

Individual Member Activities

More information on these activities will be found in the TIPS Book which is available at the Extension office.

A member may choose to be involved in any of these events throughout the year:

Ransom County 4-H Ambassadors (November)
The Ransom County 4-H Ambassador program is for four members, ages 14-18, to be selected for the program. The Ambassadors will focus on community service activities and fun activities to promote 4-H in Ransom County.

Communication Arts (March) Lisbon High School
A member will choose to either give a speech, (ie: 4-H Pledge), or a demonstration on making a food or project. Winners will advance to the District Contest in June.

Consumer Decision Making (June) Lisbon High School
Learn how to make wise buying decisions. Preteen and teen teams and individuals will advance to the State Fair for competition.

Showcase (at 4-H Carnival) Expo Center
Individuals interested in Project Expo will set up a card table display on any food or item you have made. The clothing revue includes Buy & Show (an item of clothing you have purchased) and Sew & Show (item of clothing you have sewn) categories for both preteens and teens. Winners of both the Project Expo and Clothing Revue will advance to the State Fair. The extension office has a photo album of past Project Expo displays. Stop by and take a look.

Red River Valley Fair (June) Fargo
Any member may exhibit in the Red River Valley Fair.

State Fair (July) Minot
Exhibits which received a blue ribbon from the previous Ransom County Fair may be dropped off at the extension office by July 1 and we will take them to the State Fair to be exhibited. Cloverbuds (6-7 yrs old) can not send exhibits to the State Fair.

Camps
There are a variety of camps you can also participate in. Watch the TIPS Book for more information.

4-H can be an exciting way to meet people and learn about a variety of topics. By participating in the activities and events, members gain leadership, time management, and organizational skills that will be a benefit to them for the rest of their lives.

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Welcome



New Member & 4-H Family

4-H Age

The 4-H year begins on September 1 and ends August 31. These dates will guide overall program management. September 1 is the starting date for ages and events related to the 4-H program.

Any boy or girl who is 6 years old before September 1 is eligible to join a 4-H club. This will include most youth entering the first grade.

Cloverbud is a non-competitive youth program designed for 6-7 year olds. Members should be six before September 1 to participate. The program emphasizes helping youth to explore, develop and learn while having fun in an informal, non-threatening environment. They are not eligible to participate in district or state contests.

Cloverbuds 6-7 years old

A 4-H member who is 8-12 years old before September 1 will participate in the pre-teen division in state events. A 4-H member who is 13-18 before September 1 will participate in the teen division.

Pre-teen/Junior 8-12 years old
Teen/Senior 13 & over

Any boy or girl who is 19 before September 1 is not eligible for 4-H membership or participation, except as a volunteer leader. Age requirements are flexible for special circumstances involving youth or adults who have learning disabilities or other special needs.

Ransom County Requirements

4-H members are required to attend a minimum of 6 club meetings to be eligible to exhibit in 4-H at the Ransom County Fair. To complete the 4-H year, 4-H members must attend a minimum of 6 club meetings and compete in at least one contest.

County Dues

4-H members will pay \$15.00 per member with a cap of \$45 per family. County Dues are due at the time of enrollment or before – October 15.

Resources

TIPS Book

The Extension office will provide a TIPS Book around January-February which will be posted to our website. This book has a tentative schedule of events, detailed explanation of different scholarships, camps, and other various activities Ransom County has to offer. Applications for some of these activities will be in this book. This book is to be kept all year long for reference.

4-H Project Literature

Literature is available for all projects. The cost of the literature is listed on the Member Enrollment form. Please call the office if you are interested in purchasing any project literature. Literature will be ordered twice a year on January 15 and June 15. Only prepaid literature will be ordered.

4-H Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent out via email or mail for those families without access approximately every 2 months. Please read these very carefully as all upcoming events, activities, etc. will be explained.

Important Forms to Fill Out

Ransom County Enrollment

4-H Enrollment must be completed annually by every person in order to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H for the new 4-H year. **Enrollment and County dues are due October 15.** The six meeting requirement does not start until enrollment is submitted on the 4hOnline Program AND County Dues are paid.

Ransom County Pre-Fair Registration

This form will be sent out in June. To register your exhibits for the Ransom County Fair, this form **MUST** be filled out and returned to the extension office by July 15. Along with this form will be a Ransom County Exhibit Book. In the exhibit book are all the lot numbers you need to register your exhibits. The office uses these forms to enter on the computer for printing out judges sheets, exhibit tags, etc. Please call your leader or the extension office if you have any questions.

Project Summary & Participation Summary

These forms are due October 1. To be considered for any Ransom County awards given at Awards Night (\$25 cash award and plaques given by program sponsors), a Project Summary needs to be completed for the Award Area that you would like to be considered for.

The Participation Summary is to be filled out with the present years information. These sheets are also judged and will be considered for major awards which are cash awards. Examples of these forms will be in the TIPS Book.

Member Point Sheets

These sheets list all activities that are available to 4-H members with points for each activity or award you receive. At the end of the year you add up all the points you earned to either purchase a prize or \$25 cash. These sheets are due October 1.

Club Events

Your club leader will explain these as they happen.

Carnival Booth

A Ransom County 4-H Carnival will be held sometime in March or April at the Expo Center. Each club is responsible for running game booths.

Coordinate an Activity (Communication Arts, Fair Set-up or Take-down, Awards Night or Carnival)

Around January, a list of county events with the clubs responsibilities is sent to all leaders. The club is assigned to an event to help with. Clubs will rotate to a different event each year.

Decorating a Project Area

Clubs are assigned a project area at the fair to decorate. Awards are given to the top three winners.