

Requirements for Participation at County Fair:

Youth may enroll in a project at anytime during the year, however the minimum requirements for successfully completing a Home Arts or Animal Science project, which qualifies the youth to participate in the County Fair are:

- ❑ All members, new and returning, must enroll by **October 15**.
- ❑ Youth **must attend 80%** of all monthly **community club** meetings and **project** meetings held from the time they enroll.
- ❑ Youth must have a **written 4-H record** to provide proof of supervision, the length of the project, attendance at meetings and work completed in the project.
- ❑ The **4-H record must be submitted** to the respective project leader and community club leader. Leaders will review the record and sign to signify satisfactory completion of the project.
- ❑ Fair entry forms with **required club and/or project leader signatures** must be submitted by the member to the fair office by the deadline stated in the fair premium book.
- ❑ **Rules** governing participation at the **El Dorado County Fair** and/or other qualifying fairs are as stated in the respective **premium books**.

Animal Science Project Policies

- ❑ 4-H project animals are to be under the immediate control of the 4-H owner. If the animal is kept at a place other than the 4-H owner's home or property, a letter with full explanation of facts will be written to the Livestock Advisory Committee within 10 days.
- ❑ Any abuse of an animal, unethical treatment or violations of these regulations by an exhibitor shall be referred to the County Director for disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the project.
- ❑ Youth must attend Round-up. All requests for an excused absence must be written by the youth and submitted by the date specified in the *Hotline* to the Livestock Advisory Committee. Special consideration will be given for emergency situations.
- ❑ Attendance is required at one Round-up project event. (For projects that do not require animals to be brought, attendance by the members is required.) Youth enrolled in more than one animal project are required to attend only one Round-up project event but they need to notify all their project leaders as to which project they will be attending.
- ❑ State 4-H policy outlines age requirements for membership in the large livestock projects. Primary members (under the age of 9 as of January 1) will not be allowed to enroll in any project that requires large animal ownership, handling or exhibition. Primary members may not enroll in large animal projects such as: beef, dairy goat, market goat, pack goat, horse, sheep, llama, emu or swine projects. Primary members may enroll in the following small animal projects: rabbits, cavies, poultry, pygmy and dwarf goats.
- ❑ Livestock ownership requirements for large/small animals will be as stated in the El Dorado County Fair Premium Book. In case of an emergency or excused absence at the time of fair contact the fair for current policy on allowing another member to show your animal for conformation.
- ❑ All market animals shall be ear tagged according to current fair policy.

Home Arts Project Policies

- ❑ Work must be created and/or owned by the 4-H exhibitor enrolled in a home arts project. (Exception: In the Fashion Revue event, the purchased category is open to all 4-H members.)
- ❑ The guidelines for the specific levels (beginning, intermediate and advanced) of the clothing and foods projects must be followed.
- ❑ Youth must attend Home Arts Day, even if not participating in a judged event. All requests for an excused absence must be written by the youth and submitted by the date specified in the *Hotline* to the Home Arts Day Committee. Special consideration will be given for emergency situations.
- ❑ Members participating in judged events at Home Arts Day must submit entry forms by the date specified in the *Hotline*. Primary members may participate but their work will not be judged; they will receive a participation award.