



2010 First Year 4-H Members

“To Make the Best Better” 4-Her’s are out “To Make the Best Better.” That’s our 4-H motto and that’s what 4-Her’s are always trying to do. This motto officially adopted in 1927 at the first National 4-H Camp, has remained the same through the years. It sets high goals for 4-H members but it keeps them aware of the possibilities for improvement. Your 4-H Project and 4-H experiences like a week at 4-H Camp teach you new skills and then point the way toward improvement. In addition, healthy competition adds a “push” to make the best a little better. Each 4-Her’s has to determine their best and whether it can be better. But that’s all part of the 4-H experience and development process.

4-H Camping

As you experience your first year of 4-H membership I would like to encourage you to attend a week of camp, and join your friends for a fun filled week. 2010 camp dates will be younger ages 9-11 June 14-18; intermediate ages 12-14 June 21-25; and older ages 15-21 June 28 – July 2, 2010.

“4-H Exhibit”

As you know, all first year 4-H members are required to complete “This is 4-H Project.” Call the extension office for your 8 1/2” x 11” form for you to use to complete your exhibit for this year’s fair. Neatly complete the information requested and attach a picture of you to the form. Turn in the completed form to your club leader at your June club meeting.

The major goal of 4-H is to provide an opportunity for youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes which will enable them to become self-directing, productive members of society. This goal is carried out through the involvement of parents, volunteers, and other adults who organize and conduct educational subject/project experiences.

The 4-H Project consists of three areas. 1- Project Book possible score of 30 points, which provides information to increase knowledge of the project. 2- Exhibit possible 50 points, which the 4-H Member uses as a means to demonstrate their mastery and understanding of the information from the 4-H Project Book. (Knowledge and Skill combines as the 4-H member’s Exhibit). In addition, 3- Evaluation and Judging of 4-H Member's effort which provides positive comments for development and growth. 4-H Projects provide the Member with an insight to new areas of information, hands on learning, career exploration for future job possibilities and development of functional skills. Each 4-H Members also completes a 4-H Activity Record with a possible score of 20 points, which results in a possible over all score of 100 points.

Also, I want to encourage you to complete your project books before June 1. If you have any questions about how to complete them ask your club leaders or call me at the Extension office anytime.

Code of Conduct Code of Media Release

Each member is required yearly to read and sign the Berkeley County 4-H Members Code of Conduct and Media Release.

Health Form

All new 4-H Members must complete a health form. The health form must be updated yearly with any changes in the member’s health history.

Special Notes: Each 4-H Project is recommended based on cognitive development of youth. Each project has a recommendation of age that indicates the degree of difficulty and the approximate age levels as of January 1. Beginners 9-12, Intermediate 13-15 and Advanced 16-21

Fair Check in & Registration Requirements

4-H Members Responsibility to Complete and Meet Due Dates.

I understand it is my responsibility as a 4-H member to complete my project requirements on time. This includes my project book requirement which are due to my club leader on or before the June club meeting. If I am enrolled in a 4-H Animal Project it is my responsibility to complete the animal guide, check in my market livestock and/or register other livestock as scheduled by fair officials to exhibit at the Berkeley County Youth Fair.

If I miss the check in, registration due date, or do not have my project book completed on time I understand I will not exhibit at the Berkeley County Youth Fair and will complete my project at the club level.

Due dates and registration forms will be posted to the Berkeley County Extension and Berkeley County Youth Fair web sites in a timely manner at either www.berkeleyextension.com or www.berkeleycountyyouthfair.org If I have questions I need to ask my leader or 4-H agent. Questions on this policy are to be directed to the 4-H Agent.

General Requirements for 2010 Fair

1. All Outdoor 4-H Projects will be received Saturday July 31 from **9:00 a.m. - 2:00 PM**. All indoor 4-H exhibits will be received at (porch area) of the Exhibit Hall Sunday, August 1, between **1:00 and 2:00 p.m.**
2. Please read each project exhibit requirement as described and explained in Fair Catalog. If exhibits do not meet the requirements as specified in the Fair Catalog, points will be deducted. **All Posters 14" x 22"**
3. All exhibits must be exhibitors own work and of the current year 4-H year, October 1, 2009 to date of Fair.
4. Exhibitor's name should not be visible on the project exhibit.
5. Properly labeled means according to the specifications given for each project exhibit.
6. If a project exhibit includes valuables - DO NOT exhibit them.
7. Food exhibits should be entered on one disposable plate and be enclosed in a zip-locked bag.
8. Home garden exhibits should be displayed in an appropriate container, size not to exceed 14" x 22".
9. Plant projects exhibited must be maintained by the exhibitor.
10. Exhibit Hall closes **Friday night at 10:00 P.M. Release of 4-H Indoor Exhibits is Saturday, August 7, 2010 between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 a.m.** Exhibitors are responsible to pick up their exhibits.

You are part of a long 4-H History that is rich in traditions and has a proven record of success. 4-H is the largest youth development organization in America and the world today. One out of every seven adults in America is a former 4-H'er. This is the 97th year of 4-H in Berkeley County and the 83rd year at Camp Frame. This is the 94th year of the 4-H Fair in Berkeley County and our 63rd year as the Berkeley County Youth Fair.

You are now a part of the tradition and history of 4-H. I encourage you to do your best, be a faithful 4-H member, and get involved in 4-H. Take pride in all you do and the wonderful young person you are. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year and especially at 4-H Camp and the Berkeley County Youth Fair.

If at any time you have a question or concern please talk with your 4-H Club Leader or contact me at 304 264-1936 or email at Doug.Hovatter@Mail.WVU.edu

***I Thank you for being a part of 4-H in Berkeley County...
Have a great 4-H Career!***