4-H Families,

The holiday season is a time where we so often celebrate family. For many who have spent time in the 4-H program, their 4-H club becomes another family that provides friendship, support, and a shared goal. I sincerely hope that 4-H can become something similar for you.

In this edition, you’ll find some basic things to know about how 4-H club meetings work, your role as an adult, and other tips for making this a great experience for your youth members as well as all of the 4-H’ers at the meeting. Youth members are invited to get to know their club leaders and learn a little more about how the meeting is run.

If you’re new to 4-H as of the past month or you haven’t had a chance to check out the previous editions, you can find the October and November editions on our website.

- October – The 4-H Pledge
- November – 4-H Projects

Please don’t forget to fill out this 2-minute survey: https://forms.gle/ENeo5qzTVwc32cbd6

4-H is all about “making the best better”, and your feedback helps us improve!

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday season!

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4-H Club Meetings

Almost every 4-H club holds regular club meetings. Even within the same club, no two club meetings are the same. Ideally, every meeting should have three parts - recreation, business, and education. Youth leadership plays a huge role in the success of a club.

Most clubs have youth officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other selected roles) who are responsible for running each of the meetings. Youth leaders not only gain excellent life skills, they help to keep the meeting relevant and fun for members of all ages. All youth have a responsibility to contribute to their clubs through their voice and their actions!

What is my role as an adult?
Adults play an important part in creating a positive atmosphere for all 4-H members. While at a meeting, it’s important to be a positive role model for everyone in attendance. Adults play a huge factor in empowering and encouraging youth.

Make this a positive experience.
1. Actively listen to all 4-H members.
2. Let youth run the meeting. It’s their club!
3. Attend as many meetings as possible.
4. Ask your club leader how you can contribute.
5. If you have a hobby or skill, consider offering to be a guest speaker!

Should I stay or should I go?
It’s strongly recommended that families attend 4-H meetings together. Club meetings provide great opportunities to learn with other club members, but the learning doesn’t stop there. By attending the meeting, you can reflect on the meeting together and continue the education at home.

Parliamentary Procedure answer key (see member edition):
1. Motion | 2. Second | 3. Discuss | 4. Re-state the motion | 5. Vote

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Get To Know Your Club

All 4-H clubs have adult leaders and youth decision makers. Most clubs have youth officers, like a president or a treasurer. Fill in the name and role your club leaders, and then ask them a question. Try to meet a new club member that you don’t know yet, too!

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How is the meeting run?

Most 4-H clubs use **parliamentary procedure** to make club decisions. See if you can put the 5 steps of this procedure in order. Each step is written in **bold**. The answers are found at the bottom of the adult edition.

**Re-state the Motion** – The president re-states the motion before the group votes.

1. __________________

**Discussion** – The motion is discussed by all members. Members might want to bring up good or bad things about the motion, or maybe find some ways that it needs to be changed.

2. __________________

**Motion** – A motion is a request that something can be done. Only one motion should be placed before the group at one time. A motion can be discussed and changed.

3. __________________

**Vote** – The group votes to decide if they will pass or deny the motion. Voting can usually happen by voice. Members say “aye” if they agree, and “nay” if they disagree. Voting sometimes happens in other ways (secret ballot, show of hands).

4. __________________

**Second** – If someone agrees with the motion, they can “second” the motion which means it can be discussed by all members.

Adapted from Quick and Easy Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Wisconsin 4-H Southern District Leadership Team, 2001

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