



4-H Club _____
Leader(s) _____ ☐ _____

Illinois 4-H Recognition for Excellence Standards of Excellence for 4-H Clubs and Groups

Click **Yes** or **No** for each of the following items that best describe what is happening in your 4-H club or group. Clubs or groups that meet 11 of the 14 *Standards of Excellence* can be recognized by their Extension Unit for achieving these standards. Submit this-form to your local Extension office to be eligible to receive the recognition. We encourage all clubs and groups to continue to strive for the *Standards of Excellence*.

The 14 Standards of Excellence for Clubs and Groups

Yes ☐ No ☐ We selected a theme or area of emphasis at the beginning of the program year (*Examples: health, community service, intercultural, food & nutrition*). **List theme selected:** _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ We established yearly goals and a written copy was sent to the local Extension office (*Examples: Gain 4 new members; All members will attend 75% of the meetings*). **List your goals for the year here:**

Yes ☐ No ☐ A calendar for the year was printed and distributed to members and parents, leaders, and the local Extension office. **Attach a copy of the calendar to this form.**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Members were actively involved in determining the yearly program.

Yes ☐ No ☐ All members had a planned part in the program during the year (*Examples: public presentations, refreshments; obtaining a guest speaker*).

Yes ☐ No ☐ The entire club membership was invited and involved in at least nine events during the year (*Examples: meetings, skating party, club tour, recognition night*).

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The 14 Standards of Excellence for Clubs and Groups(continued)

Yes ☐ No ☐ Officers were elected and fulfilled their leadership roles. **List the officer positions that your club fills:** _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ The 4-H group had at least one project leader for at least 75% of the members' project areas.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Project groups had a planned calendar of events. **Attach a copy of the calendar(s) to this form.**

Yes ☐ No ☐ A scheduled recognition event was held for members, leaders, and parents.

Yes ☐ No ☐ At least 75% of the members made progress towards individual 4-H project goals.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Members' parents and families had an opportunity to participate in club activities (*Examples: skating party, tour, recognition event*).

Yes ☐ No ☐ Members took part in a variety of events and/or meetings beyond the 4-H club level (*Example: Federation, county project workshops, camp, state teen events*).

Yes ☐ No ☐ A minimum of 75% of the club's annual goals were reached.

Number of *Standards* with a circled **Yes**: _____



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