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Welcome to the Gila County 4-H Youth Development Program! The Gila County 4-H Program has two leaders’ councils (Northern and Southern) that set requirements for members to complete their 4-H year. Please see these requirements that are listed below.

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**Gila County General Policies/ Rules**

The 4-H program year is October 1- September 30.

Alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs and substances are prohibited at any 4-H function. None of these shall be provided nor sold by any affiliated 4-H Youth Development organization for any official 4-H function. If member is 18 years or older and is convicted of a crime as an adult, they will not be considered a member in good standing for that year.

**4-H Age Divisions**
- Cloverbuds: 5-8 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.
- Junior members: 9-13 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.
- Senior members: 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.

**4-H Cloverbuds**
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 and uses materials approved by the Arizona State 4-H Youth Development Office. Cloverbuds may exhibit items made, but they may not compete in any event. They will receive a participation ribbon for their exhibit.

**4-H Dress Requirements**
4-H members may participate in events only if they are dressed appropriately. The dress code is plain collared shirt with long sleeves, long pants and closed toe shoes. Clothing will not display pictures or words that are gang related, alcohol, tobacco or sexually suggestive. If not dressed appropriately you will be dismissed. Dress must be deemed modest by adults in charge.

**Requirements to Complete 4-H Program Year**
The following conditions below are required to be completed to be a 4-H member in “good standing”. Members are eligible to receive awards only in project areas they complete. If a member does not complete their 4 H year in at least one project, they will not receive a pin for that year. Please see conditions listed below:
1. Enroll in a 4-H club on or before the deadline specified below:
   a. Enrollment deadline for all 4-H projects is February 1st.
2. Attend a minimum of 75% of your 4 H project club meetings.
3. Attend a minimum of 75% of community club meetings.
4. Participate in two 4-H/FFA county, state or national level events in your project area(s). Approval of events must be submitted to extension agent 30 days prior. The two events must be from two different categories listed below. See list below for events:
   a. *Gila County Demonstration Day*: Prior approval of event and topic is required by the extension agent. Demonstration posters are to be used only one year. No live animal or hazardous materials. Disregard of the conditions will end in disqualification.
   b. *Gila County Public Speaking*: Prior approval of event and topic is required by the extension agent.
   d. *Favorite Foods/Fashion Show*
   e. *Gila County Skillathon*: This event both combines judging and public speaking.
   f. *Interview Judging*: This is a fair entry that requires an interview about the entry.
5. Participate in the Gila County Fair for each project currently enrolled in. Members in leadership projects will demonstrate leadership at the fair.
6. Turn in a completed and signed project record to the extension office no later than October 1st or the next business day if October 1st falls on a weekend or holiday. If a member is enrolled in 4-H and fails to complete the year by turning in a record book, they will not be considered in “good standing”. Members can be reconsidered and achieve “good standing” by completing the following steps prior to the first community club meeting:
   a. Complete the record book
   b. Complete 10 hours of community service that is signed and approved by an adult.
   c. Complete a report explaining how their community service projected benefitted the community.

For special commendations, please contact the extension agent.

**Gila County 4-H Leader and Club Policies**
1. 4-H leaders are required to provide the 4-H office with an annual activity report and an annual financial report at the end of the 4-H year. A current planning report for the upcoming 4-H year is also required.
2. Volunteers desiring to be certified leaders must submit appropriate paperwork to the extension office 30 days in advance of any meeting in order to have voting rights. Also, 75% meeting attendance is required for leaders at all leaders’ council and community club meetings in order to continue voting privileges.
3. 4-H members must notify their former and future leader and the extension office when they change clubs within seven days of this change.
4. All clubs – must be chartered or be a part of a chartered club. Charter applications and more information are available on the state 4-H website.
5. Each club is responsible to have a minimum of six meetings.

**Gila County Home Economic and Other 4-H Short-Term Project Rules**
1. Must complete 4-H year program completion requirements.
2. Members must enter one to four items per project at the county fair.
3. Any short term project should be a minimum of 6 meetings in length.
Gila County 4-H Small Stock Rules
1. Must complete 4-H year program completion requirements.
2. Rabbits must be three months old by fair or show time.
3. Rabbits must have an identification number in left ear before receiving time at the fair.
4. Identification of all small stock will be done by tattooing, leg bands, ear tags, etc.
5. If the rabbit has a history of biting, a sign must be placed on the cage.
6. Breed judging: The rabbit must be owned by a member three months prior to any show.
7. Any sick or diseased animal will be disqualified, quarantined, and sent home immediately.
8. You must provide clean water and proper food containers at the show and fair for your small animal project(s).
9. Exhibitors must attend a Youth Quality Assurance Workshop in order to sell their small stock project in the auction at county fair.

Gila County 4-H Large Livestock Rules
1. Must complete 4-H year program completion requirements.
2. Secure own animal and financing of the animal.
3. Arrange pen facilities for entire project.
4. Member is responsible for care and maintenance of the project animal.
5. 4-H members must show their own project animal.
6. Assist sale committee in publicity, buyer solicitations & sale organization.
7. It is the responsibility of the 4-H youth, parent, and leader to be cognizant of the rules appropriate for the fair auctions that the 4-H youth will be selling their animal at. Check with that particular fair’s rule book for more information.
8. Up to date record books are required at tagging and weigh-in. If a record book is not available with all up to date information, you will not be permitted to sell.
9. Exhibitors must attend a Youth Quality Assurance Workshop in order to sell their large livestock project in the auction at county fair.
10. Each 4-H member must abide by all Gila County Fair Livestock Rules to enter the Gila County Fair.
11. Assistance is available from the 4-H leaders and/or extension agent. Project leaders will appraise project animals periodically and recommend any necessary changes.

Requirements for Large Livestock Projects:
- **Steers:** Market steers must be purchased by March 1st. Market steers should weigh approximately 500-700 pounds by this date (depending on the breed). Must not be over 24 months old at fair time.
- **Lambs:** Market lambs must be purchased by June 1. Lambs should weigh approximately 60-80 pounds by this date (depending on breed). Must not be over 12 months old at fair time.
- **Swine:** Market hogs must be purchased by June 1. Hogs should weigh 40-60 pounds by this date. Must not be more than 8 months old at fair time.
- **Goats:** Market Goats must be purchased by June 1. Goats should weigh approximately 40 pounds by this date. Must not be more than 12 months old at fair time.
Gila County 4-H Record Book Requirements
All 4-H members are to use the Arizona State Record Book forms. 4-H members should complete the member and project record book. If a member has more than one 4-H project, they should complete more than project record book. Record books must meet all state guidelines. Your record book tells about your 4-H experiences throughout the year. It shows your goals, efforts and accomplishments in 4-H. Completing a 4-H record book takes time and planning. It’s a good idea to have someone help you by proof reading your book and offering encouragement!

For the official Arizona State Record Book forms and requirements, please visit the state website at: https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/az-4-h-record-books.

4-H Pledge
I Pledge
MY HEAD to clearer thinking
MY HEART to greater loyalty
MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE
MY HEALTH to better living
FOR MY CLUB & MY COMMUNITY & MY COUNTRY & MY WORLD.

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