

County 4-H Club–Richland 2005-2006

County changes for all Richland County 4-H members

These changes have been made in order to build stronger 4-Hers and clubs. Members who complete the 4-H year will receive awards and will be eligible to receive premium payments from Richland County Achievement Days.

1. All members need to attend at least **4 formal 4-H meetings** in the 4-H year.
What constitutes a formal meeting?
At least four members present, role call, parliamentary procedure (this takes about 15 min) and some type of organized program/project.
 2. Each club needs to turn in all minutes (including attendance) of their club meetings to the county office during the 4-H year that will be printed in the Green Gazette (pictures would be great, scanned or digital). In order for these meetings to be counted, they must be held no closer than two weeks apart (exceptions will only be granted in hardship cases by the 4-H office).
 3. Members need to participate in two or more **county** sponsored events in the 4-H year. Choose from the following:
 - ✓ Family Fun and Fitness
 - ✓ NDSU Ag Tour (Twyla Gast Memorial Trip)
 - ✓ Raffle
 - ✓ Consumer Choice Judging Contest
 - ✓ Communication Arts Contest
 - ✓ Showcase
 - ✓ Rummage Sale
 - ✓ Achievement Days
 - ✓ Richland/Wilkin Activity Day
 - ✓ Fun Day
- Members meeting these requirements will receive recognition for completing the 4-H year at Awards Night, as well as be eligible for premium dollars awarded by the county.
 - We will honor the State 4-H Office request to collect and audit club treasurer books at the end of the 4-H year.
 - The State 4-H Office has asked that any club doing fund raising efforts receive a letter of endorsement from their county office on county extension letterhead sanctioning the use of the 4-H logo in solicitation of funds. This helps avoid duplication and potential misunderstandings from donors.

- **All county 4-H members will receive a one page documentation form** for recording participation at 4-H events. This completed document will help 4-H members recall their 4-H year experiences for scholarship forms, etc. This document will need to be accurately completed before receiving premium dollars or an incentive for completion of the 4-H year.
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All-County Club Goals:

- To extend 4-H opportunities to all Richland County youth, not designed to replace active 4-H clubs.
- To develop new clubs and leaders resulting in more county clubs that have the foundation necessary to become stand-alone clubs.
- Older experienced 4-H youth and veteran leaders will offer their leadership and talents to new members and leaders. For example, 4-H record keeping, exhibiting at Achievement Days, etc.
- All Richland 4-H youth have the opportunity to interact and experience the 4-H club concept, participate in parliamentary procedure and experience project demonstrations, etc.
- To engage the entire family, with limited “member only” drop-off.

Location: Mooreton (or other central county location TBA)

Time: TBA - Sunday afternoon meeting dates will be set and not rescheduled.

Meetings: The club will offer 6 formal meetings.

For additional information see our county website @ www.ext.nodak.edu/county/richland (4-H Council minutes and Handbook are available here.)

The 6 meeting dates will be set ASAP by the County Club Committee. Please share any additional feedback with our office and we will share it with the Committee. Thank you in advance for helping us launch this new club and county policies.