

CHESHIRE ELIGIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The 4-H program uses January of the current 4-H year (October 1 to September 30) as the basis of age determination. Cloverbuds are age 5 to 7. 4-H members are age 8 to 18. Certain 4-H Events often divide members further.

↳ Junior members are age 8 to 13. ↳ Senior members are age 14 to 18.



Most state activities require members to be age 12 in order to participate. Most national trips are open to members age 14 and older. When events vary from these guidelines the registration information will indicate eligibility.



Yearly Membership Requirements

Cloverbuds

- ☆ Officially enroll as a cloverbud member. This can be through the club organizational leader, the parent if a family club, or the supervisor if an individual project.
- ☆ Work on cloverbud projects and activities open to cloverbuds.
- ☆ Verify year end accomplishments through the club leader or your supervisor.
- ☆ Cloverbuds may not participate in competitive events.

4-H Members

- ☆ Officially enroll as a 4-H member. This can be through the club organizational leader, the parent if a family club, or the supervisor if an individual project. Enrollment reports are due from leaders on November 1.
- ☆ Members must be enrolled 60 days prior to the respective 4-H Animal Approval deadline in order to be eligible for competitive events with animals.
- ☆ Set annual goals in at least one project area and work toward their completion.
- ☆ Verify year end accomplishments through the club leader or your supervisor.
- ☆ Participate in at least one community service activity.
- ☆ Participate in at least three different county or higher level activities each year.
- ☆ Participate in at least one of the following each year: leadership, safety, health, or communications project or activity. Members are encouraged to do one of each.
- ☆ Complete a 4-H record or scrapbook.

4-H Clubs

- ☆ Submit a club enrollment by November 1.
- ☆ Meet and hold regular meetings.
- ☆ Members and leaders working together determine club goals and plan the annual program. This will include at least one community service and one health/safety activity.
- ☆ Elect club officers or rotate club officer responsibilities among the members.
- ☆ Submit a treasurer's report annually.
- ☆ Submit a year end report of leader/member completion by September 1.
- ☆ Participate in at least one county activity/event.
- ☆ Help with at least one food booth shift at the fair.

Afterschool 4-H Clubs

- ☆ Submit a club enrollment.
- ☆ Meet and hold at least 8 regular meetings.
- ☆ Members and leaders working together determine club goals and plan the program. This will include at least one community service and one communications activity.
- ☆ Use some basic parliamentary procedure at "business meetings" where members make decisions. You may elect club officers or rotate club officer responsibilities among the members if you wish.
- ☆ Submit a year end report of leader/member completion by September 1.
- ☆ Members set personal goals, work on at least one life skill, and complete an afterschool record.