



FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H RULES

TEEN OPTION

For Members 14 and older as of January 1 of the 4-H Year

The Franklin County 4-H Council recognizes that many teens are extremely busy with school activities, and often, a job as well. With this in mind, and recognizing that teens can offer much in the way of leadership to our 4-H program, the Teen Option has been approved to help older 4-H members meet the completion requirements set forth in the Franklin County 4-H Rules.

4-H members 14 and older by January 1 of the current 4-H year, who find it difficult to meet the club meeting requirement for completing the project year, may choose to exercise this Teen Option. The Teen Option allows teens to complete the project year by attending a minimum of four 4-H club meetings, **and** fulfilling a leadership contract. The contract must include a commitment to provide a leadership role in the club, and on the county level. Club leadership roles must be approved by the club leader, and the 4-H Youth Specialist must approve the county leadership role. The member, Club Leader, and 4-H Youth Specialist must sign the leadership contract before it is valid. A member who wishes to take the Teen Option must do so by February 1 of the 4-H year. The member must complete the requirements of the contract by September 30 of the 4-H year.

A member must attend at least four club meetings, complete at least one project, and **complete the leadership contract to the approval of the Club Leader and the 4-H Youth Specialist** in order to complete the 4-H year under the Teen Option. If a member fails to complete the leadership contract, but is able to attend at least six club meetings, the member will be allowed to complete the project year.

Members wishing to take advantage of the Teen Option should:

1. Contact the Extension Center for a copy of the contract form.
2. Visit with Club Leader and County 4-H Youth Specialist to determine leadership commitments.
3. Have Club Leader sign the form and send it to the Extension Center.
4. The 4-H Specialist will sign the form and return a copy to you and the Club Leader.
5. Have the Club Leader initial and date your copy of the form when you complete the club leadership commitment.
6. Have the 4-H Youth Specialist initial and date your copy of the form when you complete the county leadership commitment.
7. Turn your copy in to the Club Leader along with your other end-of-the-year paper work.

Suggested county leadership includes:

- Serving on a county committee.
- Decorating for St. Pat's Coronation
- Taking decorations down after St. Pat's Coronation
- Help arrange for and serve refreshments for St. Pat's Coronation
- Help with Achievement Night
- Lead a game or games for county picnic.
- Setting up livestock pens for Franklin County Fair
- Assisting with 4-H Exhibit Day at Franklin County Fair
- Help set up for Leader Recognition Dinner
- Assist with Officer Training
- Assist with Ballot Stuffing
- Contact the Extension Center for more ideas.

Franklin County 4-H Council Rules
TEEN OPTION LEADERSHIP CONTRACT

NAME: _____

Date: _____

4-H CLUB: _____

Age: _____

I will perform the following leadership role in my 4-H Club:

I have reviewed this club leadership plan and approve it

Club Leader Signature

Date

I will perform the following county level leadership role:

I have reviewed this county leadership plan and approve it: _____
4-H Youth Specialist Signature

I understand that I must attend at least four club meetings and complete the leadership roles that I have accepted, or another approved role, **to the satisfaction of my Club Leader and the Franklin County 4-H Youth Specialist.** My failure to do so will prevent me from completing the 4-H Year, and being considered as a member in good standing.

Member's signature

Date