

Paulding County 4-H Membership Agreement 2017



As a Paulding County 4-H member, I agree to follow the membership requirements as outlined in this agreement. All youth who successfully complete these requirements will be considered a member of Paulding County 4-H and will ...

- be eligible to compete for all 4-H awards
- be eligible to exhibit project(s) at the Paulding County Fair
- be eligible for premiums

Youth who do not complete these guidelines will not be considered a member of Paulding County 4-H for the current year, and will

- forfeit any funds paid to the 4-H Club
- will not be permitted to exhibit project(s) at the Paulding County Fair

These guidelines apply to all local club, county, district, state, and national programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored for youth by the Ohio State University Extension – Paulding County 4-H Youth Development Program. This document operates in conjunction with the specific guidelines and regulations of any sponsored event, show, program, and/or activity.

As a 4-H member, I will:

- Attend at least 50% of my club's yearly meetings and activities.
- Present one educational demonstration to my club each year and do one service project. This is a membership requirement.
- Promptly pay any membership dues, club dues and project book fees.
- **Complete 100% of project(s) enrolled in and all activities associated with projects** (skill-athons, Quality Assurance Programming and still project judging). Failure to complete projects or attend activities associated with the projects will cause me to not be permitted to exhibit at the Paulding Fair, as required, for a successful completion of my selected project(s). (The Paulding County 4-H Council STRONGLY recommends 1st and 2nd year members take no more than 2 projects.)
- **Fulfill all duties of any office I may be elected to by my club members.**
- Support and respect my group's designated advisors/leaders.
- Be responsible for my behavior/conduct, uphold high standards for my group, and accept the consequences for inappropriate behavior.
- Demonstrate good citizenship, positive sportsmanship and an appropriate attitude at all times.
- Be courteous and respectful of adults, other participants, volunteers, staff and/or those who are in a leadership position.
- Respect and adhere to the guidelines of the Paulding County 4-H Program, Ohio 4-H Program, and Ohio State University Extension Offices.

As a 4-H member, I will not:

- Possess or use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco.
- Possess or use weapons, fireworks, or other harmful objects w/ intent to hurt or intimidate others.
- Deface or destroy property or possessions that do not belong to me.
- Violate any established event or activity rules/curfews.
- Demonstrate destructive behavior such as using profanity, fighting, stealing, or using/borrowing others' property without their permission.

I understand that if I violate these rules, the following actions will be taken:

1. The adult chaperone and/or volunteer for the youth involved in the violation will be notified immediately or made aware of the violation by the Extension 4-H Educator, 4-H Volunteer or Event Committee Chairperson in charge.
2. The parents will be notified of the incident(s) and the actions taken by the Extension 4-H Educator, 4-H Volunteer or Event Committee Chairperson in charge. When necessary, arrangements will be made to remove the youth from the 4-H event.
3. The youth may be barred from participating in any national, state, district, and/or county events for up to a year, to be determined by the Extension 4-H Educator in consultation with the Paulding County 4-H Advisory Council.
4. Should a violation occur at a competitive event, 4-H youth may be disqualified from the event and/or be ineligible for accompanying awards. This decision will be made by the Event Chairman and the designated Event Committee. Any action taken by the Event Committee will be submitted in writing to the Extension 4-H Educator within 14 days of the incident. The youth may be barred from participating/competing in subsequent events. Further actions will be determined in consultation with the Paulding County 4-H Advisory Council and appropriate individuals.
5. When warranted, (i.e., violation of Ohio laws) the situation will be turned over to the proper law enforcement authorities.

I DID IT MYSELF!

As a 4-H member, I understand the importance of doing my own project. I understand that I will gain knowledge and learn new skills by doing my own work. By signing the following line, I am saying that I did my own work and no other 4-H member or mentor has done work on my project. I may have had a mentor or other 4-H members assist me in completing my project, however, I did all the work on my project myself.

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As a member of the _____ 4-H Club, I have read the
4-H Club Name

Paulding County 4-H Membership Agreement and agree to abide by it. I also accept the consequences for my actions if I choose not to follow the stated requirements.

4-H Youth Signature

Date

Please Print Youth Name

I/We have read the Paulding County 4-H Membership Agreement and support my child's Participation in all Paulding County 4-H programs, activities, and events.

4-H Parent/Legal Guardian Signature(s)

Date

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