



Chartering a 4-H Club in Oregon



Yearly Renewal Form

If you have been a club for 1 year or more, you would have already received your official Club Charter. Each year thereafter, each club will complete this simplified form.

Submission date: After your first meeting or by October 31, _____ (write in year)

Club Name _____

Rights and Responsibilities of a Chartered 4-H Club

When a 4-H group agrees to function within the high standards assigned to the national 4-H Name & Emblem, then 4-H staff will issue a Charter which formally grants:

1. Authorization to use the 4-Name & Emblem in accordance with its educational mission (including option to raise, allocate and disburse funds within those guidelines), and
2. Inclusion under the tax exempt group ruling for 4-H.

High Standards

The youth development mission of the 4-H Program is achieved through partnerships with volunteers and others to provide high quality 4-H experiences for youth. Volunteers also serve as teachers, role models, mentors, and guides for youth. Volunteers provide age-appropriate experiences youth need to thrive and reach their potential.

Quality 4-H Programming

OSU Extension staff and 4-H volunteers have access to education and resources for the purpose of providing high quality 4-H programs. Together, they implement 4-H programs to help youth during programming by: Belonging in a group, finding their spark, being generous and contributing citizens, practicing independence, and being actively involved as well as having fun.

(Please put a check in the box)

Club Organization

- ...Club will be inclusive, and does not discriminate against any interested youth (inclusive without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or marital/parental status) today or in the future.
- ...Club agrees to understand and use the 4-H Name & Emblem appropriately. See National 4-H Fact Sheet "Use of the 4-H Name & Emblem."
- ... Club agrees to recruit and enroll at least five (5) members from at least three (3) different families to participate.

Club Meeting and Education

- ...Club agree that members will knowingly participate in a minimum of six (6) hours of planned, group activities (meetings, service, workshops) to qualify as 4-H programming.
- ...Club will provide an ongoing, positive learning environment and agree to schedule a minimum of six (6) club meetings during a 4-H year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30).

- ...To provide quality 4-H programming and help youth thrive, 4-H club meetings will include: business (led by members), education, and fun.
- ...To help youth practice decision-making in a safe environment, 4-H clubs will have officers or choose other decision-making and leadership opportunities for 4-H youth.

Fund Raising Under the 4-H Name a& Emblem

- ...If our club chooses to do fund-raising, we agree to: Submit our plan (Intent to Raise Funds) to County Extension Office and follow the established protocol for conducting fund-raising and submitting reports. (Money raised by 4-H is used by 4-H. Cash cannot go to another non-profit.)

Adult Supervision

- ... For safety, this 4-H Club is supervised by a minimum of two (2) approved 4-H volunteers, with at least one volunteer being age 25 or older.

Action of 4-H Club

- ... This club will do things to help others know that we are welcoming, safe and fun

When could a Club Charter be revoked?

- 4-H Charter may be revoked by the OSU 4-H Program Leader if the club knowingly and consistently (1) creates an unsafe or unhealthy environment for participants; (2) uses the 4-H Name & Emblem inappropriately; or (3) functions in a discriminating manner.

It's About the Youth!

- ...The leaders in the club will practice positive youth development and try to leave adult discussions/problems away from the youth.

1. Signature

A. _____ ____/____/____
4-H Club Volunteer Date

Thank you for being an important part of the Oregon 4-H Program.