

FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H**CLUB MINIMUM GUIDELINES**

All 4-H clubs should strive to meet minimum guidelines; a standard intended to encourage excellence and continuity among Franklin County 4-H Clubs. These guidelines set forth by the OSU Extension, Franklin County 4-H Youth Development Program, give 4-H clubs a tool by which to measure their annual performance as well as a list of suggested activities to include as part of their 4-H program plan.

MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR A 4-H CLUB

An organized group of at least five youth members from three different families. Because Ohio 4-H follows Parliamentary Procedures for voting, three of the five members must be at least age 8 and enrolled in the 3rd grade, or age 9 or above regardless of grade level. This club is led by an adult volunteer who has completed the OSUE volunteer selection process, with a planned program that is carried on throughout all or most of the year.

Hold at least six meetings per year that include education, business, citizenship, social, health, safety, environmental, and leadership components.

Elect officers. 4-H Clubs shall elect officers and follow the Club Constitution and By-Laws approved by the membership to govern the club.

Conduct one health and one safety program during the year or give short health and safety talks at a minimum of six 4-H meetings.

Participate in at least one community service project.

Complete at least three of the following:

- A. All club members gave a demonstration, talk or speech at the club level.
- B. One or more members participated in county 4-H evaluations and/or Junior Fair.
- C. Held a meeting emphasizing county and state 4-H awards.
- D. Held a meeting emphasizing camping opportunities.
- E. Held a meeting emphasizing county and state leadership opportunities.
- F. Club participated in a group 4-H project.
- G. Recruited three or more new 4-H members.
- H. Held a club 4-H recognition program.
- I. Conducted a 4-H awareness program to increase 4-H's visibility.

