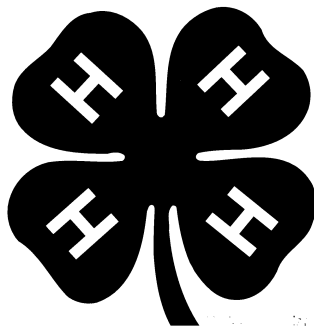
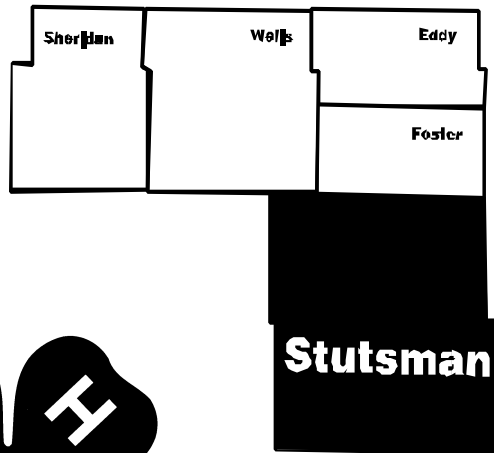


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4-H Handbook



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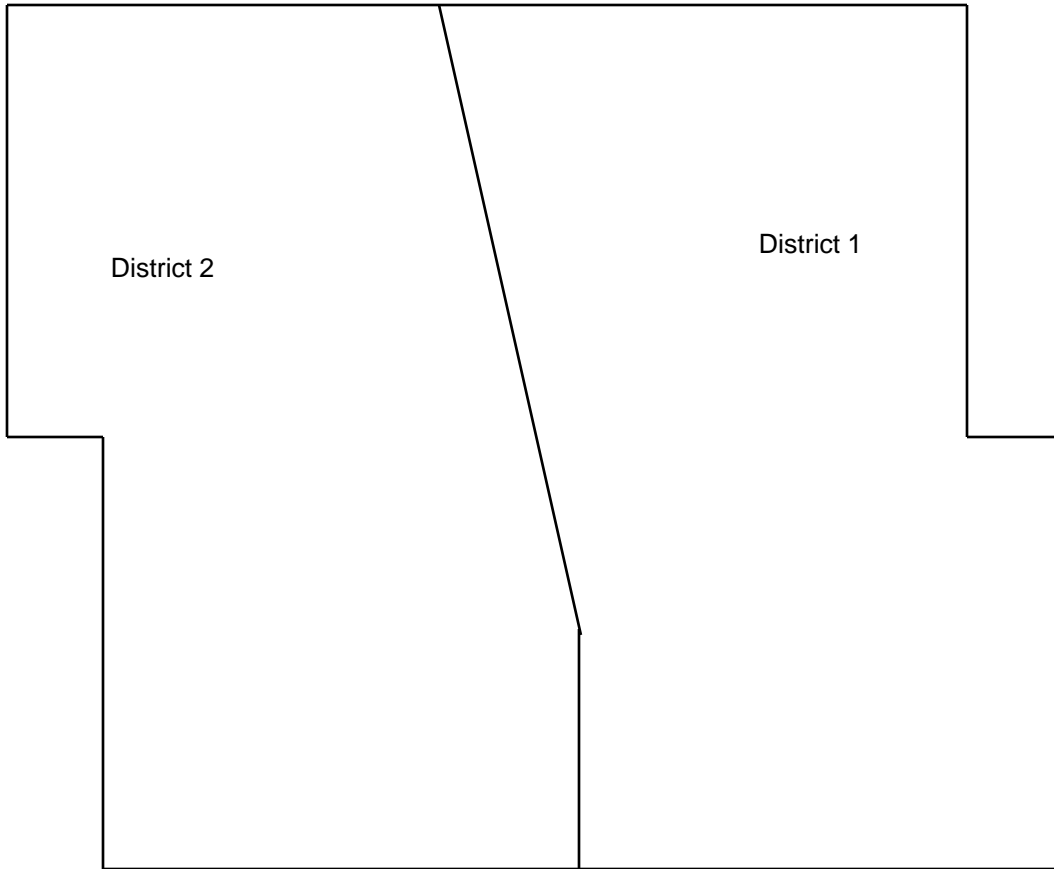
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District 1
East of Hwy 281

1. Country Siders
2. Montpelier Pioneers
3. Seedlings
4. Fort Seward
5. Country Keepers
6. Bustling Beavers

District 3
West of Hwy 281

1. Busy Butterflies/Country Critters
2. Hustlers
3. Prairie Pals
4. Woodworth Golden Eagles
5. Horsin Around
6. Lucky Horseshoe

Stutsman County 4-H Executive Council

The 4-H Executive Council shall be composed of up to twelve members. Members will consist of two 4-H leaders elected as representatives from each of the three districts (six total); up to four youth representatives as nominated at large by 4-H leaders and approved by the council; and two other adults, associated with youth, not necessarily 4-H, selected by the executive council.

Officers of the Executive Council are elected by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council will meet prior to the spring and fall council meetings and special meetings may be held as needed to carry out the business of the 4-H Council.

Semi-Annual Council Meeting

A spring and fall council meeting will be held each year. All county 4-H leaders and assistant leaders and four youth representatives will be members of the 4-H Council. All parents and 4-H members may participate actively in the meeting, but the power of vote shall be reserved for the 4-H council members.

Leader Training Meetings

A spring and fall leader training meeting will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Council meetings. Leader training helps leaders develop a better understanding of the program and gives leaders the opportunity to share ideas and skills. Information and ideas of how the 4-H program (s) can be strengthened are included. Training may also be provided in certain projects, especially in new or updated project materials.

Stutsman County 4-H Club Requirements

To help clarify requirements for a club to meet the philosophy of the 4-H program the following guidelines have been outlined for Stutsman County 4-H clubs:

- Member and leader re-enrollment forms must be completed in fall and submitted by the postmark date or the hand delivery date to the extension office by November 1. New members/leaders/clubs must have forms completed and submitted by the postmark date or the hand delivery date to the extension office by June 1.
- Encourage participation of leaders, parents and members at achievement days (county fair).
- Send at least one club representative to the fall and spring meetings.
- Return leader handbook as requested for updating.
- It is recommended to hold a minimum of 8 club meetings a year.

Stutsman County 4-H Member Requirements

- Attend five (5) club meetings or four (4) club meetings and participate in one (1) state or county contest/event as approved by the organizational leader by June 1. Members not completing this requirement will not be allowed to exhibit any 4-H exhibit at the achievement days (county fair) and/or the State Fair.
- Encouraged to complete and exhibit at least one 4-H project at achievement days (county fair).
- Meet specific club requirements.

4-H Program Guidelines

The 4-H Year begins September 1 and ends August 31. These dates are for overall organizational and management purposes. Re-enrollment must be completed by November 1. New clubs may organize, new youth and leaders may enroll until April 1.

Who May Join? Any boy or girl who fits the age guidelines, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or handicap.

Age Guidelines. Any boy or girl who is 5 years old before September 1 is eligible to join a 4-H club. Any boy or girl who becomes 19 before September 1 is not eligible for 4-H membership or participation, except as a volunteer leader. The 4-H program is divided into 3 divisions (Cloverbud 5-7, Pre-teen 8-12 and Teen 13-18). Age requirements are flexible for special circumstances involving youth or adults who have learning disabilities or other special needs.

Age Divisions. A 4-H member who is 8-12 years old before September 1 will participate in pre-teen divisions in state events. A 4-H member who is 13-18 before September 1 will participate in the teen divisions (except for some exceptions for national events)

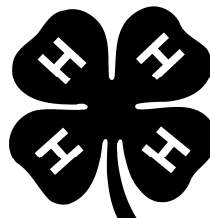
Cloverbud Youth Program. Cloverbud is a non-competitive youth program designed for 5-7 year olds. Members should be five before September 1 to participate. The program emphasizes helping youth to explore, develop and learn while having fun in an informal, non-threatening environment. Competition is not age appropriate for 5-7 year olds. They are not eligible to participate in state contests.

4-H Pledge

I Pledge

my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service, and
my HEALTH to better living
for

my club, my community, my country, and my
world.



The 4-H motto is: "Make the Best Better."

Applications/Forms

ND 4-H Awards Application —a statewide award record summary application to be used with an interview for state award winners. Application will be interviewed before completing National 4-H Report Forms.

Stutsman County Medal Award Application —a county medal award record summary application (form A). Application will be reviewed by Stutsman County Executive Council for selection. Form is due September 1.

Stutsman County 4-H Grant Application —a county 4-H grant application (form C). This grant may be awarded to a group or individual for events planned, trips, budgets, etc. Application will be reviewed by Stutsman County Executive Council for selection. Form is due September 1.

Stutsman County 4-H Howell Grant Application — (form D). This application is available for anyone interested in attending an out of state 4-H event that is not funded by other sources. Application will be reviewed by Stutsman County Executive Council for selection. Form is due March 1.

Stutsman County Trip Award Application —a county trip award record summary application (form B). This application is available for anyone interested in attending State Youth Conference or the Natural Resources Camp. Application will be reviewed by Stutsman County Executive Council for selection. Form is due March 1.



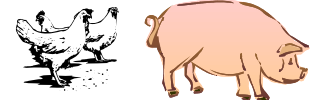
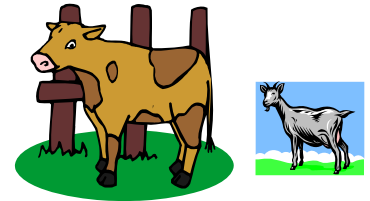
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Electricity



Food and Nutrition



Livestock



Woodworking



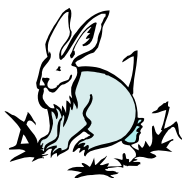
Horsemanship



Arts & Crafts



Communication Arts



Rabbits



Pets



Photography

Just some examples of the project areas included in 4-H.
There are over 40 project areas to choose from.

4-H Schedule of Events

September

- Start of 4-H Year
- Medal Award Applications Due
- Grant Application Due
- Fall Leader Training & Council Meeting

October

- 4-H Member/Leader Recognition
- National 4-H Week
- NCR 4-H Volunteer Forum (Oct/Nov)

November

- Member/Leader Re-enrollment Forms
Deadline November 1
- National 4-H Livestock Judging
- National 4-H Congress
- 4-H Chronicle

December

- Crop & Livestock Judging Begins
- Youth Activity Day

January

- Crop & Livestock Judging Contests
- National 4-H Horse Judging (Denver)
- National 4-H Livestock Judging (Denver)
- Ambassador Application Due

February

- N.D. Winter Show Registration Due
- 4-H Chronicle

March

- Trip Award Application Due
- N.D. Winter Show
- State Crop & Livestock Judging Contest
- Spring Council Meeting

April

- New member/leader/club Enrollment Forms
Deadline April 1
- National Volunteer Week

- County Communication Arts Contest (Easter Monday)
- National 4-H Conference
- State Hippology/Horse Judging

May

- 4-H Updates
- District Communication Arts Contest
- Ambassador Application Due

June

- June 1 Fair Entries Deadline
- Applications Due for National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Dairy Conference, National 4-H Congress, Scholarships
- County Consumer Choices Contest
- State Dairy Show & Judging
- Western 4-H Camps
- State Youth Conference
- Citizenship Washington Focus

July

- Stutsman County Fair
- N.D. State Fair Events
- Western 4-H Camps

August

- End of 4-H Year