



## 4-H Curriculum Committees Overview

### Overview

4-H Curriculum Committees bring Extension Staff, 4-H Leaders, 4-H Members, youth and other resource people together to recommend enhancements for the continuing development of 4-H project areas. New Hampshire 4-H Curriculum Committees include:

- Dairy Cattle
- Goat
- Dog
- Horse
- Livestock (Beef, Sheep & Swine)
- Working Steer
- Family & Consumer Science
- Science-Tech/Natural Resources
- Communications

### Purpose

4-H Curriculum Committees have the challenge of focusing program efforts to further develop life skills in youth. These life skills are developed and practiced through the teaching of subject matter competencies in all of the 4-H delivery methods, i.e. community club, special interest group, after-school program, and school enrichment. The committees may deal with program enhancement, marketing, curriculum, evaluation, project literature, events, tours, clinics, awards and other opportunities that relate to a specific project area. The committees make recommendations to the state 4-H Youth Development program.

### Membership

Each Curriculum Committee will consist of 4-H Youth Development staff, a subject matter specialist (if available) and two or more representatives from each of the following groups: 4-H leaders, 4-H members, other youth and community/business/industry/agency who are familiar with the subject matter. Curriculum Committee members are nominated by Extension staff each year. Nominations should be submitted to the state 4-H office by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. 4-H Leaders should have been involved with the program for a minimum of one year and be active in the program's activities and events. Other interested adults might be employed in a related industry or be active in a commodity/business organization. 4-H members/youth should have some knowledge of 4-H and either have been involved with the 4-H project or related subject matter for a minimum of three years. Individuals interested in serving on a 4-H Curriculum Committee should contact their local county Extension office and ask to be nominated.

## **Terms of Membership**

Extension staff serve until a replacement is agreed upon. Adults serve on a two-year term, which may be renewed. Youth serve two-year terms on a rotating basis.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Meetings are typically held 2-3 times per year, usually somewhere in the center of the state or in a location convenient to most members. Video conferencing and Email will be used where appropriate. In the fall all committees will meet concurrently in the same location. In April or May committees will meet separately.

## **Authority**

Committees are advisory to an Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development and Extension 4-H staff for their corresponding project area.

## **Responsibilities**

The 4-H Youth Development program staff will organize and convene meetings. Members carry out the functions outlined in the purpose section above. The group may appoint short-term task forces to accomplish an approved goal or activity of the curriculum team.

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