

Greenlee County 4-H



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GENERAL POLICIES

IMPORTANT AGE DIVISION TERM DEFINITIONS:

4-H Program Year: October 1 - September 30

4-H Cloverbuds: 5-8 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year. Can only enroll in 4-H Cloverbuds.

Junior 4-H Member: 9-13 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Senior 4-H Member: 14-18 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year. Senior members cannot have passed their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current program year.

County Fair 4-H youth exhibitors cannot have passed their 19th birthday prior to January 1.

4-H Cloverbuds - Policy Information

Children must be five by January 1 of the current 4-H program year and not have passed their 9th birthday in order to be eligible for this program. **4-H Cloverbuds is non-competitive.** Cloverbuds may exhibit items made, but they may not compete in any event. They will receive a participation ribbon for their exhibit. Cloverbuds are encouraged to complete and submit the Cloverbud self-evaluation by September 1, and the Greenlee County 4-H Cloverbud Record Book by October 1. Cloverbuds are eligible to participate in the merit award recognition, with the Cloverbuds form due October 1. All Cloverbuds completing the Cloverbud Record Book will receive a participation award, and those who complete the merit award form will receive recognition at Awards Night.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Items to be submitted by 5:00 pm on the due date unless otherwise stated.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FEES

Program development fees are \$20/year for each member. These are general enrollment funds used to support the 4-H program. Enrollments will not be marked as complete in the online system until program development fees are collected by the Cooperative Extension Office. Program development fees may be paid by:

1. **Credit or Debit Card.** Through the 4HOnline website at time of enrollment.
2. **Check.** Send check (made payable to the University of Arizona) to:
Greenlee County Extension Office
1684 Fairgrounds Rd.
Duncan, AZ 85534
3. **Cash.** Give cash to community club leader or treasurer. They will then send a check to the Cooperative Extension Office.

Individual projects may have additional costs, depending on the project area, and are the responsibility of the member.

JUDGES DECISIONS

The decision of judges in all events shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make the decision, or with his/her approval, the matter may be referred to the Show Management or their representative, from whose decision there is no appeal.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR REGIONAL/STATE/NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Travel/registration costs for county-based program/activities/camps are not reimbursable. For members that attend regional/state camps and activities, 50% of the early bird registration fee is eligible for reimbursement. If a certified leader chaperone is required by the sponsoring camp/activity, full early bird registration and mileage at the state reimbursement rate is eligible for reimbursement. If a chaperone is not required, but a certified leader attends, 50% of the early bird registration fee is eligible for reimbursement. **For national 4-H trips, 50% of the total trip cost, as determined by the delegation, is eligible for reimbursement.**

A maximum of three (3) Greenlee County 4-H leaders and a maximum of two (2) senior youth members may be sent to the Western Region Leaders Forum (WRLF) each year pending application approval. The Greenlee County 4-H Council will pay for leaders' and youth's airfare, travel mileage (state rate), registration, hotel, and per diem allowance for meals not provided by the conference. After the conference, each traveler must submit their non-conference meal receipts and the Conference agenda to the Cooperative Extension Office. Per diem allowances are determined by the traveler's destination (see the [State of Arizona Meals/Lodging Per Diem Allowance](#)). A traveler shall be allowed reimbursement for actual cost of meals, but not to exceed the per diem allowance rates.

GENERAL COUNTY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS TO BE IN GOOD STANDING

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

All members must attend at least 50% of community club meetings from time of enrollment, and participate in a minimum of 6 educational hours per project area the member is enrolled in order to be classified as a Member in Good Standing. Club by-laws will take precedent if they are above these requirements.

DEMONSTRATION/INFORMATIVE SPEECH (Juniors and Seniors only)

All members must give one demonstration or informative speech. This should be done at least at one of the following levels (but may be done at more than one level): the project, community club or county level. The demonstration or informative speech must be on a new topic related to one of your current year project areas.

DEMONSTRATION: A demonstration puts words into action. An effective demonstration teaches others how to do something by showing while telling – and showing really is worth a thousand words. At the end of a demonstration, you should have a finished product to show to your audience.

INFORMATIVE SPEECH: An informative speech tells about something. It also uses visual aids and should include a minimum of three posters, slides, or other visuals.

4-H FOOD BOOTH

Work at least one shift at the 4-H Food Booth during the Greenlee County Fair. Parent/guardian or family members, with prior approval from the County 4-H Council, can work the one shift for the Member if it is deemed necessary. 4-H Member and/or family member may need to have a current food handler's permit.

RECORD BOOK (Member and Project Records)

Record books must be kept, completed, and submitted to the 4-H Office by October 1. Project records must include each project that a member is enrolled in. See Project Records and Record Book Rules section in this Rule Book (page 10).

PROJECT ENROLLMENT DATE FOR PARTICIPATION

Members must be enrolled in all animal projects and have paid their 4-H program development fee by February 1st. Members must be enrolled in all non-livestock projects and have paid their 4-H program development fee by the first meeting of the selected project. The last day to withdraw from a project is August 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS.

MEMBER SELF EVALUATION

All members must complete an on-line self evaluation for the 4-H year by September 1st.

DRESS CODE

For Livestock show and auction, Demonstration Day, and all other events where specified: All exhibitors must wear a white, collared, long sleeved shirt. Shirts should be tucked in to black pants or skirt with the exception of a woman's business cut blouse that is not designed to be tucked in. Also required are a neck tie, scarf, vest, or 4-H Clover pin or patch (minimum of 2") in 4-H green. **Official Greenlee County dress shirts must be worn at Small Stock and Livestock shows and events. Leaders Council will pay for the printing of 1 shirt per youth per year.** Sturdy shoes or boots are highly recommended. For other community and 4-H activities, members are strongly encouraged to wear 4-H colors or t-shirts.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service learning is a perfect blend of organized community service and established learning goals. It is more than just volunteerism. The main difference between community service and community service learning in 4-H is that community service learning intentionally links service that meets community needs to specific learning objectives that positively develop 4-H youth. Community service learning in 4-H also involves the important aspect of reflection, which is a careful review of what was learned from conducting the service.

A minimum of four hours of community service as a 4-H club or group is required for each member and will need to be verified by the community club leader.

GREENLEE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Greenlee County 4-H Scholarships are for undergraduate education, trade, or vocational school. The award is for tuition/books/supplies. The award is for one year. Up to two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must have been a Member in Good Standing in Greenlee County 4-H.
- Must be enrolled in Greenlee County 4-H the year graduated from high school.
- Individual may receive the scholarship once.
- Must apply within two years after graduating from high school and must be enrolled in secondary, undergraduate, trade, or vocational school within one year after being awarded.
- Not awarded until confirmation received from school of enrollment. Must be enrolled full-time.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Applicant's Letter (70%) – The letter is to be prepared by the applicant, not to exceed three (3) pages. Two thirds (2/3) of the letter should deal with your 4-H Work:

Growth/Development (4-H experiences including years in 4-H)
Leadership/Citizenship (How did you contribute to 4-H?)

One third (1/3) of the letter should deal with your future plans & goals and how you will achieve them.

2. Three Letters of Recommendation (20%) – One letter of recommendation is to be from a 4-H leader, not related to the applicant. Two letters of recommendation should be from non 4-H people, not related to the applicant.
3. Complete Record Book (10%)- Must include the past two years of the applicant's Arizona 4-H Member and Project Records.

Materials received other than those requested will not be considered. The Applicant's letter, letters of recommendation, and record book are due in the Greenlee County Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th. Recipients will be selected by a committee of three people represented by: 1) Greenlee County 4-H Council, an adult not related to any of the applicants, 2) Greenlee County Civic Leader, and 3) Extension Personnel from outside of Greenlee County. An average score of 80% by the selection committee is required to be eligible for selection. Recipients will be announced in May.

4-H BUILDING COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS

1. **Members must be enrolled in the project(s) and have paid their 4-H program development fee by the first meeting of the selected project(s). Entry forms, Fair Eligibility Worksheet, and an online self-evaluation form are due to the Cooperative Extension Office by September 1st. Up-to-date project records must be presented to the project leader prior to September 1st. Leaders will confirm eligibility to the Cooperative Extension Office using the Fair Eligibility Worksheet. Refer to the Project Records section of this rulebook (page 9).**

In addition to our 4-H Entry Forms, the Greenlee County Fair Office may also require Fair Entry Forms. The submission date and method will be at the Fair Office's discretion.

All rules for the Fair are listed in the 4-H Fair Book (check the Greenlee County 4-H website under Club Resources: <https://extension.arizona.edu/greenlee-4-h-member-resources>). Exhibitors should pay close attention to the specific rules for each area for which they intend to exhibit in. Look for changes annually.

Entry tags will be provided at check in.

2. Project records must be kept by the member itemizing all items as applicable to date. Records must be presented to the project leader prior to September 1. Leaders will confirm eligibility to the Extension Office using the Fair Eligibility Worksheet, so that the project(s) may be entered. After the Fair, members will complete the project records with final details (awards, income, etc.).
3. All judging will be done using the Danish Grouping System* with Junior and Senior divisions. Division must be stated on the entry form and entry tag.
4. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
5. Exhibits must be entered per Fair schedule. Building will be closed to the public until the judging is complete.
6. Must be a Member in Good Standing. Refer to the Fair Eligibility Worksheet.

*The Danish Grouping System- A method of evaluating entries or exhibits in a particular class or contest according to the standards developed for that class or contest. The entries, exhibits, or contestants are evaluated and arranged into groups for recognition of their achievement based upon how close the exhibit meets the pre-established standards (Newman, Jerry A. "The Danish or Group Method of Judging in the 4-H Youth Development Program." (2006): n. pag. Web. <<http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/danishsys.htm>>).

4-H ANIMAL PROJECT FAIR REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING AT THE GREENLEE COUNTY FAIR

PURPOSE: One purpose of the 4-H animal projects is to teach the 4-H members how to feed, fit, and show their animals. The more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. Complete records on feeding, handling, and expenses should be kept so that the 4-H member and the leader can evaluate the project in the future years. Making a profit on the project is desirable, but this is NOT as important as the experience that is gained.

1. **Members must be enrolled in the animal project and have paid their 4-H program development fee by February 1st. Entry forms, Fair Eligibility Worksheet, and an online self-evaluation form are due in the Cooperative Extension Office by September 1st. Up-to-date project records must be presented to the project leader prior to September 1st. Leaders will confirm eligibility to the Cooperative Extension Office using the Fair Eligibility Worksheet. Refer to the Project Records section of this rule book (page 9).**

In addition to our 4-H Entry Forms, the Greenlee County Fair Office may also require Fair Entry Forms. The submission date and method will be at the Fair Office's discretion.

2. **Weigh-in and tagging are required for 4-H.**
3. Project records must be kept by the member itemizing all items as applicable to date. Records must be presented to the project leader prior to September 1. Leaders will confirm eligibility to the Extension Office using the Fair Eligibility Worksheet, so that the animal(s) may be entered and sold. After the fair, members will complete the project records with final weights, income, awards, etc.
4. In order for 4-H members to receive their checks from the sale of their animals, they must bring their thank you notes with stamped, addressed envelopes, in to the Cooperative Extension Office.
5. Refer to Greenlee County Junior Livestock and Small Stock Associations rules and requirements for deadlines and showing at the fair.
6. Must be a Member in Good Standing. Refer to the Fair Eligibility Worksheet.

GREENLEE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK & SMALL STOCK RULES

Exhibitors should pay close attention to the specific rules for each area for which they intend to exhibit in. Refer to the Associations' rules and look for changes annually.

LIVESTOCK RULES APPENDIX: REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

YOUTH SHOW OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS

(adapted from Washtenaw County, Michigan)

- To provide stimulating educational experiences different from those usually provided in local club programs.
- To provide a dynamic and comprehensive public view of youth programs in action.
- To provide recognition, inspiration and fellowship and to encourage greater future achievement and leadership.
- To provide exposures to and exploration of, new ideas for future efforts.
- To help individuals broaden their relationships with others.
- To inspire and serve as a laboratory for leadership development for youth and adults.

It is the intent of the livestock show management to provide each and every exhibitor an atmosphere of competitive spirit that promotes an educational experience, as well as honesty and integrity. As an exhibitor, you have spent countless hours caring for your live animal. Through this project, you have gained knowledge in animal husbandry that includes selection, genetics, nutrition, health, fitting, showing, economics, and marketing. Hopefully, you are also developing life skills such as, communication, leadership, cooperation, discipline, responsibility and financial management. By participating in this competitive event, you are putting your hard work and effort on display before judges who will evaluate your livestock at this show. Your skills and knowledge are also on display and evaluated by the general public.

It should give each and every one of you the utmost satisfaction knowing you are entering this event with a clear conscience that you did your best, and will walk away with more knowledge than you had coming into this competition. Experience is a valuable teacher. It allows each of you as exhibitors to gain knowledge and enables you to improve each time you participate in any type of function, whether it is livestock or non-livestock related. The Livestock Show Management strives to provide each participant an opportunity for a positive educational experience and the potential to enjoy competitive excellence. Remember that the choices you make today will determine what you will have, be and do in the tomorrows of your life.

The management of this livestock show expects each exhibitor to perform their own work and present an honest animal for competition to the best of their ability. There is no place for individuals that incorporate deception, dishonesty, cheating or sacrifice the humane treatment of the animals for the cost of winning at this show. Cheating defeats the purpose of the livestock show, to teach animal husbandry and to improve the genetic pool. Those exhibitors who choose not to follow the rules and guidelines of the livestock show will not be allowed to participate.

Remember the creeds of 4-H and FFA organizations, as well as —**The National Show Ring Code of Ethics**. You are a representative of over one million young people who are privileged to participate in fairs and livestock shows throughout the United States, and each of you need to uphold the integrity of the youth programs you represent. Above all, be honest with yourself and fellow livestock exhibitors.

THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF PRACTICE

I believe that my participation in the Junior Livestock program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skill as a feeder and fitter of livestock. I will do my own work and only accept advice and support from others.

I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animals. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when fitting them for show. I also will not allow my parents, my leader/advisor, or any other adult to employ such practices.

I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and leader/advisor of my project animal not break the rules or make exception on my behalf. I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer -good and bad- and how to live with the outcomes.

I realize I am responsible for:

- The proper care and treatment of my animals,
- The production of wholesome food
- And the development of sound moral character in myself-and others.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

Youth livestock producers are one link in the chain of wholesome food production. Each link in the chain relies on all other segments to make sure the product remains safe. By following good health, nutrition and management practices you can make sure your animals perform at their highest level, and are a safe, wholesome product for consumers.

In order to educate youth and adults about the "8 Good Production Practices" all youth livestock exhibitors are required to attend a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification workshop prior to participating in their county fair and/or state fair. The certification lasts one year from the certification date.

WHOLESOME ASSURANCE STATEMENT

- The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA, is a violation of federal law.*
- Food animals must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.
- Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.
- Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

* Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

Drug withdrawal periods must be completed prior to arrival at the show. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PROJECT LEADER/ADVISOR IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of policies for all junior exhibitors and all junior livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be shared with other fairs, livestock shows and organizations.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read this IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

PROJECT RECORDS AND MEMBER RECORD BOOK RULES

All 4-H members must complete project records (different than member records). Project records must be current, and reviewed and commented on by the project leader prior to September 1st in order to exhibit at the County Fair. Project records will be reviewed within the club. Each club will determine the due date and will have a review committee to verify completion and make comments. Check with your club for your due date. Verification that records are completed/up-to-date will be recorded on the Fair Eligibility Worksheet and submitted to the Cooperative Extension Office by September 1st.

Record book (includes member and project records) must be completed and submitted to the Cooperative Extension Office by October 1st to be eligible for a Gold Merit Award. Merit forms submitted without completed record books are only eligible for silver or lower awards.

4-H members must use the Arizona 4-H records. Add pages as you need them. Online fillable forms are available.

Your 4-H Records may be hand written in pen or pencil, type written or computer generated. What do you want to remember about your year in 4-H? It will be your record of progress. Remember – these are your records. Make them fun. Make them yours. Make them memorable. Add photographs with captions. Strive to make your records reflective of the “real” you. Over the years, your records will become a valuable journal of your accomplishments, trials and efforts through your 4-H career.

Arizona 4-H Project Record

You'll need one of these for EACH project you enroll in. This is where you keep track of important events and activities in each of your projects as you do them. This is also the place to keep track of expenses and income for your projects. Be sure you have the front page filled out and that you, your leader and your parents sign it at the **end** of the project.

Cloverbuds are encouraged to complete and submit the Greenlee County 4-H Cloverbud Record Book and each will receive a participation award.

Basic 4-H Member Record Books will include:

- 1) The Arizona 4-H Member's Record (a cumulative record that is added to each year)
- 2) Your 4-H Story: Juniors 1 page maximum; Seniors 3 pages maximum
- 3) Photographs with captions- up to 3 pages (Optional)
- 4) 4-H Project Record for each project (one each year, for each project you carry)
- 5) For Seniors only - Resume

Arizona 4-H Member's Record

This record introduces the great, wonderful YOU! Who are you? What projects did you enroll in? What committees did you work on? What talks or demonstrations did you give? Participate in any judging activities, 4-H Community Service or other activities? Add extra pages as you need them.

Your 4-H Story

The 4-H Story is where others will learn about you, what you are like and what type of young person you are. It should reflect your personal feelings about your experiences in the 4-H program during the past year. Juniors: one page maximum, Seniors: three page maximum.

4-H Photographs

Include captions with each photo of who, what, when & where. Do not overlap the pictures. A maximum of 3 pages of photos can be added. (Optional)

All the above must be in a green record book cover purchased from Shop 4-H or from the Cooperative Extension Office.

Complete guidelines and instructions “For the Record” is available online at:

<https://extension.arizona.edu/az-4-h-record-books>

The 4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a stem and the letter "H" in white or gold on each leaf. The emblem was registered with the United State Patent Office in 1924. The four H's represent the Head, Heart, Hands and Health. These signify a unique characteristic of 4-H; we are concerned about total development of the individual.

The 4-H Program

4-H involves families in meaningful activities together. It provides an opportunity for youth to work with others as well. 4-H has a strong base in project work in which youth acquire knowledge (Head "H") and skills (Hand "H"). Development of the Heart "H" is stressed through community service and leadership activities as youth learn to care and share with others. Through 4-H, youth can enhance their physical, mental and social health, the fourth "H." The 4-H program is designed to help youth with their total development - personal growth in knowledge, skills and attitudes and also growth in leadership and citizenship.



The 4-H Club 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.

4-H Motto

The 4-H Motto is: "To Make the Best Better"

4-H Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green, nature's common color, is emblematic of springtime, life and youth. White symbolizes high ideals.

4-H Creed for Members

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, useful and skillful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

4-H Creed for Leaders

I believe:

The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.

4-H members should be their own best exhibits.

No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.

Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.

Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.

To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.

Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.

Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (volunteers too).

Our job as a 4-H leader is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

4-H: Your First Class from the University of Arizona



The University of Arizona is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran's status, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Greenlee County Cooperative Extension at 928-359-2261. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.