



4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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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