



Coös County, N.H. 4-H Minimum Completion Guidelines



The following guidelines are offered to 4-H leaders and members of Coös County. Except where noted, the below listed guidelines are **recommended but not required**. This information is offered to help clubs to decide what makes sense regarding what is appropriate concerning membership rules. Each club has the option of adopting the following guidelines in whole or in part.

For members ages 8-18:

1. Officially enroll in a project with the Coös County UNH Cooperative Extension Office. (This can be done through your 4-H leader, family club leader, or directly through the county Cooperative Extension office).
2. Determine (set) your project goals/objectives.
3. Work toward completion of your project goals/objectives.
4. Participate in 4-H activities and programs.
5. Verify work toward project objectives through documentation by your 4-H leader/supervisor or family club leader.

For cloverbud members:

1. Officially enroll in a 4-H Club. This can be done through the club or parent leader.
2. Work on club projects and programs.
3. Verify work on club projects and programs through documentation by the club or parent leader.

To receive the greatest benefit from 4-H membership it is highly recommended that youth:

1. Participate in at least one of the following each year: a community service or citizenship project or event, a safety project or program, a health project, and/or a communications project. Members are encouraged to select an activity from each group if possible.
2. Submit a project record every year. **This is mandatory in Coös County.**
3. Participate in at least two county or state activities each year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-H CLUBS: In order for a club to remain an active club in good standing every club should accomplish the following:

1. Clubs will meet and hold regular meetings.
2. Members and Leaders will jointly determine club objectives and plan their program. This yearly program will include at least one selection from each of the following groups:
 - a. A club citizenship OR community service activity
 - b. A health or safety activity
3. Elect club officers or rotate club officer responsibilities among the members.
4. Submit a secretary's report and a treasurer's report annually. **This is mandatory in Coös County.**
5. Submit a year-end report of leader/member project completion annually.
6. Participate in at least one county activity/event.

Members who do not complete guidelines will not be eligible for annual membership awards.

Clubs who do not complete the club requirements will not receive a club charter seal.

Independent and Family Club members must meet the guidelines set for members 8-18 and/or Cloverbud members to receive completion recognition.

Recognition for project completion:

1. All 4-H members who have project completion verified will be eligible to receive annual membership awards.

Recognition for 4-H membership:

1. All youth enrolled in 4-H are entitled to carry a 4-H membership card.

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