



HEARTH MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS



Clackamas County 4-H HEARTH Minimum Participation Requirements for Adults

Updated September 2017

Continuing this year, requirements for participation must be met in order for a 4-H youth member to have the opportunity for awards and State Fair eligibility in 2018 Clackamas County 4-H Fair HEARTH project classes.

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 opportunity for awards and State Fair eligibility 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 2017 County Fair will be accepted as fulfilling some of the requirements for 2018.

Please read the following pages carefully for details about the requirements for adults. Any questions can be brought to the next HEARTH meeting held the third Monday of each month.

Thank you.



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HEARTH Adult Participation Requirements (minimum)

ADULTS:

- Leaders and adults associated with each club should work together to fulfill the requirements listed below. Each club is required to meet these three participation requirements before the Fair entries are due (June 23rd) in order to give youth members of the club the opportunity for successful participation of County Fair.
 - Independent members must also have an adult participate.
1. Attend the 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 at least one fundraiser each year.
 - 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
 - donates workshop supplies at any HEARTH workshop
 - 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 \$10 per independent/club with 5 or fewer members
 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..... 2 hours of HEARTH support
 - 6-10 members..... 5 hours of HEARTH support
 - 11-20 members 10 hours of HEARTH support
 - more than 20 members 15 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 and check-in exhibits to or from 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 (meets all Adult requirements)
- Event Chairs (meets all Adult requirements)
- Workshop Coordinators and Presenters
- County Representative for State Project Committees