



4-H

Family Handbook

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Welcome to 4-H Letter

Dear 4-H Family,

Welcome to Golden Valley County 4-H! We are excited that you have joined and hope that you enjoy exploring everything 4-H has to offer. We hope you make new friends, learn a lot and have fun along the way.

This handbook is here to help your family become familiar with 4-H, its mission, structure and what to expect. This handbook cannot answer every question, so never hesitate to contact your leader or the Golden Valley County Extension Office. More information is available on-line at <http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/>.

Sincerely,



Ashley Ueckert
Golden Valley County Extension Agent

About 4-H:

4-H is a non-formal educational youth development program offered to individuals age 5 to 18.

Among all the fun things to learn about in 4-H are animals, computers, cooking, art, gardening, welding and much more.

No matter what projects you select or how you participate, all 4-H programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences that stimulate lifelong learning of values and skills.

The 4 H's:

Head

Heart

Hands

Health

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 family, my club, my community, my country and my world.”

Motto:

“To make the best better.”

Dress Code:

During 4-H events where dress code is required, member should wear dark pants/jeans/skirt and a solid white, yellow, gray or green shirt with a 4-H emblem or chevron fastened to the front. Livestock members should wear boots/protective shoes for safety. Horse member shirts need to be long sleeved.

What is a club?

A 4-H club is a group of youth and adults who meet on a regular basis and together practice positive youth development and cooperative learning. Clubs have elected officers and a set of rules approved by the membership to govern the club.

4-H Clubs strive to create a quality learning environment that gives members a chance to be an active part of the decision making process; values and respects the voices of all; provides members and opportunity to reflect on and demonstrate their learning; connects member to their community through service; encourages the development of positive relationships with peers and adults; is welcoming and accessible to all; celebrates individual and group achievements; challenges youth to establish and meet individual goals; and provides for their physical and emotional safety of all.

Types of Clubs:

Currently, Golden Valley County has two kinds of clubs. We have three community clubs, Dakota Kids, Roughriders and Hillrunners. We also have two project clubs, Horse Judging and Livestock Judging. Our county also has a special interest club at Home on the Range, Prairie Planes.

Do I have to join a club?

No, you don't have to join a club to be involved in 4-H. Many students chose to be independent members for a variety of reasons. You are responsible for paying for your books and 4-H supplemental insurance as well as getting all required paperwork in to the Extension office.

Enrollment:

When – The 4-H year runs from September 1st through August 31st of the next year. You can enroll any time, but you must register by May 1st if you plan on participating in the fair. We like to have everyone enrolled by November 1st of each year. Children between the ages of 5 and 7 as of September 1st will register as Cloverbuds.

How – Each family must register themselves at www.4honline.com. Please remember to use an email that you check often as you will get emails and use that same email to re-enroll next year. You will find a step by step help sheet for establishing and re-enrollment in the additional resources of this booklet.

Selecting Projects- You must enroll in at least one project. When selecting projects pick a project that will interest you. Remember to consider cost, time, equipment and space requirements. Be sure to indicate which books you need for your project on your registration page on 4Honline. This is how the office knows which books to order for you.

I am enrolled. Now what?

You need to watch out for emails and letters reminding you of club meetings if you signed up under a club.

You will need to order the books you need for each project. You can do this online when registering. Books will only be ordered twice a year, November 15th and May 5th. Once you get your books, you can start looking them over and decide where you want to start. The books typically take three years to complete. You don't need to exhibit every activity in the book. Refer to your 4-H Premium book to help you decide which projects you want to exhibit. The first part of June you will need to decide which project you plan on exhibiting at the fair and start the proper paper work.

To be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, club members need to be properly enrolled in each project, have attended a combination of 6 club and project meetings and submit up to date records for each project entered. To be eligible to exhibit livestock, the 4-H club member must enter at least one static exhibit.

Family Expectations:

You are an important part of the 4-H Program. Here are some suggestions to help your child have an exciting and educational experience:

- Advise your child in the selection of projects
- Show interest in the project they select
- Help guide your child with their projects, but don't do it for them
- Assist in getting your child to club meetings and other events
- Be informed by reading the 4-H information sent to your family and asking questions when necessary
- Volunteer to assist with club activities and at fair time when possible
- Assist your child with fundraising responsibilities
- Keep track of this guide as well as the 4-H premium book
- Read the 4-H Council By-laws at the end of this book

How do we communicate with families?

- E-mail – make sure when you sign up that you use an email address that you check frequently.
- Packets and letters – please open and read these, they contain important information.
- Table Talk – the 4-H newsletter mailed from the Golden Valley County Extension Office four times a year.
- Facebook – if you are a Facebook user, please like the Golden Valley County Extension page, the Golden Valley Fair page and the Golden Valley County 4-H page, as well as the page put together by your club.
- County Website – the county website address is <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/goldenvalleycountyextension/> . You will find valuable information here under the “4-H and Youth” tab, such as record keeping sheets and awards applications.

Volunteering:

Volunteers are the key to successful experiences for 4-H members. Adults who volunteer also reap the benefits of interacting with youth and other adults. There are many ways adults and older youth can participate as volunteers. The volunteer might share knowledge and skills gained through work or hobbies or chaperone at camps and on judging events.

All 4-H staff and volunteers are required to be screened for the protection of our youth and volunteers. The screening process includes an application, a background check and a volunteer orientation.

4-H Projects:

Animal & Plants: beef, dairy cattle, goat, horse, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, and veterinary science; crop productions and horticulture.

Family & Consumer Science: home environment, quilting, clothing and textiles, needlepointing, crocheting, embroidery, knitting, macramé and latch hooking.

Healthy Lifestyles Education: baking, cooking, cake decorating, exploring food science, food preservation and health.

Environment & Earth Science: nature trails, wildlife, entomology, forestry, outdoor skills (outdoor adventures, birdwatching, fishing, shooting sports).

Science, Engineering & Technology: aerospace, electricity, woodworking, welding, computers, small engines and wind energy.

Citizenship, Personal Development & Leadership: citizenship, leadership, communications.

Creative Arts: leathercraft, theater arts, visual arts and photography.

Cloverbud: baby beef, baby lamb, baby pig, baby goat as well as the Cloverbud activities.

Record keeping: a project record is required with each project exhibited. You may enter your project records to be judged.

What to expect come fair time:

- Prior to the fair, you will get **three** packets sent to your home from the 4-H council regarding the fair. Make sure you read each letter carefully and follow the instructions in the letter. Check to make sure that you have all of the items mentioned in the letters. Follow the directions in each letter. You are responsible to have any forms due by the due dates mentioned to ensure eligibility at the fair. Call your club leader or the Extension office if you have any questions.
- The first packet has a paper that needs to be returned to the Extension office. The paper is usually green with lines on it. On this sheet, put what you intend to bring to the fair. Look up your project area in the ND State Fair premium book and write down the department, class and lot and a brief description of your projects. Return by the due date on the sheet. **Check the**

supplemental information to make sure you exhibit your items correctly.

- You must have a static exhibit, even if you are only entered in the animal categories. Records do not count as a static exhibit.
- Dress in 4H dress code. You will need to wear a white, green, yellow or grey shirt with a 4-H emblem or chevron with dark pants or skirt. Horse members will need to wear long sleeved white shirt with a chevron, dark pants, boots and a belt.
- Interview judging will take place in conjunction with the fair. Judging may take place before the fair so items can be taken to the state fair. Each interview will only last a few minutes. A list of sample questions is in the Resources section of this booklet.
- All members competing in the horse show are required to wear a helmet. If you do not have one, one will be provided for you. The council has two available on a first come, first serve basis.

How are exhibits judged?

Static

The Golden Valley County Fair provides many opportunities for youth involved in 4-H to learn and grow. While exhibiting projects at the fair is not a requirement of membership, it is a wonderful way for young people to showcase and receive feedback and recognition for their work. The interview process is as important as the project itself. 4-Her's knowledge in the project area determines the ribbon placing. Judges will observe, question, listen and challenge you. Judges will also give encouraging and constructive feedback, as well as, suggestions on how to further explore the project area.

Livestock

Livestock and other animal projects are designed to allow youth to learn management practices such as nutrition, shelter, water, environment, breeding, care, etc. of their animal. The assessment of this knowledge, as it is applied to the project can occur in one or all of the ways listed below:

1. Evaluation of the animal considering its physical characteristics and/or performance.
2. Showmanship and knowledge of the exhibitor as displayed in the show ring. How the animal is prepared, groomed and is presented at its optimal level.
3. Interview judging reveals the exhibitor's knowledge in the animal project area and ability to communicate in an interview setting. Interview judging takes place at the same time as static judging and must be completed to be eligible the livestock show.

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds have a judge all on their own. This judge will visit with all the Cloverbuds so they become accustomed to the judging process. They may simply ask the student to tell them about their project. The judge may ask other questions and give ideas for next year's projects. Cloverbuds do not fill out record keeping books.

Cloverbuds do not participate in the premium sale. They are invited to enter their animals/static projects in the open class division as well.

Records

Livestock projects- Do not need project manuals, but all projects must have feed and income/expense records and general project records

Static projects- DO need project manuals, and will need to complete 3 activities where available, in addition all projects will need a general project record and the item you wish to sell in the premium sale will need the new static income and expense records.

All record keeping forms can be found and printed here. <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/goldenvalleycountyextension/4h-and-youth/forms>

What do ribbons mean?

- Blue = excellent work, 4-H member did more than was required in the project; can easily talk about the work in the project and answer judges questions.
- Red = good work, exhibitor meets requirements, missing some elements but mostly complete; member could talk about project and answer questions with prompting.
- White = minimal work, needs some improvement; exhibit meets the minimum requirements for the project; cannot adequately answer judges questions.
- Grand Champion = the exhibit stand out above the rest
- Reserve Champion = this exhibit stand out but is second to the grand
- Special ribbons = Golden Valley County awards special ribbons to Cloverbud exhibitors and to recognize participation and achievement in a project area, event or activity.

Premium Sale

The premium sale takes place during the fair.

Static items- will move to a silent auction. The bidding will open right after static judging and will be available through the end of the Livestock Sale. Items will spend the majority of the fair in the blue building but it is the MEMBER'S responsibility to bring them to the silent auction tables in the barns at sale time. Also the item on the silent auction will become property of the high bidder so make sure the item (batch of cookies, afghan, photo, etc) is something you are willing to part with or can make a customized item for your buyer in a reasonable amount of time (within a month?)

Market animals- All market animals will sell first and must be offered for sale, We will try to make announcements as needed if the buyer cannot take possession that day if someone wants to retain them for a bit due to future shows or additional finishing. While it will be a market animal sale, we will continue to hold the bidding the way we do

now, where we have a set price on the animal and the buyer has the CHOICE to buy or not, so not all animals will sell as in the past.

Premium only animals (breeding, rabbit, poultry and horse) – These animals will sell towards the end of the sale, after all the market animals have sold. And will be premium only, same as in the past.

How many items can I sell?

- Static only participants are still allowed only 1 item.
- Livestock participants are allowed up to 3 items, of which only 2 can be market animals. So for, example:
 - Member A has a market Steer, Market Lamb and Market Swine. He or she must pick 2 of the 3 animals to sell and is only allowed to sell those 2.

- Member B has a market Steer, a Breeding Heifer, and a Market Swine, he or she may sell all 3 animals in the sale 2 as market 1 as premium only.
- Member C has a Market Lamb, a Dairy Goat and a Horse he or she can also sell all 3 animals in the sale as they have 1 market and 2 premium only.

If you have questions please contact your club leader for clarification.

4-H Year Completion and Exhibition Requirements

Exhibition Requirements:

- Be properly enrolled in each project
- Have attended a combination of 6 club and project meetings
- Submit up-to-date records for each project entered

Completion Requirements:

- Complete a minimum of one project
- Exhibit at the county fair

The fair is over. Now what?

You are not done with your 4-H year even though the fair is over. You need to:

- pick up pictures of you and your premium sale buyer and get a thank you poster ready.
- make thank you's for the 4-H supporters who sponsored any awards that you got.
- you are also required to write a thank you to the 4-H council and the Golden Valley County Fairboard.
- additional thank you's will be required if you got something extra at the fair. For example, in the past HOTR has donated hay for the animals and Runnings donated a bucket and gift card to all 4Hers.

- before you mail the thank you's, you need to stop at the Extension office so the staff can check them off and write your premium and ribbon check. It is then your responsibility to get the letters mailed off.
- go online and make copies of the awards application if you plan on applying for awards. An example can be found in the Resources section at the back of this book. The deadline to turn the awards application will be on the awards application. Everyone needs to include "4-H Project Record" and those applying for livestock awards must include completed livestock records.

Who does what?

Club Leader:

- gives guidance
- plans yearly club program
- guides club officers with responsibilities
- informs parent and youth of 4-H activities
- attends council meetings
- serves as a liaison to the Extension office.

Project Leader:

- plans, coordinates, informs members and conducts project trainings
- assists at county fair

Extension Staff

- serves as a resource
- helps plan, conduct and evaluate the 4-H program
- assists club leaders and project leaders by providing training and resources
- advises the public about 4-H opportunities
- publishes the quarterly newsletter
- screens and trains volunteers

4-H Opportunities:

County -

Camp Needmore: Golden Valley County 4-H members are invited to Camp Needmore 4-H Camp in Ekalaka, MT. Camp usually runs three days and two nights.

4-H Camp: The state 4-H camp is located in Washburn, ND. Camps run from the end of May until the beginning of August for students ranging in age from 8 to 18 on a variety of topics.

Horse/Livestock Judging: Judging teams are groups of 4-H members who learn to analyze animal structure and potential productivity. Oral reasoning is part of the judging process.

Consumer Choices: Members involved in consumer choices learn to determine which product is the “best buy”. They learn to rank articles or products based on standards and quality. Oral reasoning is part of the judging process.

Golden Valley County Fair: The county fair starts the last Thursday of July and runs through the following Saturday. All 4-H members are expected to enter at least one exhibit in each project in which they are enrolled. Premium money is awarded for most entries. 4-Hers, with the exception of Cloverbuds, can sell a static item, animals or a premium in the Premium Sale. 4-Her's, parents and leaders are asked to volunteer time to help set up, during and after the fair.

Shooting Sports: This program promotes the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, including sound decision making; teaches safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, self-discipline, and concentration, and; develops participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting, and related activities.

Crops Judging: Crop judging participants evaluate crops for seed and factors affecting market quality, and identify crop and weed seeds and plants.

Becoming a proficient crop judge includes identification of crops grown in North Dakota and the region and the correct identification of weed mounts and weed seeds.

Range/Land Judging: Range judging is learning to "read" the range to make proper management decisions. Learning to judge range provides effective tools that are used to manage the range resource. The objective of the contest is to teach participants some basic principles of range ecology, including soil-plant interaction, plant-animal interaction and plant succession.

Meat Judging: Through participation in judging contests youth learn valid, science-based information to consider when evaluating and making decisions, as well as learning proper meat storage and handling procedures.

Communications Arts: The 4-H Communication Arts program: help participants develop communication skills that are useful throughout a lifetime; provide participants an opportunity to practice their skills before a group; provide participants an opportunity to gather and organize information, equipment and props for public presentation; develop participants' confidence in making public presentations; and evaluate and enhance communication skills.

The Communication Arts program is open to any youth involved in Extension youth programs. It includes two age divisions: the preteen division (youth 8 to 12 years-old as of Sept. 1) and the teen division (youth ages 13 to 18 as of Sept. 1), the start of the current 4-H year.

Wosepka Memorial Loan: Golden Valley 4-H members are invited to apply for a no-interest loan to be used toward purchasing an animal.

State -

State Fair: The North Dakota State Fair runs for 9 days starting the third Friday of July in Minot. Since the state fair is before the county fair, your project needs to get prior approval of the livestock committee or the county agent before entering it at the state fair.

Extension Youth Conference: The 4-H Extension Youth Conference is open to any youth who has finished the seventh grade. The conference involves nearly 100 participants throughout North Dakota. Youth who attend 4-H Extension Youth Conference will: develop leadership skills and will be able to apply these skills in their community; have the confidence and motivation to become a leader in their community; exchange ideas and form friendships with youth from diverse backgrounds; gain an understanding of career development and have exposure to the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program.

Clothing Review: At the state fair, members will have an opportunity to show the public the clothes

that they have constructed or embellished. It is a great chance to practice poise and to build confidence in front of people.

4-H Ambassador: Ambassadors are a group of young adults ages 16 to 22 who work to help North Dakota 4-H. The Ambassadors do many things. Here is a sample of the duties of the Ambassadors:

1. Enhance and promote the North Dakota 4-H Youth program with state and county Extension staff and 4-H volunteers.
2. Act as an advisor for 4-H youth ideas and concerns.
3. Create awareness of opportunities for older youth in 4-H.
4. Assist in the planning and organizing of the North Dakota State Extension Youth Conference, and other state functions.
5. Provide 4-H Ambassadors as resource people throughout the state by county or individual request.

There are many different activities within the Ambassador program including:

- working at the North Dakota State Fair;
- organizing and presenting the ND State Extension Youth Conference;
- volunteering, attending, and planning retreats;
- travel and much more.

Scholarship Opportunities: Several scholarships are available at the state level for current and past 4-H members. Applications can be found at http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/scholarships/

Film Festival: Participants create and submit a one-to 10-minute video to be evaluated. The top three videos in each category will be shown at the North Dakota 4-H Film Festival. Judges will select winners for each category prior to the festival, and audience members will vote for the People's Choice Award after the videos have been shown at the festival.

National -

National 4-H Conference: Members ages 15 – 19 are invited to apply to the state 4-H office to attend the National Conference near Washington, D.C.

National 4-H Congress: Members ages 15 – 19 are invited to apply to the state 4-H office to attend the National Congress in Atlanta each year.

Citizenship Washington Focus: 4-H members who have completed ninth grade are eligible to attend this week long event in Washington, D.C. Seminars and workshops exploring current issues are held at the National 4-H Conference Center. This is an opportunity to learn about our government and how it works, while meeting other youth from across the country.

Leadership Washington Focus: This programs is open to 4-H members entering grades 7-9. Youth will utilize leadership skills using an experiential learning model based in 4-H curriculum and the living classroom of Washington, DC.

4-H Year at a Glance:

September/October – enroll/re-enroll; the awards banquet; 4-H families usually cater the awards banquet as a fund raiser. Each family will be asked to bring a certain item to the banquet, the amount is based on the number of attendees expected and the number of 4-H families helping.

November – attend club meetings.

December - livestock judging practice begins; horse judging practice begins.

January - attend club meetings.

February – attend club meetings.

March –fundraiser (each member is expected to sell a certain amount of fruit.) First Monday, Livestock weigh-in.

April – National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC.

May – First Monday, Livestock weigh-in; May 1st is the last day to drop or add projects for the current year, all changes must be made online.

June – decide which project you are going to exhibit at the fair.

July- finish projects, get ready for fair time.

August – write thank-you's to premium sale buyers, award sponsors, fair board and 4-H council; show thank-you's to the Extension office staff; collect premium check.

September – apply for awards.

FAQ:

Am I a Cloverbud/Junior/Senior? 4H age is the age you are on September 1st. Cloverbuds are 5 to 7. Juniors are 8 to 12. Seniors are 13 to 18.

Resources:

By-Laws of the Golden Valley County 4-H Council

Establishing a family account on 4honline

Re-enrollment help sheet for 4honline

Sample Questions for Interview Judging

4-H Premium Book

Record keeping sheet

Awards application

By-laws of the Golden Valley County 4-H Council

Section 1: Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Council officers and one Jr. Leader from each active County 4-H Club. All members shall have 1 vote.
2. Adult leader members shall serve one year terms. Teens shall serve one year terms. All council members may serve more than one term.
3. Election of teens to the Executive Committee will be held in individual club meetings and reported to the Council in October of each year.
4. The functions of the executive committee shall be:
 - a. To perform essential Council Business that requires action between meetings of the membership, which includes the authority to act on behalf of the Council.
 - b. To approve committee appointments, accept committee reports and take appropriate action
 - c. To work with the County Extension staff to develop the county 4-H calendar of events and plan of work (as relates to the 4-H program) and assist in carrying out the program.
 - d. To prepare executive committee minutes and maintain copies of same in the County Extension Office.

Section II: Officers

The Council officers shall be the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer-**or Secretary/Treasurer**. Each officer shall hold office for one year. The duties of officers shall be as follows:

1. The president shall:
 - a. Preside at council and executive committee meetings.
 - b. Appoint committees subject to the approval of the executive committee.
 - c. Coordinate instruction of new officers in their duties
 - d. Enforce the constitution and bylaws of the Council
 - e. Appoint a member to fulfill an office that has been vacated.
2. The vice-president shall:
 - a. Assume any or all duties of the president when the president is absent or when requested by the president to do so.
3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Keep the minutes of the meetings in good order
 - b. Send a secretary's report to the County Extension office immediately after each meeting of the council.
 - c. Maintain a list of members and a record of their attendance.

- d. Keep necessary correspondence on file and be prepared to read such correspondence at Council meetings
 - e. Maintain the official records of the council to include originals of the constitution and bylaws and the minutes of all meetings and actions.
 - f. In the absence of the president and vice-president call meetings to order and have a Chairman pro tem elected to conduct business.
 - g. Notify members of meetings, postponements, cancellations, or of special meetings.
4. The Treasurer shall:
- a. Keep an accurate record of all financial activities of the council
 - b. Make disbursements only as directed by the council
 - c. Provide a financial report at each meeting or as requested by the council.
 - d. Submit the treasurer's records to be audited prior to the annual meeting of the Council.

Section III: Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the council shall be from October 1 to September 30, inclusive.

Section IV: Meetings

- 1.) The council shall meet a minimum of semi-annually, more frequently at the discretion of the president, executive committee or at the request of **3** members.
- 2.) The November Meeting shall be the Annual meeting at which terms expire and election of officers will be conducted.

Section V: Committees

1. Standing Committees shall be appointed for the Fair and for awards
2. The president shall appoint other committees as necessary.

Section VI: Quorum

1. Those members present at any Council meeting shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote is required to pass a motion unless otherwise dictated by the Parliamentary Authority.
2. One-half of the executive committee must be present at any executive committee meeting to transact council business. A simple majority vote is required to pass a motion of the executive committee.

Section VII: Parliamentary Authority

1. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern proceedings of the council not otherwise specified in the bylaws.

Section VIII:

1. County 4-H Clubs
 - a. A 4-H Club is generally regarded as an organized group of youth, led by one or more adults, with a planned program carried on throughout all or most of the year.

- b. Clubs are expected to meet on a regular basis to conduct club business and to stay abreast of county activities. Educational activities are typically a part of club meetings.
 - c. 4-H Clubs have elected officers and a set of rules approved by the membership to govern the club.
 - d. It is assumed and expected that members participate in club meetings.
 - e. Adult and junior leaders constitute membership of the County 4-H leader's Council. They are expected to attend and participate in the activities of the Council.
 - f. Reports of club meetings and activities are to be maintained by each club.
- 2. Membership
 - a. Youth can enroll in the county 4-H program if they are eight (8) years old by September 1 or have not passed their 18th birthday by September 1 of the current year.
 - b. Youth between the ages of 5 and 7, inclusive, can enroll as 4-H Cloverbuds.
- 3. Completion Requirements for regular club members are:
 - a. To complete a 4-H year the club member shall:
 - i. Attend 6 of the club meetings
 - 1. Project meetings can be substituted in the case that club meetings cannot be attended.
 - ii. Complete a minimum of one project.
 - b. To be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair or Achievement Days the 4-h club member shall:
 - i. Properly enroll in each project
 - ii. Have attended a combination of 6 club and project meetings.
 - iii. Submit an up-to-date record for each project entered
 - iv. To be eligible to exhibit livestock the 4-H club member must exhibit at least one item in the static building.
 - c. To complete a project the 4-H club member shall:
 - i. Exhibit in the project at the County Fair or Achievement Days.
 - ii. Submit a completed record book for the project by the date set by the council for the current year.
- 4. Completion Requirements for Independent 4-H members are:
 - a. To complete a year the independent 4-H club member shall complete a minimum of one project.
 - b. To be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair or Achievement days the independent 4-H member shall:
 - i. Properly enroll in each project
 - ii. Submit an up-to-date record for each project entered
 - iii. To be eligible to exhibit livestock the 4-H club member must exhibit at least one item in the static building.
 - c. To complete a project the independent 4-H club member shall:
 - i. Properly enroll in each project
 - ii. Prepare and submit to the leader's council for approval a project plan.
 - iii. Submit a written midyear report on the project.
 - iv. Exhibit the project at the County Fair or Achievement Days, to include an up-to-date record for each project entered

- v. Submit a completed record book for the project by the date set by the council for the current year.

5. County Awards

- a. To qualify for County Awards the 4-H member shall
 - i. Complete the current club year
 - ii. Submit the required completed records and County awards applications

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING

Every 4-H'er who is interview-judged should be asked several questions. The interview may last for only a couple minutes for more simple exhibits or for several minutes for more advanced work. All interviews should consist of questions that serve as an opening, pursue in-depth knowledge, and look ahead to future 4-H work.

Not all judges need ask all the sample questions listed below. Include other questions appropriate for the situation.

Introduction

1. What did you like best about this project?
2. Have you taken this project before?
3. What other things did you make in this project during the year?
4. How will you use this project item?
5. What other projects are you taking?
6. Who helped you decide what your project would be?

Detailed Learning

7. What was the most difficult part of your exhibit?
8. What did you learn from this project?
9. What would you do differently if you made it again?
10. How will you take care of this item?
11. Approximately how much did it cost you to make it?
12. Did you receive any help making your project?
13. What are some characteristics that make this a good exhibit?
14. What areas do you think you could improve?
15. What activities did you do while making this item?

Continued Learning

16. What are some other things you could learn in this project?
17. If you took this project again, what could you make do an exhibit that would be a challenge to you?
18. If you would not take this project again, what new project would you try?

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW JUDGING

General Questions

1. What is the age of the animal?
2. What is the breed of the animal?
3. How long have you owned the animal?
4. What do you feed the animal?
5. How much do you feed the animal?
6. What do you like about this project?
7. Will you carry this project again? Why?
8. What kind of expenses did you have?

Breeding

9. What are the strong points of this breed?
10. Why did you choose this breed?
11. What time of year do you normally breed this animal?
12. What is the gestation period for this animal?

Feeding

13. What is the animal's rate of gain?
14. Is this animal at market weight?
15. What is T.D.N. value of feed(s) used?
16. How much do you feed each day?
17. What is the animal's average dressing percentage?
18. What is the animal's average loin eye area?

Golden Valley County 4-H Year End Awards Application

Name_____

Year in 4H_____ Age_____

Please list the 4-H projects you were enrolled in this past year.

Which projects are you applying for awards in?

Please attach the records sheets for any projects listed above.

Please tell us about any County or State wide 4-H activities you participated in during the last year. (i.e. Camps, Day Camps, Shooting sports events, County Events) 25 to 75 words junior members, 50 to 100 words senior members..

Senior Members only---Please list any describe any leadership experiences you had in the past 4-H year. (i.e. Club leadership roles, helping Cloverbuds or younger members, etc.) 50 to 100 words.

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2015 – 2016 Leaders

Dakota Kids

- Susan Sarsland
- Diane Noll

Roughriders

- Karla Zimdars
- Stephanie Farstveet

Hillrunners

- Robert Sperry
- Hope Gasho

Prairie Planes (HOTR students only)

- Britta Berube

Livestock Leader

- Zane Manhart

Hippology/Horse Leader

- Candie Loftsgard

Livestock Judging

- Donnie Feiring
- Ashley Ueckert

Shotgun Leader

- Bob Schmeling
- Gary VanVleet

