

**New 4-H Families frequently find the various terms used in 4-H Confusing  
This is an attempt to try to make things a little more understandable.**

**Glossary of Terms**

**4-H Program Terms:**

- **4-H year** – September 1 to August 31 – All members & Volunteers must re-enroll with the start of the new 4-H Year – This is the time to sign up for new projects
- **4-H age** – Age at 12:00 a.m. of January 1 – This determines age of joining 4-H and if they participate as a Junior or Senior for most of the state contests. Members must have reached their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday but not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday to be a member in the traditional 4-H program. For most state contests members are divided into Junior and Senior levels by 4-H age - Seniors those 14-18 - Juniors those 8-13 – sometimes Juniors are subdivided with those 8-10 classified as Youth (Shooting Sports) or Junior Junior (Horse Bowl)
- **Clover Kids** - Children 5 through 7 years of age who participate in non-competitive; age appropriate activities. Clover Kids do not sign up for projects but may do similar projects in their own group.
- **Special 4-H Clubs** - Programs for special needs adults who do not fit within these age perimeters.
- **Collegiate 4-H Members** – College students who are members of an on-campus 4-H Program. At the University of Missouri these are called Mizzou 4-H Members
- **Member in good standing** – 4-H members who have completed all State and local requirements to complete for the year (or are on target for completing at a given time) The basic requirements are:
  - Enrollment form and fees turned in by January 15 (Special permission required of 4-H Council for late enrollments)
  - Complete at least one project by receiving at least 6 hours of training
  - Give at least one demonstration or illustrated talk (at Club Meeting, Project Meeting or County Events Day)
  - Attend at least ½ of the meeting of their club

(Arrangements must be made with the Club Leader if for serious reasons some of these requirements cannot be met.)

- **Events Day** – A day in which 4-H members participate in a variety of contests (In some counties this is called “Achievement Day” or “Contest Day” – Locally these usually include Demonstrations, Fashion Revue, Public Speaking, Project Judging, Personal Development and Table Setting.
- **Leadership Day** – A day of workshops and presentations designed to help youth and/or adults develop leadership skill. May be a combined training or presented as 4-H Officer Training and Volunteer Leader’s Training as separate sessions (one of the responsibilities of the Leadership Committee is to assist in planning these trainings)
- **State Contests** - Contests at which 4-H members compete against other 4-H members from around the state most are held in Columbia – Many of these require a local competition to select participants. Contests include: Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Public Speaking & Demonstration, Meats Judging, Poultry Judging, Livestock Judging, Shooting Sports, Public Speaking and Fashion Revue
- **Conference Judging** – The type of judging used for Fair Exhibits in which members meet and discuss their exhibit with the judge - see guide sheet #LG731 Conference Judging: Helping 4-H Members Evaluate Their Work
- **Project Judging** – An activity where items or situations (traditionally 4) are arranged by the 4-H Member from most to least desirable and then explain their placing (called “giving reasons”) See Guide Sheet #LG730 Judging: A 4-H Teaching Technique.
- **Demonstration/Illustrated Talk** – A method of explaining an activity or process while actually “doing” the activity (Demonstration) or showing the process with photos or drawings (Illustrated Talk) see guide sheets Y744 Let’s Demonstrate; Y745 Demonstration Worksheet and LG744 4-H Demonstrations
- **Project** – The individual learning activities of 4-H members – Projects are offered in over 75 project areas in addition to Self Determined in which members may design their own project.
- **County Wide Project** – A project group that includes members from several different 4-H Clubs. Members may participate with the county wide group or with a leader in their own club.

- **Club Activity** – Similar to projects but are participated in by an entire 4-H Club – Clubs usually plan at least one Activity each year
- **School Enrichment Program** – 4-H sponsored learning activities delivered through the school
- **4-H Clover** – The official catalog of Missouri 4-H Programs, Projects, Events and Publications – The 4-H Clover gives details about most 4-H Statewide Events and Contests.
- **Recognized Volunteer** – Adult Volunteers who have submitted a completed Volunteer Application Form and passed the Volunteer Screening and completed the Volunteer Orientation.
- **Volunteer Screening** – The process by which all 4-H Volunteers are screened by DFS and Highway Patrol to determine that they have not been charged with a felony or child abuse/neglect. All volunteers must be screened each year.
- **Volunteer Orientation** – The program which summarizes the history of 4-H & Extension and teaches the basic principles of 4-H Youth Development Philosophy – All 4-H Volunteers must complete the Volunteer Orientation once.
- **Certified Leader** – Special Certification is required to lead certain 4-H projects – these include all Shooting Sports Projects, Horse Bowl coaches and Sports Fishing if participating in state fishing competitions.
- **Leader Roles**
  - **Club Leader** – The person or team of people who have primary responsibility for organizing the club, collecting enrollment forms and keeping the club members informed of club, county and state 4-H activities and events.
  - **Project Leader** – An Adult or older teen who spend a minimum of 6 hours instructing a group of 4-H members in a specific project. Adult Project Leaders must be a recognized volunteer. A 4-H Teen who leads a project group should have an adult advisor.
  - **Activity Leader** – A person who plans and supervises an activity for a 4-H Club
  - **Resource Leader** – A volunteer who does not lead a project or activity but is available to help out in the 4-H Club in a variety of ways.
  - **Episodic Volunteer** – A person who volunteers for a short term role and does not meet alone with 4-H members (ex: Conference Judges – Program Presenters – Guest Speakers) Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Application or Volunteer Orientation but should be “officially recognized” in their volunteer role by a letter or e-mail inviting them to attend the 4-H event.
- **Project Record** – Y620 the form on which 4-H members record their goals and achievements in a project.
- **Goal Setting** – A planning guide for clubs and individual members in which they set down the things they hope to learn/accomplish for the year – Club Goals are recorded in the program book and secretary’s book and individual goals are recorded on the Project Record.
- **Award Applications** (*For more information on 4-H Awards see the Audrain County 4-H Family Handbook and the Missouri 4-H Web Site*)
  - **Audrain County Member Award Application** – An in county award application used for members to apply for local recognition
  - **Missouri Recognition Form (MRF)** – Used to apply for State level recognition – there are 3 levels –Level 1 for 8 to 10 year olds; Level 2 for 11-13 year olds; Level 3 for 14 and over
  - **Key Award** – A special recognition for 4-H members who have developed a plan and achieved goals in areas of Leadership, Community Service, Project Excellence and Personal Growth.
  - **I Dare You Award** – A recognition of Youth Leadership from the American Youth Leadership Foundation
  - **4-H Foundation Scholarships** - Scholarships to Missouri Collages & Tech Schools sponsored by the Missouri 4-H Foundation (over 60 scholarships are available)
  - **Kotsenburg Scholarship** - A memorial fund which sponsors scholarships for Audrain County 4-H members attending 4-H Camp, Conferences or other activities.

Please let me know if there are additional terms you would like to see added. This will be added to the Family Handbook. Watch for Fair terms in the December Newsletter. Eleanor