

Orange County 4-H Standards of Excellence for 4-H Community Clubs



Check the following *Club Performance Standards* completed during the 4-H year. Documentation may come from meeting minutes, scrapbooks, photos, newspaper articles, letters, etc., and should be attached to this form.

Club Name _____

Club President Signature _____ Date _____

Club Leader Signature _____ Date _____

- BRONZE Clover Club Award: 12-13 Excellence Standards Achieved**
- SILVER Clover Club Award: 14-15 Excellence Standards Achieved**
- GOLD Clover Club Award: 16-17 Excellence Standards Achieved**
- EMERALD Clover Club Award: 18-20 Excellence Standards Achieved**

Club Performance Standards

- _____ 1. Club had a planned annual program that included group goals.
(*Ex: recruit 4 new members; 75% of members will attend camp; all members will choose one county learning activity to attend*) (Minutes or Club Program Plan)
- _____ 2. Club members/officers (youth) were actively involved in planning the club's annual program.
- _____ 3. Club selected an area of focus for their annual program. FOCUS: _____
(*Ex: health & fitness; environmental science; pet care; community service; intercultural understanding*)
- _____ 4. All Club members were involved in implementing the annual program/activities.
(*Ex: planning and bringing snacks; leading the pledges; calling club/group members for a meeting or assignment; presenting a demonstration; organizing a tour; introducing a speaker; leading recreation; teaching others*) PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF EXAMPLES SUCH AS AGENDAS
- _____ 5. A calendar for the year was printed and distributed to members, parents, volunteers, and the local Extension Office. (*Ex: identify meetings dates, locations, educational programs; special projects; social events; county or district events*) ATTACH CALENDAR

Club Performance Standards (continued)

- _____ 6. 75% of club members were involved in at least 9 club activities during the year. (*ex. Meetings, tours, recognition*)
- _____ 7. Club officers were elected or appointed, and fulfilled their leadership roles.
- _____ 8. Club completed at least one (1) community service project
- _____ 9. Club/Group completed at least one (1) promotion activity that promotes 4-H visibility at the community or county level. (*Ex: participating in a community parade; radio interviews during National 4-H Week; project displays in business windows; or doing website development for County Extension office.*)
- _____ 10. Club/Group has completed at least one (1) project that promotes 4-H visibility at the county, multi-county, district, state, multi-state, national or global level.
- _____ 11. Club/Group recruited at least one (1) project volunteer for at least 75% of the member's project learning areas. LIST PROJECT AREAS _____
- _____ 12. At least 75% of the members made progress toward individual 4-H project goals as evidenced by SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED 4-H RECORD BOOK FOR COUNTY RECOGNITION.
- _____ 13. Group developed a method to communicate with families at least three (3) times per year regarding club/group activities, education, and achievements. (*Ex: newsletters; e-mails; calling tree; group activity that includes families*) LIST METHODS: _____
- _____ 14. Club/Group planned at least one (1) activity to include parents and families in club/group activities. DESCRIBE EVENT: _____
- _____ 15. Members took part in a variety of non-competitive activities and/or meetings beyond the 4-H club/group level. (*Ex: county project workshops; council meetings; interstate exchange programs*)

- _____ 16. A scheduled recognition event was held for members, volunteers and parents. Date: _____
- _____ 17. Club/group planned and implemented at least one multi-club activity.
(*Ex: doing multi-club community service; several clubs managing a community or county event; conducting a multi-club learning or social event*) _____
- _____ 18. Members participated in competitive **4-H events** beyond the club/group level.
(*Ex: county events; district events; state fair; project area competitions*)
- _____ 19. 4-H club/group consistently had a safety/supervision ratio of 1 adult to 10 youth.
- _____ 20. The racial/ethnic composition of the club reflects the diversity of the surrounding community. (If club does not reflect the diversity of the community, then successful efforts to contact minority citizens in person, by mail, and through mass media may be used. Work you're your county 4-H agent for help achieving this goal.)