

## **LANGLADE COUNTY 4-H RULES & GUIDELINES**

### **A. Membership**

- 1. The Langlade County 4-H programs are open to any youth in grades Kindergarten through 13<sup>th</sup> grade (year following high school graduation). Youth in grades Kindergarten through second grade will be enrolled as a Clovebud member. Members may cease membership upon graduation from high school or they are eligible for 4-H membership through the next 4-H year following their graduation from high school. Children who are home schooled will participate in 4-H in their declared grade.**
- 2. The Langlade County 4-H program provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. The requirements state: No person shall on the grounds of race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any aspects of the Langlade County 4-H Youth development program.**
- 3. Adults wishing to become 4-H leaders must participate in the required 4-H Youth Protection Orientation. Adults are not considered Langlade County 4-H Leaders unless they have completed the orientation process.**
- 4. Parents and guardians are encouraged to be involved in 4-H club and county activities.**

### **B. Enrollment**

- 1. Current youth and adult leaders may re-enroll in 4-H program from September 1 until December 1. Failure to submit an enrollment form before December 1 will result in exclusion from participation in all county wide activities until March 1. Failure to submit an enrollment form before March 1, will result in exclusion from participation in Langlade County Youth Fair, enrollment must be turned into Extension Office by Mach 1.**

### **C. 4-H Projects**

- 1. Each 4-H member will enroll in at least one 4-H project.**
- 2. Cloverbuds are eligible to take the Clovebud project and the Adventure in Dairyland project. Colverbud members may participate in club meetings, trips, club projects and county-wide activities.**
- 3. In order to exhibit animals as a 4-H member, youth must be 3<sup>rd</sup> grade during the current 4-H year**
- 4. 4-H members who are in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade may enroll in Exploring and up to three projects. 4-H members in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to take the Exploring project, which gives member an opportunity to learn about several projects. Members in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up may enroll in up to thirteen projects.**
- 5. Members with special needs may continue to take the Exploring project throughout their 4-H membership.**
- 6. All 4-H projects animals shall be owned or managed by the 4-H member by May 1 in order to exhibit that animal at the Langlade county Youth Fair.**
  - 7. 4-H project and activity leaders are encouraged to hold at least three workshops for club member per year. All leaders are also encouraged to help at any club, county, district, state, or national event or to be a county, state, or national committee.**

## **D. CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**

1. The Langlade 4-H organizational leaders will determine rules and regulations for their individual 4-H clubs. The Langlade County Leaders Association encourage that the following be added to those rules and regulations:
  - a. Cloverbuds will hand in a complete scrapbook and 4-H members will hand in a completed record book to the organizational leader by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible for Achievement Night Awards and award trips.
  - b. All 4-H members will exhibit at least one project at the Langlade County Youth Fair. If the member is unable to exhibit at the Fair, the member will give a talk to demonstration at a club meeting after the fair.
  - c. 4-H members who wish to apply for 4-H Achievement Night Awards, State 4-H trips, or National 4-H trips will attend at least on-half or regular 4-H club meetings (unless excused by the organizational leader due to illness, work or school).

**\*\* It is the responsibility of the organizational leader to encourage and enforce their individual club rules and regulations. A member, parent, or 4-H leader has the right to file a grievance with the 4-H Board of Directors at any time should they feel that their rights or privileges have been revoked unfairly. To file a grievance with the 4-H Board of Directors, please see #3 under "Behavior Expectations" on this sheet for the grievance procedure guidelines.**

## **E. BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

1. 4-H members will follow all the expectations outlined on the form "Langlade County Expectation Statement". This form is required to be signed by each 4-H member in order to join the Langlade County 4-H program. Failure to follow the guidelines outlined on the expectation statement may lead to disciplinary action as determined by the organizational leader and/or Board of Directors.
2. Adult 4-H volunteers are expected to comply with the "Adult volunteer Expectation" guidelines that were signed during the Youth Protection Orientation process. Failure to comply with these guidelines may be reason for termination as a volunteer.
3. The Langlade County organizational leaders are encouraged to remind all members and parents of Langlade county Rules and Guidelines. Should any leader, parent, or member wish to file a grievance in regards to club or county rules they must submit that grievance, in writing to the UW Extension office two weeks prior the next 4-H Board of Director's meeting.  
Upon receipt of a grievance, the President of the 4-H Board of Director will determine any necessary actions regarding the said grievance.