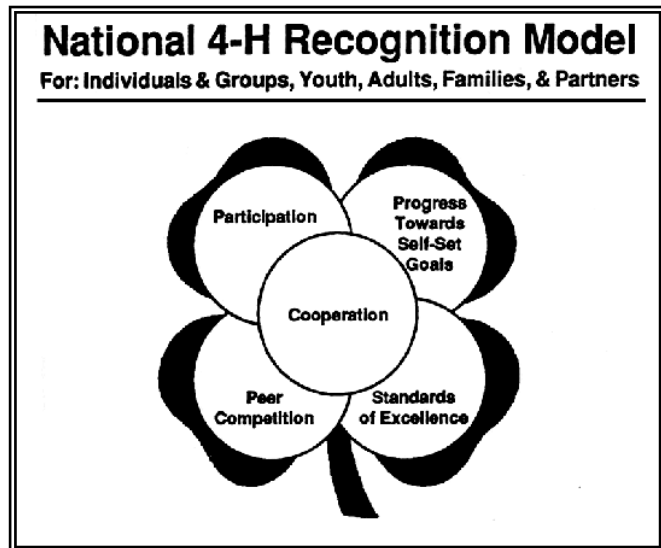
The 4-H Philosophy

4-H is a means of providing youth with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. The program uses a variety of projects as the vehicle for teaching life skills such as record keeping, public speaking, responsibility, citizenship and self-confidence. The 4-H program is designed to enhance 4-H members' learning skills, strengthen and use their decision-making skills, build self-confidence and a positive self-concept, communicate and relate to other people, and respond to the needs of others and the community.

The main goal of the 4-H program is to develop "Blue Ribbon Kids" not "Blue Ribbon Projects." In other words, the growth and development of youth is the measure of success for the 4-H program, rather than the type and quality of ribbons won by the 4-H member. This leads to the 4-H philosophy for recognizing youth for their accomplishments.

Recognition in the 4-H Program

Various methods of recognition are used for different age groups and activities. The following model represents a national policy statement about recognizing 4-H'ers. It is a comprehensive recognition program that can motivate 4-H'ers through both traditional and new ways.



Recognizing 4-H'ers for Participation in Educational Experiences

It is important to acknowledge the participation of 4-H members in an educational activity. For younger members, especially Cloverbud members (Grades K-3), this is the major form of recognition. It should be easy and simple for a member to earn this type of recognition. Being recognized for a year of 4-H club work by receiving a year pin is one example of recognizing participation. This can be the first step in building a young person's positive self-concept. The item used to recognize participation should be inexpensive, and can be given more than once. Examples are pens, badges, buttons, pencils, T-shirts, membership cards, and/or certificates. A 4-H name or clover should appear on the award if possible. Remember: The criteria for earning this recognition should be simple. All youth who meet the criteria are recognized. Recognition can be earned several times. The awards should be part of the learning experience.

Recognizing 4-H'ers for Progress Toward Individual and Group Goals

An important part of 4-H is to help members learn to set goals and plan ways to achieve those goals. Setting goals is appropriate for all ages and all activities. A 4-H member may have a goal of learning to put in a zipper, or a 4-H club may have a goal of collecting food for a local homeless shelter. Personal goals set by a member allow for the unique growth of that member. Adults, both leaders and parents, should be part of this goal setting process to help the member set realistic and reasonable goals, as well as to evaluate the progress toward achieving them. Setting and achieving small goals will lead to

accomplishing a long-term goal, such as completing the year's project.

Accomplishing a goal will help to build a positive self-concept. Although intrinsic awards such as positive comments, a pat on the back, or a smile are probably the strongest motivators, extrinsic awards may also be useful. Examples are: stickers, patches, or 4-H memorabilia.

Goal Setting Questions

1. *What would you like to accomplish in your project or activity?*
2. *What resources do you need to reach your goals?*
3. *What are the steps you need to take to reach your goal?*
4. *Is this goal worthy of your time and abilities?*
5. *Are you happy with your goal?*
6. *Have you recorded your plan?*

Recognizing 4-H'ers for Achievement of Standards of Excellence

Measuring a member's accomplishments against a set of standards is one of the most common ways that 4-H members have been traditionally recognized. Fairs are excellent opportunities for youth to have their work compared to standards. The Danish system of judging allows members to receive colored ribbons (blue, red, yellow, white), based on a score determined according to established standards. However, when members are then ranked against one another and an overall winner is selected, recognition moves to the next level of peer competition.

When recognizing member's achievement of standards, it is important that the standards be well-defined, usually on a score sheet. All participants should know and understand the standards they need to achieve. After members are evaluated, feedback from the judge is needed to help them learn how well they rated on a set of standards and to receive suggestions for improvements.

Recognizing 4-H'ers for Results from Peer Competition

Competition is said to be the American way of life, and that if children do not learn to be competitive, they will never succeed. Contrary to popular belief, some people are not motivated by competition against their peers. In fact, youth who are turned off by peer competition will find other ways to channel their energies. The risk is too high for them. Participation in peer competition should be optional.

In peer competition, there are winners and losers. The high risk involved can cause stress, conflict, disagreement, and hurt feelings. It is important to establish specific selection procedures. Rules must be stated, understood and enforced.

It becomes easy to confuse the reason for this type of recognition. Are members trying to learn and do the best they can, or are they trying to win? This type of recognition is more extrinsic than intrinsic, with the award being a trophy, rosette, or a plaque. If properly designed and implemented, this type of recognition showcases the best things produced by 4-H'ers.

Recognizing 4-H'ers for Cooperation

Learning and working together promotes high achievement. Cooperation may take advantage of all the skills represented in the group, as well as the process by which the group approaches the learning task or goal. Everyone is rewarded.



County 4-H Program



County 4-H Awards

4-H members are recognized for their project work at the Achievement Night Program held in the fall. The types of awards given are described below.

Year Completion

4-H members are recognized for completing the 4-H year. To complete the 4-H year, a member must be a MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:

- Attend 70% of regular club meetings.
- Give a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Complete a 4-H Horse Project Record Book.
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

Certificates, Medals and Citations

There are three different awards used to recognize outstanding project work. They are a certificate, medal and a citation. Here is how a 4-H member may be eligible for these awards.

First and second year members must:

- complete the 4-H year including completing their project
- do a Public Presentation at the club or the county level. (Only members doing a public presentation at the club and county level will be considered for a medal or citation.) 4-H members giving presentations in their local club will be considered for certificates.
- participate in some county events such as Fair, Fashion Revue, Holiday Crafts, camp, etc.

Third year and older members must:

- complete the 4-H year including completing their project
- do a Public Presentation at the club and the county level. (Only members doing a public presentation at the club and county level will be considered for a certificate, medal or citation.)
- participate in some county events such as Fair, Fashion Revue, Holiday Crafts, camp, etc.

Most Improved

Besides project awards, each club nominates a 4-H member to receive the Most Improved award. The award is also presented at Achievement Night.

County 4-H Events and Opportunities

The 4-H program offers many events and activities besides the 4-H club. The following is a list of these opportunities which are open to all 4-H members, no matter what project they are enrolled in.

- Achievement Night: Achievement Night is a special program to honor members and leaders. A dessert buffet is served. Club leaders are recognized and 4-H members receive project awards during the program. Achievement Night is usually held in early November.
- Fall Festival: The Fall Festival is an evening program for Cloverbud and regular 4-H members held in October. There is a pumpkin decorating contest and a Halloween Costume parade. 4-H members compete in a foods contest. All participants make a Halloween craft.
- Holiday Crafts: Holiday Crafts is usually held in November or December. Participants (children

and adults) make holiday ornaments. Everyone is requested to bring 1/2 dozen cookies for the evening's refreshments.

- Public Presentations Workshop: Scared of public presentations? This workshop is designed to help 4-H members prepare to give a presentation. The workshop is usually held for clubs.
- County Public Presentations: 4-H and Cloverbud members give public presentations to a small audience, including two judges. Members who are giving their first or second county public presentation can choose to have comments only or be judged. Judges meet with the 4-H member after their presentations to give comments and suggestions. 4-H members who are in the eighth grade or older and receive an excellent rating are eligible to compete in the State 4-H Public Presentations Contest which is held in June at Rutgers University. County 4-H Public Presentations are held in March and April.
- 4-H Camp: Pack your bags and head for the hills. 4-H camp is an exciting week for young people in grades 3-9. 4-H'ers have the opportunity to attend camp with several host counties throughout the state. Camp is located at the L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County. Camp theme descriptions, dates and fees are announced in the spring issue of the *Clover Chats* newsletter.
- Salem County Fair: The fair is one of the highlights of the 4-H program. Club members display their projects. 4-H members with animal projects participate in shows. Clubs are welcome to put up exhibits in the 4-H building. The fair runs Tuesday through Friday, the first full week in August.

4-H Events and Opportunities for Older 4-H Members

- South Jersey Teen Conference: Teens from 10 South Jersey counties join for a conference which is centered on one of the themes that are on a four year rotation. The themes are leadership, peer plus, election campaign and miscellaneous. The conference is held Friday-Sunday the first or second weekend in March at a hotel in one of the Southern counties. The cost of the conference is approximately \$200.00.
- Winter Camp: Cold weather fun activities at 4-H camp. The camp is Friday-Sunday in January or February. Cost is usually around \$110.00.
- Discover the Leader in You: The conference is for 4-H members in grades 6-8. While attending the conference held in south Jersey, middle school youth will have fun, meet new friends, and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can utilize at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community.
- Leadership Washington Focus: The program provides an opportunity for youth to listen to motivational speakers and participate in workshops that will develop communication skills, increase leadership capacity and build lifetime skills. Generally LWF is held in July at the National 4-H Center outside of Washington D.C. Two Salem County 4-H'ers are selected to attend through an application process. Participants must be in grades 6-8.
- Citizenship Washington Focus: The nation's capital becomes a "living classroom" for this innovative approach to citizenship education. Generally CWF is held in July at the National 4-H Center outside of Washington D.C. Two Salem County 4-H'ers are selected to attend through an application process. Participants must be in grades 9-12.

- National 4-H Congress: One outstanding 4-H'er is selected from each county to represent New Jersey. Participants must be in grades 10-12. Members must fill out an application and be interviewed. The event is held in Atlanta, Georgia and is usually held at the end of November or early December.
- National 4-H Conference: Outstanding 4-H'ers from across the U.S. are gathered together to develop programming for 4-H. The Conference is a weeklong and takes place in April at the National 4-H Center. Participants must be in grades 10-12. Members must fill out an application and be interviewed. New Jersey selects six participants.



The 4-H Horse Program



National Horse Program Objectives

The horse program is a part of the 4-H program nationwide. The following national objectives provide a framework for the horse program.

- Acquire skills in horse management by owning a horse or pony and being responsible for it
- Appreciate riding as recreation
- Learn horsemanship skills and understand breeding, training, and raising horses as a business.
- Promote love and humane treatment of animals.
- Develop sportsmanship, cooperation, decision making ability, and public speaking skills through participation in demonstrations, tours, judging and/or exhibits.

County 4-H Horse Awards

To be eligible for year end and club awards a member must:

- have registered as a member (pay dues and insurance) as of January 1 of the current project year.
- be a **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

- Attend 70% of regular club meetings.
- Give a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Be responsible for the care and training of the horse to the fullest extent possible.
- Complete a 4-H Horse Project Record Book.
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

- raise \$50.00 through club fund raising activities

- Club End of Year Awards
 - Perfect Attendance: awarded to members who attend all club meetings
 - Participation: awarded to the member with the highest participation points in each of the clubs (See "Point System" list at end of book.)
 - Record Books: awarded to the younger, intermediate and older member with the best record book
 - Salesmanship: Awarded to the member with the highest total sales.
- Ernest C. Bell Memorial Sportsmanship Award: This memorial award is presented to an individual exhibiting exemplary conduct during the 4-H year. Ernest Bell was a 4-H leader and supporter of the 4-H Horse program.

- High Point English Hunter Junior Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from the following classes: showmanship, hunter type Hunter under Saddle, equitation on the flat and equitation over fences.
- High Point English Hunter Senior Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from the following classes: showmanship, hunter type Hunter under Saddle, equitation on the flat and equitation over fences.
- High Point English Pleasure Junior Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from the following classes: showmanship, pleasure type Hunter under Saddle, equitation on the flat and equitation over fences.
- High Point English Pleasure Senior Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from the following classes: showmanship, pleasure type Hunter under Saddle, equitation on the flat and equitation over fences.
- High Point Western Junior Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from the following classes: showmanship, pleasure, horsemanship and western riding.
- High Point Western Senior Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from the following classes: showmanship, pleasure, horsemanship and western riding.
- High Point Games Trophy: Points are accumulated for barrels, pole bending, bow-tie and keyhole race from qualifying shows and western show at fair. Classes from Game Night do not count. Two trophies will be awarded, one for horse and one for pony, if there are at least six horse and six pony entries at each of the shows.
- Hunter Challenge Award: Points are accumulated for ALL OVER FENCES CLASSES. Two trophies will be awarded, one for horse and one for pony, if there are at least six horse and six pony entries at each of the shows.
- Western Challenge Award: Points are accumulated for ALL WESTERN CLASSES. (Does not include any games classes.)
- All Around High Point Horse/Pony & Rider: Points are accumulated from all classes both English and Western.

Non-showing 4-H Horse Program Opportunities

Horse Judging

Description: In horse judging, 4-H members make a careful study of animals measuring them individually against a commonly accepted ideal. 4-H members learn to look at a group of four horses (a class) and compare the balance and type, as well as the correctness of the structures of the horses.

During a horse judging contest, the members rank four horses in a class from most like the ideal to the least like the ideal horse. Generally, in a horse judging contest, 4-H members also have an opportunity to give oral reasons for why they rated the classes the way they did. Oral reasons are generally done for two classes.

4-H members who participate in horse judging become keen observers, poised and confident speakers, and learn that doing their best is a positive contribution to the team.

Dates:

- Practices begin in the winter
- The state contest is usually held in late spring or early summer.

Coordinator: Cheryl Johnson and Linda Duke are the coaches of the Salem County Team

Horse Bowl

Description: The horse bowl is based on the collegiate bowl contests that used to be on TV. Contestants are asked questions which have been assigned a point value. Contestants use buzzers to be recognized to respond. By studying for the contest, 4-H members gain knowledge about animal science and horsemanship.

Dates:

- Practices begin in the fall
- The state horse bowl contest is usually held in February.

Coordinators: Cheryl Johnson and Linda Duke are the coaches of the Salem County Team

Horse Camp

Description: The purpose of horse camp is to provide 4-H members with the opportunity to improve their riding skills by working with a riding instructor. Each year specific emphasis for instruction is determined. 4-H members spend two nights at the fairgrounds and are responsible for the care of their horses during the camp. The cost for attending horse camp is approximately \$100.00. All registered 4-H Horse Project members in Good Standing may participate as day participants. To stall at Horse Camp, members must meet the requirements below.

Salem County 4-H Hoofbeats Basic Requirements for Stalling at Horse Camp

*Must have registered as a member (pay dues and insurance) as of January 1 of the current project year.

*Must be a **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

- Attend 70% of regular club meetings.
- Give a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Be responsible for the care and training of the horse to the fullest extent possible.
- Complete a 4-H Horse Project Record Book.
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

*Must register your horse in the 4-H Office by April 1.

*Must sell \$50.00 of County 4-H Hoofbeats fund raisers or horse show sponsorships.

Dates:

- Horse Camp is generally three days and two nights during the end of June or beginning of July.

Coordinators: Cheryl Johnson, Carole Ridgway.

Hippology

Description: Hippology combines horse judging with the technical knowledge learned in horse bowl. 4-H members put their knowledge to use as they complete an examination phase, a station phase which includes identifying horse related items, a judging phase and team problems.

Dates:

-The Hippology contest is held in conjunction with the Horse Judging contest which is usually held in the late spring or early summer.

Coordinators: Cheryl Johnson and Linda Duke are the coaches of the Salem County team.

4-H Drill Team

Description: This is really a team effort. 4-H members work together to form intricate patterns. Horses and riders perform these patterns to music.

Dates:

-The group meets in the spring and summer.

Coordinators: Michelle Redrow and Danielle Manganaro are the coaches of the Salem County team.

Model Horse Show

Description: 4-H members have a chance to "show" model horses they have customized. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members that do not own real horses. The contest is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the horse project.

4-H Equine Arts Show

Description: The 4-H Equine Arts show is a creative and instructional program which invites the 4-H member to display their artistic talent and imagination, while developing life-time skills and abilities. Participants are able to express their appreciation of the horse through various art mediums, while they are expanding their cultural knowledge. Art projects enable 4-H'ers to learn the value of developing visual exhibits in areas of specific interest.

Dates: The Equine Arts show is held in the February.

Non-showing Classes at the Fair

Description: The purpose of the non-showing classes at the fair is to provide 4-H members with an opportunity to exhibit their knowledge of horses. While any 4-H'er enrolled in the horse project may exhibit in these classes, they are especially good for 4-H'ers who do not show horses. The following excerpt from the Fair Premium Book describes the classes.

Rules

- A. A club member may receive only one award in each class.
- B. Members may exhibit in three different classes.
- C. Members may exhibit in only the level in which the member is currently enrolled.
- D. A member must be enrolled in the horse project.
- E. The 4-H member may use a poster, chart or model to exhibit information in the following classes.

Awards

Excellent - 2 points, Very Good - 1 point, Good - 1/2 point

Classes

Level I

1. Stages of evolution of the horse
2. Parts of English and Western saddles
3. Five or more types of grooming equipment
4. Parts of a horse
5. Do's and don'ts of leading and tying horses
6. Parts of the hoof

Level II

1. Three basic styles of riding and basic tack used for each
2. Ten breeds of horses, their origins and uses
3. Five or more types of bits and their uses
4. Five or more farrier tools and their uses
5. Five or more horse clothing articles and their uses
6. Five or more horse inoculations and symptoms of the disease
7. Parts of the horse's eye

Level III

1. Stages of a normal foaling
2. Diagram of the life cycle of five of the following: ticks, mites, lice, flies, mosquitoes, ascarides, large or small strongly, bots and pinworms
3. Five or more types of horse shoes and their uses
4. Five or more types of blemishes and unsoundnesses
5. Five or more vices and equipment to deter these vices
6. Ten or more types of feed and grain (three should be types of hay) and their nutritional significance

Showing 4-H Horse Program Opportunities

In the 4-H program there are two different styles of riding used in the 4-H horse shows, English and Western. Each style of riding has unique characteristics and therefore different riding classes and different equipment and apparel.

English Style

The English style of riding uses a lighter saddle that puts the rider in closer contact with the horse. Riders use two hands on the reins. English apparel consists of a hard hat, breeches, English riding boots, shirt with a choker collar and a hunt coat.

The English show classes include Pleasure, Equitation, Equitation over Fences, Hunter Hack and Handy Working Hunter. For the equitation classes, the judge is looking at the rider only. For the other classes, the performance of the horse and rider is being judged. For more information about the classes, contact the county 4-H Office for a copy of the State 4-H Horse Show rules or go to <http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/horseshow/>

Western Style

The western style of riding uses a heavier saddle with a horn in front. Riders use one hand on the reins. Western apparel consists of a long sleeve western shirt with a collar, western hat and cowboy boots. The outfit also includes a belt under loops, and a necktie, kerchief or bolo tie.

The western show classes include Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Riding, Reining, Barrels and Poles. For the horsemanship classes, the judge is looking at the rider only. For the other classes, the performance of the horse and rider is being judged. Western Riding and Reining is judged using a pattern. Barrels and Poles are timed events. For more information about the classes, contact the county 4-H Office for a copy of the State 4-H Horse Show rules or go to <http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/horseshow/>.

Driving

In the driving class, 4-H members drive either a two or four-wheel vehicle. The style of dress for driving is more like the English style of dress but also included a driving apron, hat and brown gloves.

Drivers use either a one or two handed method to demonstrate pleasure driving or to maneuver the horse and carriage through a cones course.

Dressage

Dressage allows the 4-H member to realize and obtain a perfect understanding of the horse through the development of the physique and ability of the horse. A 4-H member performing a dressage class will dress in English style hunt-type attire as they show horses at either the introductory, training or first level of dressage. At the introductory level, 4-H members are learning to become familiar with dressage and the basic principles. At the training level, the horse will exhibit proper dressage training which results in the horse having supple and loose muscles, thus moving freely forward in clear and steady rhythm. A horse at the first level demonstrates that it has achieved the standard of training level and has developed thrust (pushing power).

Games

All of the Games Classes are timed events, with the emphasis on skill. For the State 4-H Horse Show the following games are included: Clover Leaf Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Bow-Tie Race, and Keyhole Race. The use of a properly fitted safety helmet with harness fastened is required in all classes.

Types of Shows

Qualifying Shows

The purpose of qualifying shows is to determine representatives from Salem County to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show. There are at least two qualifying shows for each style of riding.

Based on the placing and the Danish system ratings received by the participants in the qualifying shows, the top two 4-H'ers in each class, receiving an excellent or a very good rating, are selected to attend the State 4-H Horse Show. An example of how qualifying point are figured for the state show is found at the end of the book.

The qualifying shows are generally held in May and June. In order to be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show participants must have been enrolled in the 4-H Horse project by January 1st and the horse must be registered in the 4-H Office by April 1st.

State 4-H Horse Show

Two members in each class of the Western, English, Driving, Games and Dressage divisions may represent Salem County at the State 4-H Championship Horse Show held on a weekend at the end of August.

New Jersey 4-H Basic Requirements for State Horse Show Team Participation

- *Must be in fifth grade or higher.
- *Must be a registered member (pay dues and insurance) as of January 1 of the current project year.
- *Must register your horse in the 4-H Office by April 1. (A member can only qualify for the State Show using a horse(s) registered as the member's 4-H project animal(s) by April 1.)
- *Must be a **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

- Attend 70% of regular club meetings.
- Give a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Be responsible for the care and training of the horse to the fullest extent possible.
- Have an up-to date 4-H Horse Project Record Book. (Project books will be checked prior to state events, the Salem County Qualification Horse shows, and at a designated time prior to the Salem County Fair.)
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

- *Must exhibit in at least one Showmanship & Grooming class at the qualifying show.

Salem County 4-H Hoofbeats Basic Requirements for State Horse Show Team Participation

- *Must sell \$50.00 of County 4-H Hoofbeats fund raisers and/or horse show sponsorships

Salem County Fair Shows

At the Salem County Fair there are several shows for which 4-H members participate including:

- Western Show
- English Show
- Mini Show (non-competitive)
- Versatility Class
- Game Night
- Trail Class
- Costume Class

All Salem County 4-H members in GOOD STANDING may participate in the Salem County Fair shows.

- Attend 70% of regular club meetings.
- Give a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Be responsible for the care and training of the horse to the fullest extent possible.
- Have an up-to date 4-H Horse Project Record Book. (Project books will be checked prior to state events, the Salem County Qualification Horse shows, and at a designated time prior to the Salem County Fair.)
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

Members who do not have their horses registered in the 4-H Office by April 1, must have their horses registered in the 4-H Office by July 1 to be able to show at the Fair. Horses registered after April 1 will not be able to stall at the fair. Additionally, if a member wishes to stall at the fair, he or she must meet the following requirements.

Salem County 4-H Hoofbeats Basic Requirements for Stalling at the Fair

Members

*Must have joined the Hoofbeats (paid dues and insurance) by January 1

*Must register your horse in the 4-H Office by April 1 (A member can only stall a horse registered as their 4-H project animal by April 1.)

*Must be a MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

- Attend 70% of regular club meetings.
- Give a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Be responsible for the care and training of the horse to the fullest extent possible.
- Have an up-to date 4-H Horse Project Record Book. (Project books will be checked prior to state events, the Salem County Qualification Horse shows, and at a designated time prior to the Salem County Fair.)
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

*Must sell \$50.00 of County 4-H Hoofbeats fund raisers and/or horse show sponsorships.

SALEM COUNTY 4-H HOOFBEATS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Member will be dropped from the roll after he or she has missed three project meetings in succession.
2. Elected officers will be removed from their post if they miss two successive project meetings.
3. Legitimate excuses from meetings shall be at the discretion of the leader. To be excused, a 4-H member must contact the leader prior to the meeting. Members have only one excused absence during the year. If a member realizes there is a conflict with the club's scheduled meeting date, he/she may make up a club meeting by attending another Salem County 4-H Horse club's meeting during the same month.
4. **All parents are cordially invited to attend any and all gatherings to comment and volunteer their help. Most of these events cannot be run without adult supervision and aid.**
5. All 4-H horse project members must be registered (pay dues and insurance) as of January 1 of the current project year to be eligible for year end awards; for State 4-H horse activities and events; and to stall at Salem County Horse Camp or the Salem County Fair.

The dues are \$10.00 and include \$2.00 for insurance, \$1.00 for a patron ad, \$5.00 for club dues, and \$2.00 for one record book.

6. To participate in state and county 4-H Horse project events, a 4-H horse project member must be a **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING** which means:

- Attending 70% of regular club meetings.
- Giving a club, county, or state 4-H presentation.
- Being responsible for the care and training of the horse to the fullest extent possible.
- Having an up-to date 4-H Horse Project Record Book. (Project books will be checked prior to state events, the Salem County Qualification Horse shows, and at a designated time prior to the Salem County Fair.)
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

7. Hoofbeats project members are required to raise \$50.00 through club fund raising activities by **July 1** to be eligible for:
 - end of year horse project awards
 - stalling at Salem County Horse Camp
 - stalling at Salem County Fair
 - having state 4-H horse activity registration fees paid by the Hoofbeats

The fund raising opportunities to meet this requirement are:

- Joe Corbi Pizza Sale
- Securing \$50 minimum in sponsorships
- Spring Flower Sale
- Paying a \$50 "fundraising fee"

4-H members not completing the \$50.00 fundraising requirement by July 1 will need to pay their own registration fees for the State 4-H Horse Show.

8. All 4-H horse project animals must be registered by April 1 of the current project year. Only these animals are eligible for State 4-H horse activities and events; and to stall at Salem County Horse Camp or stall at the Salem County Fair. Members will use the "4-H Horse Registration Form" and, if applicable, the "4-H Horse Project Lease/Borrow Form" found in the "My 4-H Horse Project Record Book" to register their animals. A horse registered between April 2 and July 1, may be shown at the fair, but is not eligible to stall at the fair or for end of year awards.
9. A borrowed horse (one on which a project book is not carried) may be used on pleasure trail rides. No book is required for this horse, but it must have a current negative Coggins blood test and proof of required vaccinations.
10. Stallions cannot be used by parents, guests, members, etc., in any 4-H activity.

11. Returning members must declare their club by the November meeting.
12. New members who join after Jan 1 are limited to participation in Novice classes at Qualifying shows, open 4-H shows (club shows, game shows, Cloverbud/ Novice Exhibition show at the fair) and Drill Team.
13. NJ 4-H Horse Project Equestrian Helmet Policy requires all riders regardless of age to wear an ATSM/SEI approved equestrian helmet with chin strap fastened whenever mounted during a club, county, regional or state 4-H horse project event.

For our youth riders under 18 years of age, it is the responsibility of the parent, guardian, or trainer to see to it that the equestrian helmet worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. Riders over age 18 are responsible for their equestrian helmet complying with the standards. The Salem County 4-H Youth Development Program, Salem County 4-H Hoofbeats Planning Group, Show Committee, and officials are not responsible for checking equestrian helmet for such compliance.

The Salem County 4-H Youth Development Program, Salem County 4-H Hoofbeats Planning Group, and/or Show Committee makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective equestrian helmet, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such equestrian helmet as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

14. All 4-H'ers, parents, leaders, owners and trainers are expected to be polite, sportsmanlike and properly attired at all 4-H activities. Any unethical acts of discourtesy, disrespect or disobedience to the judges, show officials, 4-H volunteers or any other participant on the part of a member, owner, parent or trainer SHALL disqualify the member from the event and may result in the member and the offender being dismissed from the grounds. In addition, 4-H leaders have the authority to suspend or expel any member from the club or an activity for cruel/unsafe behavior towards their horse.
15. The 4-H leaders have the authority to exclude any animal from the club or an activity. Horses will be excluded from activities if in poor physical condition or if unsuitable as a 4-H animal (i.e. kicking and biting horses). The horse must be safe for both the rider and other members to be around. Horses that kick must wear a red ribbon n their tail.
16. A negative New Jersey Coggins blood test for Swamp Fever (Equine Infectious Anemia), taken during the last 24 months will be required for all horses taking part in any Salem County 4-H function. All required vaccinations must be administered annually prior to April 30. (Required vaccinations are: eastern encephalitis or bivalent encephalitis, West Nile, tetanus and rabies.) Proof of up-to-date vaccinations and negative Coggins should be available for qualifying shows and any 4-H riding activities. A Vet Clinic (at reduced rates) is offered for all horses in March.
17. Parental Assistance – For at Qualifying Shows and the State 4-H Horse Show , under **NO** circumstances is a parent/trainer permitted to ready the project animal for the show ring by grooming said animal or schooling the horse via lunge line or under saddle once the animal is on the show grounds. Coaching from the rail, show ring and in-gate area, by any parent and/or trainer at Qualifying Shows and the State 4-H Horse Show is prohibited. Only verbal coaching is allowed in the schooling ring, trailer and stabling areas.

We agree to abide by the above stated Rules & Regulations.

Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____

Please return to your leader at your next project meeting

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YEARLY REQUIREMENTS
STANDARD MEMBERS
(Grades 4-13)

- Project Completion -To complete a project, the member must complete a record book and have the project judged.
- Year Completion -To complete a year, a member must:
- a. complete at least one project including a record book
 - b. attend 70% of club meetings
 - c. do a club or county presentation and
 - d. participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.
- Fair Premium -To receive a fair premium, a member must complete his or her project and display it at the fair.
- County Awards -To receive a county award, a member must
- a. complete the 4-H year including completing their project.
 - b. do a Public Presentation at club level or County level. (Only member doing presentations at the county level will be considered for a medal or citation.) 4-H'ers giving presentations in their local club will be considered for certificates.
 - c. participate in some county events such as Fair, Fashion Revue, Camp, etc.

There are additional requirements for stalling at the fair, horse camp and qualifying for the State 4-H Horse Show.

YEARLY REQUIREMENTS
CLOVERBUD MEMBERS
(Grades K-3)

Since the structure of the Cloverbud program allows for a club to do a variety of activities, the 4-H Cloverbud member is not required to turn in a project record book.

- Year Completion -To complete a year in a Cloverbud Club, a member must:
- a. attend 70% of the club meetings,
 - b. participate in club activities.

Fair Participation -Cloverbud members may also exhibit items at the fair. They will receive a ribbon for every item exhibited up to the maximum number of items allowed in each class as stated in the fair premium book.

Currently, Cloverbud members do not receive any fair premium moneys.

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**SALEM COUNTY 4-H HOOFBEATS
2016-2017 POINT SYSTEM**

SALESMANSHIP CASH POINTS

(These points are for taking part in the group fund raisers. The points may be used instead of cash at qualifying shows, fair shows, and horse camp.)

1 point for each \$10.00 sold

Each point can be redeemed for \$1.00 towards club activities.

PARTICIPATION POINTS

(Participation points are awarded based on the information reported by the 4-H member in his/her 4-H Horse Record Book. The member from each club with the most participation points will be awarded a Participation Award at the end of the year Horse Awards Program.)

MEETINGS

- 5 - Project Meetings (1 per month)
- 5 - Hoofbeats Planning Meeting

RIDING ACTIVITIES

- 25 - Stalling and participating in horse shows at the Salem County Fair
- 10 - Showing at a Salem County Fair Show (non-stalling), a State Qualification Horse Show, or 4-H Drill Team Exhibition/Contest
- 5 - To ride on a trail ride or clinics or participate as a day rider at Horse Camp
- 25 - Horse Camp (full-time participant)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 10 - Club public presentation
- 15 - County public presentation contest
- 25 - State public presentation contest

MISCELLANEOUS

- 15 - County 4-H Achievement Night
- 10 - County-wide activities (e.g. Creative Foods Festival, Public Presentations Workshop, Fall Festival, Holiday Crafts, Winter Camp, 4-H Camp, South Jersey Teen Conference)
- 5 - Miscellaneous activities (community service activity, non-showing classes at the fair, Christmas Party, field trips, county-wide 4-H fund raisers, etc.)
- 10 - Bringing a new member (Points given after third meeting)
- 25 - Becoming a member of a Salem County Team representing Salem County at a state event
- 30 - Representing New Jersey 4-H at a national event (horse related or general 4-H)
- 15 - Alternates on Salem County Team (at discretion of coach)
- 2 - Each team practice (drill team, horse bowl, horse judging, etc.)
- 5 - Each National team practice

PROJECT BOOKS

- 10 - Excellent
- 8 - Very Good
- 6 - Good
- 4 - Fair

VOLUNTARY WORK

- 15 - Teen Leader for club
- 15 - Elected to an office (NOTE: It is recommended that members not be elected to the same office 2 years in succession.)
- 10 - Volunteer work - 4 hours or less (e.g. helping with management of a horse show, food booths, window displays, helping with a county 4-H event).
- 20 - Volunteer work – more than 4 hours (e.g. helping with management of a horse show, food booths, window displays, helping with a county 4-H event).

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Figuring Points for Representatives to State Horse Show (Sample)

| Example of All Classes (The judge determines the Danish System Rating) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| Name | 1st Qualifying Show | | | 2nd Qualifying Show | | | Totals | | Qualifying Results |
| | Placing | Rating | Points | Placing | Rating | Points | Points | Ratings | |
| Reba McEntire | 1st | VG | 6 | 2nd | VG | 5 | 11 | VG & VG | 2nd Representative |
| George Strait | 2nd | VG | 5 | 1st | EX | 6 | 11 | VG & EX | 1st Representative |
| Taylor Swift | 3rd | VG | 4 | 6th | G | - | 4 | VG & G | 2nd Alternate |
| Alan Jackson | 4th | VG | 3 | 3rd | VG | 4 | 7 | VG & VG | 1st Alternate |
| LeAnn Rhimes | 5th | G | - | 5th | G | - | 0 | G & G | Not qualified |
| Randy Travis | 6th | G | - | 4th | VG | 3 | 3 | G & VG | Qualified, but others with more points |

Danish System Ratings: EX - Excellent; VG - Very Good; G - Good; F - Fair

Placing Points: 1st - 6; 2nd - 5; 3rd - 4; 4th - 3; 5th - 2; 6th - 1

(Placing points may change depending on the number of contestants in the class. Contestants must receive a Excellent or Very Good ratings to receive Placing Points.)

****If a Salem County 4-H member can not make one of the qualifying show for any of the following reasons:***

- a. Member is participating in another 4-H activity such as State Horse Bowl, State Horse Judging or State Public Presentations.
- b. Member's horse is sick or injured. You will need a certificate from your veterinarian stating the reason before receiving your points. That 4-H member should call the county 4-H Office to make arrangements to attend a qualifying show in another county. The member's points and Danish rating will count as pinned at that show.

***In the event of a tie for points, the person with the highest number of points in the Showmanship and Grooming Class at the first qualifying show is the winner. If there is still a tie, then the points from the Showmanship and Grooming Class at the second qualifying show is the winner.**

Parents: Helping Your 4-H'er Succeed

Parent's 4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to give information to help my child see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child, whether he/she has successes or disappointments.

I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, and community, our country and our world.

Ten Commandments for Parents of Youth Showing Livestock and Horses

1. Thou shalt not feed, train, or care for the animal, for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring, for thou hath made mistakes too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.
4. Thou shalt help the show management, for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show ring activities, for thou should not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his or her opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt not forget that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

-From a Kansas 4-H newsletter

When I Compete,

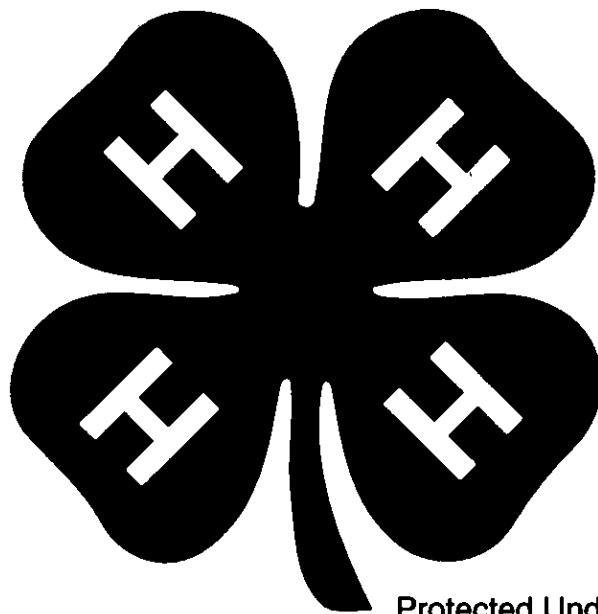
- I have a performance goal . . . never a "to only beat someone else" goal,
- I respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself,
- I don't criticize other competitors, officials, or judges,
- I do my best today,
- I have fun,
- I stay home if I can't follow the above rules

Adapted from a presentation by Doug Householder Ph.D.
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at the 1997 National Youth Horse Council Meeting

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4-H Pledge

**I pledge my *HEAD* to clearer thinking,
My *HEART* to greater loyalty,
My *HANDS* to larger service and
My *HEALTH* to better living
for my club, my community,
my country and my world**



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