



Member Checklist

Name: _____

Year: _____



Every enrolled 4-H member must attend a minimum of four 4-H sponsored meetings, activities, or events during the current 4-H year (September 1 - show day) in order to be eligible for 4-H exhibition, premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognition.

Suggestions for Success: Participation, Service, Leadership, & Project Learning Strive to complete at least one in each area! New types of activities should be attempted each year to show growth. See Monthly Tracker and Goal Sheets for ideas and suggestions.

Participation ☐

Service ☐

Leadership ☐

Project Mastery ☐

Also consider attending an event outside of your club! 4-H offers workshops to support project areas, to offer service opportunities, and to help you grow your leadership skills. There are also several state events that members may attend that will offer you incredible opportunities. The more you attend the more you grow!

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Fall

	Item:	Due Date:	Resource:
	New Members: request to be added to the county mailing list - read monthly eblasts		
	Like and follow our Facebook page		Facebook
	Foundation Fundraiser dinner supports enrollment fees and project manual cost • sell at least 5 tickets and consider bringing a dessert • attend dinner	late September	
	New Members Enroll in ZSuite	ZSuite opens October 1	ZSuite
	Returning Members Enroll in ZSuite	October 1 - October 31	Enrollment Instructions
	Make project selections	upon enrollment or by December 1	Project Guide
	Start thinking about project goals you have for this year - browse spark sheets for ideas		spark sheets
	Watch for National 4-H Week Activities and fall workshop opportunities	October - November	
	Request project manuals via online link - these will help you learn more about and complete your projects	December 1	Project Manual Order Link



Keeping Good Records

Washington County 4-H hosts a fall Achievement Night event in order to recognize our members for their accomplishments throughout the year. Record keeping skills will be a benefit in all future walks of life, so what better time to start than now! Keep a record of what you've done throughout the year by using our 4-H Calendar Tracking Tool. Try to make a habit of tracking your activities at least once a month, perhaps at the beginning of each monthly club meeting.



Winter

	Item:	Due Date:	Resource:
	Watch for Winter workshop opportunities	January - March	
	Complete <u>Goal Sheets</u> and submit to the Extension Office	January 1	<u>Goal Sheets</u>
	Request project manuals via <u>online link</u>	March 1	<u>Project Manual Order Link</u>
	Give a talk/demonstration on your project		
	Consider serving on a club committee to gain some leadership skills		

Talks and Demonstrations

4-H is a fun and safe place to share your knowledge with others. Plan to share your knowledge with your club prior to show day in the form of a talk or demonstration. A Talk is a short speech, telling about something. A Demonstration is showing how something is done.

Helpful hints:

1. Pick one idea about your 4-H project and narrow it down so it's easier to focus. Example. Instead of giving a speech on "cows", narrow it down and talk about "how to ear tag a cow".
2. Speeches should have:
 - a start (something that will catch attention and give a club to what your presentation is about
 - a middle (all of the neat stuff you know about your topic. 3-5 main points)
 - an end (leave us with a "wow" ending so that we will remember you)
3. Practice, practice, practice!
4. Look at the audiences and try not to fidget. Relax and breathe!
5. Be ready to answer questions from the audience.





Spring

	Item:	Due Date:	Resource:
	Watch for Spring workshop opportunities	April - May	
	Access and read the show handbook		
	Request project manuals via online link - these will help you learn more about and complete your projects	May 1	Project Manual Order Link
	Watch for instructions regarding project entry into the 4-H shows	May 15	
	Members showing Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep and Swine- complete your YQCA training	June 1	YQCA
	Members showing Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Cat and Dog- complete your QAEC training (once per career)	June 1	QAEC





Summer

	Item:	Due Date:	Resource:
	Watch for Summer workshop opportunities		
	Exhibit your project at a 4-H Show		
	Submit county <u>member records</u> and award applications	August 31	<u>member records</u>

Projects at the 4-H Shows

Part of project success is exhibiting your project(s) during the shows, typically held in late June and July. Members have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, to display their work for others and to practice public speaking as they are judged for their accomplishments.

Recognition and Achievement

Our Achievement and Recognition program consists of a member record, livestock records, goal sheets and Cloverbud member records. You might also be encouraged to submit short essays and/or officer record books (treasurer and secretary) if you served as a club officer. We can't wait to celebrate everything you've accomplished this year. Be sure and inquire also about recognition and scholarship opportunities offered beyond the county level.

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Resources

Resource:	
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonColl4H
Local Extension Website	web.extension.illinois.edu/bcjmww
Local 4-H Website	go.illinois.edu/WashingtonCo4H
State 4-H Website	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/
ZSuite	https://4h.zsuite.org/
Enrollment Instructions	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info
Project Guide	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects
spark sheets	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/library/spark-sheet-resources
Project Manual Order Link	https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eA8JEYf1tZFNNhc
Member Records	go.illinois.edu/Washington_Member_Record
Goal Sheets	go.illinois.edu/Washington_Goal_Sheets
YQCA	https://yqcaprogram.org/
QAEC	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/media/3634/download?inline=true
State Events and State Calendar	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events
Teen Leadership Opportunities	https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/teen-leadership



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