

Honor Club Yardstick Marion County 4-H Honor Club Planning Guide

Activities must have occurred between September 1 of the past year and August 31 of the current year.

If your club is interested in applying for Honor Club Awards, this sheet must be completed and returned to OSU Extension Marion County office with your secretary and treasurer's books by the last working day of August.

CLUB NAME: _____

ADVISOR'S NAME: _____

USING THE 4-H CLUB YARDSTICK - HONOR CLUB PROGRAM

This yardstick was developed by the Marion County 4-H Advisory Council to help advisors in planning the club program and to give direction to it. Credit is given on the yardstick for activities which are done in areas such as community service, demonstrations, health and safety, training meetings, etc. The specific activities are left to the club to be determined in their planning. For instance, a club might decide to clean the church grounds as a club activity in community beautification.

Many clubs plan their activities to include each of the items listed on the Yardstick and at the end of the club year have earned an Honor Club rating or Honorable Mention rating. To help clubs evaluate the amount of activity they have participated in, a rating column is provided.

This Yardstick is in no way meant to discourage or degrade a 4-H club. For the most part, it is not practical or possible for a new club to reach such high standards the first year or two. However, the Yardstick does provide, at a quick glance, a good outline of local 4-H club meetings. As clubs progress, they are encouraged to make their club an Honor Club.

The award for obtaining Honor Club is a \$10 cash award, and your club's name added to the Honor Club Plaque on display in the Extension office.

The clubs designated as Honorable Mention receive a Certificate of Award.

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS - 237
HONOR CLUB - 190 POINTS
HONORABLE MENTION - 160 POINTS**

Activity	Maximum Possible Points	Actual Points
1. 4-H Club enrollment cards filed in the county office by March 16 deadline.	5	
2. Percentage of members giving demonstrations and/or illustrated talks in the local club: (25%=5 points)(26-50%=10 points)(51-57%=15 points)(76-100%=20 points)	20	
3. Four points for each demonstration or health and safety talk given for your club at the County Communications Day.	12	
4. Club officers attend Officers' Training - 1 point per standard office holder (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Health, Safety, Recreation and News Reporter)	9	
5. Club conducts an activity contributing to the health, safety and financial welfare of the general public community by contributing time, labor, materials, or dollars without compensation! Include report in Secretary's book.	5	
6. Club to improve the appearance of the community (public buildings, fairgrounds, schools, parks, neighborhood, or roadsides through litter pick-ups, building or sign painting, tree and flower plantings, etc.	5	
7. Attendance at local club meetings (90-100% = 8 points)(80-89% = 6 points)(70-79% = 4 points)(60-69% = 2 points)	8	
8. Member(s) attend 4-H Camp (One member 3 points, 2 or more 6 points)	6	
9. Member(s), parents, or advisors volunteer in the 4-H Advisory Council Milkshake Stand during the Marion County Fair	6	
10. News articles appear in paper or club members(s) conduct a radio program (meeting announcements do not count)(2 points per article or radio program.)	6	
11. Educational field trip or tour as a club attended by 80% of members.	5	
12. Guest speaker in local club.	5	
13. At least one club program on safety.	5	
14. At least one club program on health.	5	
15. Percent of members that completed the year - (90-100%=20 points)(80-89%=15 points)(70-79%=12 points)(below 70%=10 points)	20	
16. Percent of enrolled projects completed - (100%=20 points)(85-99%=15 points)(Below 85%=0 points. (Do not consider projects or incomplete members.)	20	
17. Parent participation - 75% of the parents attended at least one club meeting or club activity during the club year. Attending the fair does not count.	10	
18. Secretary Book - complete, minutes properly entered, cover page complete (to include club picture), 4-H club record complete, constitution attached on page 31, inside back cover completed and club program plan inside front cover.	5	
19. Treasurer's Book - cover page completed, receipts and expenses completed, summary page completed.	5	
20. Members exhibited at fair (90-100%=15 points)(80-89%=10 points)(70-79%=5 points)	15	
21. Club had booth at fair.	10	
22. Held a local club or joint club end of your achievement program, potluck, picnic, etc.	20	
23. Members Record Book of projects, activities, etc. completed to date (100%=10 points)(80%=8 points)(60%=6 points)(40%=4 points)(20%=2 points)	10	
24. All member O.P.E.R. forms completed and turned in on time.	20	
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