

# Minimum Guidelines

All 4-H clubs are required to meet minimum guidelines; a standard intended to encourage excellence and continuity among Morrow County 4-H Clubs. These guidelines, set forth by the OSU Extension - Morrow County 4-H, give 4-H clubs a tool by which to measure their annual performance as well as a list of suggested activities to include as part of their 4-H program plan.

## MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR A 4-H CLUB

- Have at least 5 members from at least 3 different families (3 of the 5 members must be at least age 8 and enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, or age 9 or above regardless of grade level)
- Meets at least 6 times (6 hrs. total) per year that include education, business, citizenship, social, health, safety, environmental, and leadership components.
- Elect officers. Election of officers is needed to teach parliamentary procedure and to provide a leadership opportunity to members. All officers' complete duties.
- Participate in at least one community service project.
- Adding a minimum requirement.** Members and volunteers must attend a minimum number of 4-H meetings to be considered a "4-H participant in good standing". Members and volunteers may be granted an excused absence for illness and other reasons. Members and volunteers must contact a volunteer or officer, prior to the meeting and explain why they are unable to attend the meeting. County suggestion: 50%
- Complete at least three of the following:
  - A. All club members gave a demonstration, talk or speech at the club level.
  - B. One or more members participated in county 4-H evaluations and/or Junior Fair.
  - C. Club participated in a group 4-H project.
  - D. Recruited three or more new 4-H members.
  - E. Held a club 4-H recognition program.
  - F. Conducted a 4-H awareness program to increase 4-H's visibility
  - G. Club participated in an educational tour.
  - H. Club had invited educational speaker.

