HEARTH MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR COUNTY FAIR ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

Effective October 1, 2015

Beginning in 2016, requirements for participation must be met in order for a 4-H youth member to exhibit or participate in contests in HEARTH projects at the Clackamas County Fair.

The HEARTH committee has both expectations and intentions of more participation and educational opportunities from everyone involved in the HEARTH program.

Why are these changes being implemented?

- The 4-H Youth Development Program is meant to be implemented through year-round educational activities. There is great need for more involvement from leaders, parents and members in order for this to happen. At present, many chances for service and leadership are taken advantage of by very few members. There will be an expectation of participation in workshops, either as a participant or teacher, to increase educational and learning opportunities for everyone.
- Over the years, the participation in HEARTH meetings, fundraising, educational events, workshops and service to the program has fallen off significantly.
- Leaders and parents need to attendance a few key HEARTH meetings each year to improve communication and help us better determine changes that are needed to enhance the 4-H experience for all.
- Finally, for several years the fundraising activities of the HEARTH committee have been successful only because of the dedication of a very few families. Funds raised benefit all members in HEARTH projects, and are solely used to cover the costs of workshops, awards, judges, Fair activities and scholarships.

All participation will be tracked through the year in order to verify a member’s eligibility to exhibit at County Fair. You MUST make sure you sign in with the person in charge of each event to receive credit for your participation. Volunteer hours at the 2015 County Fair will be accepted as fulfilling some of the requirements for 2016.

Please read the following pages carefully for details about the requirements for adults and members. Any questions can be brought to the October HEARTH meeting on October 19, 2015.

Thank you.

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HEARTH Member Participation Requirements (minimum)

ADULTS:
- One adult representative per club is required to meet three participation requirements to give youth members of the club the opportunity for successful participation of County Fair.
- Independent members must also have an adult participate.
- If an adult is designated by the club but cannot fulfill one or more of the requirements, they can arrange for another adult to serve in their place.

1. Attend mandatory HEARTH Advisory All-project meeting in February. Additional meetings are recommended and highly encouraged.
   - October (setting year’s calendar) – recommended
   - **February (All-project) – mandatory**
   - May (fair prep) – highly recommended
   - Other monthly meetings – optional, but encouraged
   - Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of most months at 7:00 pm in the Extension annex
   - New clubs signing up mid-year should send a representative to the first HEARTH Advisory meeting following their enrollment.

2. Assist with one fundraiser each year. Assistance can mean that the club or family:
   - contributes at least five plates of baked goods at the Fall or Spring Bake Sale
   - helps with baking or selling at the Fall or Spring Bake Sale
   - donates a raffle basket or item at Fair.
   - proposes their own fundraiser which must be pre-approved as required by CC4HA
   - makes a cash donation to HEARTH in a minimum amount of $40 per club or $20 per family

3. Support HEARTH program by working at designated HEARTH activities a minimum number of hours each year, based on the youth members being represented.
   - 1-5 members......................... 4 hours of HEARTH support
   - 6-10 members....................... 8 hours of HEARTH support
   - 11-20 members ..................... 12 hours of HEARTH support
   - 20-30 members ..................... 16 hours of HEARTH support
   - more than 30 members ............ 20 hours of HEARTH support

   Opportunities include:
   - help with set-up days (Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday before fair)
   - clerk for a judge or assisting with member check-in on judging days (8-9 hour shift)
   - coordinate the judges lunch on the two judging days,
   - serve as an Exhibit Hall host during fair (2-4 hour shifts)
   - help with hall tear down and State Fair check in on Sunday evening, end of County Fair
   - transport exhibits to State Fair
   - transport exhibits back after State Fair
   - organize and check exhibits back to members after State Fair

From time to time there is a need for committee (adult) leadership that would easily meet or help meet participation requirements. Opportunities may include:
- Project Superintendents and/or Assistant Superintendents
- Project Chairs
- Workshop Coordinators and Presenters
- County Representative for State Project Committees
Further clarification of requirements and responsibilities are available on request.

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**MANDATORY CREDIT OPTIONS:** One credit per activity. Choose one of the following:

- Attend a learning opportunity at a HEARTH-sponsored or approved educational event outside of County Fair (Big FUN Food Day, Blue Ribbon Workshops, etc.).
- Present/teach a workshop at a HEARTH-sponsored or approved educational event outside of County Fair (Big FUN Food Day, Blue Ribbon Workshops, etc.).
- Present at a HEARTH meeting (topic to be approved by HEARTH leadership).
- Attend the exhibit prep event on the Wednesday before County Fair.
- Choose a county or state-wide 4-H learning opportunity (Summer Conference, camp, etc.).

**ADDITIONAL CREDIT OPTIONS:** One credit per activity. Choose from the following:

- Complete an additional activity from the Mandatory Credit Options list above.
- Assist with a fundraiser by doing one of the following:
  - Contribute baked goods to a HEARTH bake sale
  - Help sell baked goods at a HEARTH bake sale
  - Club fundraiser (must be pre-approved)
- Represent 4-H by doing one of the following:
  - Complete and turn a 4-H Record Book for evaluation (due October 1st)
  - Volunteer in a 4-H booth at a farmers market
  - Participate in a 4-H sponsored entry in a parade
  - Sponsor a learning tour (club or county-wide)
  - Sponsor a training (club or county-wide)
- Volunteer at least 4 hours before, during, or after County Fair. Opportunities include:
  - Set-up days (Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday before fair)
  - Selling raffle tickets in the Exhibit Hall during fair (2 hour shifts)
  - Helping with outreach activities during fair (such as prize wheel)
  - Helping with hall tear down and State Fair check (Sunday evening, end of County Fair)

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH:**

1. By doubling the minimum requirements, a member can earn two **judging line passes** which can be used to move them to the front of any judging line on the Saturday or Monday judging days in the Exhibit Hall.
2. Beginning the summer after 8th grade, members can apply to become Junior Superintendents, providing additional opportunities for citizenship and leadership before and during County Fair.
3. The Junior HEARTH Advisory is a leadership and service opportunity open to Intermediate and Seniors. There is also a position (currently filled) for a youth representative from HEARTH on the Leaders Association Board. Further clarification of requirements and responsibilities are available on request.

September 28, 2015