

Putnam County 4-H 4-H Pledge Competition Rules

1. All competing members must register for the event by the prescribed enrollment date.
2. There shall be two judges and one judge timer/word checker present in each room. Each room shall have a room monitor.
3. The following steps are to be employed during the competition –
 - A. The member looks to the judges for a gesture to begin the presentation.
 - B. The member is to greet the audience and introduce themselves. During this time they state their name and what club they are from.
 - C. They then state that they will be reciting The 4-H Pledge
 - D. Next they recite the creed as follows:

-The 4-H Pledge–

I pledge

My Head to Clearer thinking

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service and

My health to better living,

For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

- Thank You. Are there any questions?
4. Members are encouraged to make motions and voice changes to enhance the delivery of the pledge.
 5. Questions shall be asked by the JUDGES ONLY. Members will be asked 1-3 pre-disclosed questions as that shall pertain to the 4-H pledge and how they affect the presenter. The answer period shall last no longer than three minutes. All questions shall be given to each presenter in the same order. Example: If the presenter gives long answers they may only answer one or two questions in the time allotment. If the presenter gives extremely short or one word answers, they may answer five or six questions during the time allotment depending upon their division. If a presenter goes through all questions in their allotted time, the question and answer period is over. The order in which questions are asked will be at random, picked by the judges.
 6. Written answers cannot be used.
 7. The judges shall then score the 4-H Pledge Presenter according to the attached Judging Sheet. Cloverbuds receive comments only but please select level of presentation

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- 1. How to you put your hands to larger service**
- 2. Why did you compete in the 4-H Pledge Contest?**
- 3. Do you enjoy the projects that you do in 4-H?**