

EMMONS COUNTY 4-H POLICY

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4-H AGE CLARIFICATION

A 4-H member must be in 3rd grade or 8 years of age before September 1st of the current 4-H year. A boy or girl who is 19 years of age on or before September 1st of the current year is not eligible for 4-H membership. A Cloverbud member must be 5 years old by September 1st of the current 4-H year.

4-H YEAR

4-H year starts September 1 and ends August 31.

DRESS CODE

4-H Dress Code for Emmons County is:

1. Solid white, yellow, gray or green shirt with a 4-H emblem prominently displayed and securely fastened on the front. It is recommended that the shirt be a solid colored crew neck t-shirt, polo shirt, or Henley-type shirt. The 4-H emblem can be silk-screened, fused or securely fastened using a Velcro-type fastener or fabric spray.
2. Dark jeans, pants, shorts or skirts. Livestock exhibitors should also wear boots/protective shoes for safety.
3. Participants in the 4-H Horse show must observe the dress code as stated in the North Dakota 4-H Horse Show Rules and Judging Guide (GBH092). All exhibitors must wear western hats, western boots, dark blue or black colored jeans or slacks, a belt and long sleeved, solid white shirt with a 4-H emblem on the left, front side. No ties or gloves are allowed. Helmets are required to be worn in all 4-H riding events.
4. Closed-toed shoes are recommended. Sandals are okay but flip flops are not allowed.
5. Exhibitors are **NOT** allowed to wear hats while exhibiting.
6. Failure to comply with the dress code may result in the project to be dropped one ribbon placing.
7. 4-H attire can be changed for medical reasons on a case by case basis and must be approved by the Emmons County 4-H Council.
8. Participants must observe the state fair dress code for district and state competitive events.

MEMBERSHIP RE-ENROLLMENT ON 4HONLINE

Members need to re-enroll by November 1. Members that re-enroll after November 1 will not receive premium for that year. New 4-H members may enroll at any time.

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Requirements for Independent Members (not applicable to shooting sports participants):

1. 4-H'ers must declare their intent to be an independent member with a letter addressed to the 4-H council.
2. Member report forms are due quarterly (October 1, January 1, April 1 and July 1).
3. Members must complete a service project that is approved by the NDSU Extension office. Members must complete a report or display board on the project to show at the Emmons County 4-H Achievement days.
4. Members must attend at least one 4-H fundraiser (i.e. soup and sandwich, archery, father-daughter dance, 50/50 tickets at rodeo).
5. Members registered as independent members prior to 2019 are exempt from the new policy changes.

CLOVERBUD PROGRAM

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This program is for 5 to 7 year olds and is not competitive. Cloverbuds will be interviewed and judged the same as regular 4-H members, but will receive participation ribbons. Cloverbuds will compete in their own division except livestock and horse. They are eligible to receive premiums on two exhibits from Livestock (includes large livestock, poultry, rabbits and pets), two exhibits from Static entries and two exhibits from Horse. Cloverbud projects are not eligible for purple ribbons and do not go to state fair. Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in 4-H shooting sports.

COMPLETION

In order to complete the year, a member must have attended at least five meetings, shooting sports practice and/or judging workouts and exhibited at Achievement Days, Communication Arts, Project Expo/Clothing Revue or attended any 4-H county, district or state contest. Individual members must complete five reports and exhibit at Achievement Days, Communication Arts, Project Expo/Clothing Revue or attend any 4-H county, district or state contest. Members completing the year will receive a year disc. 4-H'ers who participated in communications arts, clothing revue or project expo and/or exhibit at achievement days will also receive premium. **Independent members must meet independent member requirements and exhibit at Achievement Days, Communication Arts, Project Expo/Clothing Revue or attend any 4-H county, district or state contest. Shooting sports members must attend at least five practices and attend a district or state contest. Failure to complete the year will result in loss of disc and premium if applicable.**

EMMONS COUNTY 4-H COMMUNICATION ARTS

Held the fourth Monday in April.

PROJECT EXPO/CLOTHING REVUE

Held in June.

STATE FAIR

The Emmons County 4-H Council provides funding to pack and ship our county exhibits to the State Fair. All exhibits with lot numbers from the ND State Fair Book that have received a blue ribbon are eligible to go on to the State Fair.

Please see Achievement Day supplement for complete registration information.

Packing of exhibits going to state fair will be held on Monday following Achievement Days. There are certain exhibits which cannot and will not be shipped. Those exhibits include: perishable items, highly fragile, extremely valuable items or extra-large and/or heavy items. Families may choose to take the preceding items themselves to the fair or ship them at your own expense and arrangements.

State Fair transportation: We have a trailer to transport projects to the state fair.

1. There will be a club rotation to transport projects each year.
2. Individual oversized projects or fragile projects (including grand champions) are the responsibility of the 4-H'er and family to pack and/or transport. A state fair exhibit form, which is necessary for registration, is available from our office.
3. Grand Champion projects go first.
4. Packing in the trailer is subject to extension office personnel and council discretion.

Club transportation rotation schedule:

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2020 – Country Tuff
2021 – Southern Stars
2022 – Coyote Country
2023 - Dakota Riders
2024 – North Star
2025 - Cloverkids

JUDGING TEAMS

Emmons County 4-H council will pay registration for up to four contests for judging teams and hotel rooms at state rate for one contest, members will be responsible for the remainder of the costs. More than one 4-H'er must be in a room and 4-H council will not reimburse one family in a room.

SHOOTING SPORTS

1. Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in the shooting sports program. Youth must be eight years old by September 1 of the 4-H year to practice or attend shoots.
2. All members must be current on their enrollment status in order to attend practice.
3. Archery members are required to attend a minimum of five practices each 4-H year in order to attend a shoot. Club meetings or other activities do not count towards practices. Members are also required to stay the entire practice unless excused by the leader.
4. Transportation will not be provided to events and is the responsibility of each individual family.
5. A \$20 fee must be paid for each shooting sports program youth participate including archery, shotgun and air rifle. These fees are used to offset expenses for ammunition, targets and other supplies. Due to a generous donation from NextEra Energy, there will be no shooting sports fees for the 2019-2020 4-H season.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS

1. Achievement Day pre-registration forms are due by the 2nd Friday in June. Projects cannot be added after this date.
2. Age groups will be split as follows: Pre-teen 8 – 12, and Teen 13 – 18. Age is determined as of September 1st of the current 4-H year.
3. 4-H club members must attend five club meetings in order to exhibit and complete the year and receive premiums.
4. Independent members must submit four quarterly member reports, complete a service project and exhibit a display or report on the project and attend at least one fundraising event to exhibit and complete the year and receive premiums.
5. Lots cannot be changed at achievement days. All static exhibits will be interview judged at the assigned time.
6. Any 4-H member who will not be present at interview judging is required to fill out an absentee interview judging form and attach it to their project. These forms are available at the Extension Office or online at www.ag.ndsu.edu/emmonscountyextension. The form and project must be brought to the Extension Office prior to Achievement Days.
7. If a member cannot be at the fair to show their animal, through no fault of their own, the animal can be shown by someone else.
8. **ONLY** a blue ribbon shall warrant a purple ribbon at Emmons County Achievement Days. This applies to **ALL** 4-H events.
9. 4-H'ers will be paid for every ribbon earned in all projects including communication arts, project expo/clothing revue and horse show.

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10. Livestock and horse exhibitors from all clubs will help with setting up and taking down at the 4-H grounds.
11. Livestock substitutions may be made in the same lot if there is illness of animals, serious injury or death. The Extension Office must be noticed at least one week prior to achievement days in order to make a substitution.
12. See Achievement Day supplement for additional information. Unless otherwise stated state fair rules apply.

SCHEDULING

Scheduling of 4-H activities is done by the 4-H Council and the Extension Office. The 4-H Council sets the dates of Achievement Days to coincide with the Tri-County Fair. Livestock are exhibited at the 4-H Quonset and the static exhibits are shown at the courthouse auditorium. The office staff is responsible for selecting judges.

PREMIUMS

Achievement Days uses a premium pool. Premiums will be divided using the point system used at ND State Fair (system is on pages 6-7). Our formula is the total dollars in premium pool divided by total points at Achievement Days for the premium per point.

LIVESTOCK RULES

1. All animals exhibited must be owned or leased, fed and managed by the 4-H exhibitor or immediate family. This includes an animal leased through a mentoring program or having an animal at a residence other than the family home. The 4-H exhibitor must have full access to the animal to assist with care, feeding and training.
2. Each individual must make his/her own arrangements for the care of animals exhibited.
3. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their area at the 4-H grounds.
4. A 4-H member may show 2 animals per lot, in each species, up to 6 entries per species. This does not include showmanship entries. Multiple animals together as one exhibit, i.e. cow/calf pair, poultry trio, etc. will be counted as only 1 entry per lot. 6 meat goats *and* 6 dairy goats may be exhibited.
5. The 4-H Council will ask that any unruly animals be removed from the premises and not be allowed in the show.
6. All livestock exhibits must be in place by the time indicated on the schedule of events.
7. Judges and extension staff will split classes as needed.
8. 4-H members will wear numbers provided by the Extension Office to make judging fair. The judge will place the class using the number the contestant is wearing and will not use the contestant's name.
9. All sheep and goats are required to have the official USDA Scrapie Identification Tag or an official registration ear tattoo.
10. Dogs and cats must be on a leash and a copy of current vaccination records must be sent with the pre-registration form.
11. As per state fair guidelines:
 - Market heifers cannot be shown in beef breeding classes.
 - Market ewe lambs cannot be shown in breeding sheep classes.
 - Market gilts cannot be shown in swine breeding classes.

POULTRY RULES

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North Dakota State Board of Animal Health has new regulations for the show and/or public exhibition of poultry. The National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) requires testing for show/exhibition birds for *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella typhoid*.

HORSE RULES

The North Dakota 4-H Horse Show Rules and Judging Guide (GBH092) will be used and followed for the 4-H Horse Show.

1. 4-H'er must own the horse or lease the horse during the year.
2. All Stud horses, regardless of age, size, etc. are prohibited.
3. Miniature horses will be no more than 34" to 36" at the withers.
4. You must be registered for the lots you want to take part in. Lots cannot be changed the day of the fair.
5. In determining the overall horseperson, points will be assigned to all State Fair qualifying events.
6. It is to the 4-H member's advantage to participate in all the performance events.
7. Helmets are required while riding a horse on 4-H grounds.
8. Unruly horses at practice or 4-H events will be dismissed at 4-H leader's discretion and/or extension staff.
9. The 4-H arena will be locked. Keys will be available for check out to current 4-H member parents. The keys must be checked out and returned to the Extension office during business hours. There will be a replacement fee for any misplaced keys.

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications forms are due the second Friday in May. 4-H members participating in any award trip sponsored by the 4-H Council will be asked to give a presentation at the 4-H Fall Awards.

1. **Range Camp** – The Natural Resources Conservation Service sponsors one 4-H'er per year. Members must be 13-19 years of age.
2. **Extension Youth Leadership Conference** – The Emmons County 4-H Council sponsors one 4-H'er per year. Members must be 14 years old at the time of the conference.

4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

4-H Council will award two \$200 scholarships to 4-H members. Applications must be received by March 1. Payment will be made to scholarship winners upon their return from 4-H camp.

4-H FALL AWARDS AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT

4-H Fall Awards and Family Fun Night is held at the courthouse auditorium on a date as decided by the 4-H council. The supper is potluck. It will be held following the close of the 4-H year. 4-H'ers, immediate families, donors, sponsors, achievement day judges and county commissioners are invited to the event. All member year discs, awards discs, plaques, 4-H Key Club, 4-H Alumni, Healthy 4-H Club, Horse Award, Banner Club, 4-H Leader Recognition, and Outstanding Service to 4-H Award will be awarded at this time. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to send thank you notes to their plaque sponsors.

KEY CLUB AWARD

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1. One award may be presented each year.
2. A 4-H member may receive this award only once.
3. The member must have been in 4-H for 5 years.
4. Member must complete a 4-H awards application form and must have completed the current year.

PROJECT AWARDS

Project must have been **completed** to apply for these awards.

Beef Cattle	Environment & Earth Sciences	Fiber Arts
Dairy Cattle	Engineering	Clothing & Textiles
Goats	Welding	Crops Judging
Horse	Woodworking	Livestock Judging
Pets	General Science	Hippology
Poultry	Citizenship & Leadership	Communication Arts Contest
Rabbits	Creative Arts	Archery Contest
Sheep	Photography	Shotgun Contest
Swine	Food & Nutrition	Project Expo Contest
Animal & Vet Science	Food Preservation	Clothing Revue Contest
North Dakota Crops	Healthy Living	Rube Goldberg Challenge
Horticulture	Family & Consumer Science	State Fair Exhibitor

EMMONS COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The 4-H scholarship in the amount of \$200 is designed to assist current and former Emmons County 4-H members in their continued education beyond high school. Applications are due to the Extension Office by March 31. Contact the Extension Office for complete guidelines.

The 4-H Council and NDSU Extension Service – Emmons County reserve the right to make any changes to this policy.