

BONNER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT GUIDE



Enrollment Deadlines:

The participation deadline for Bonner County 4-H is February 1st in order to exhibit at the County Fair. Enrollments are collected through an online enrollment system called 4HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com>. Each family is required to create a profile in this system and select their club and projects. Dues must be paid into the Extension Office by the February 1st deadline, as well.

Enrollments open October 1st and run through February 1st. Members and leaders are invited to enroll anytime during this enrollment period. If your enrollments and members monies are not into the Extension Office before you start your project meetings, members and leaders are not insured. All Leaders are also required to complete the protecting minors training in their 4H Online profile and a background screening their 1st and every 3 years when re-enrolling in order to be an active leader.

The last day to add a project is March 1st, provided other applicable requirements can be met. Participation deadlines apply to all 4-H projects.

Age Policy:

In recognition of the educational and developmental needs of youth, members will be grouped for program management purposes (based on age as of January 1) as follows:

Cloverbuds:	5-7 years old
Juniors:	8-10 years old
Intermediates:	11-13 years old
Seniors:	14-18 years old*

The 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1 within the 4-H year that runs from October 1st – September 30th. To be enrolled in competitive 4-H events and activities, an individual must be 8 years old at the beginning of the 4-H year and qualify for at least the junior member category.

*Proof of age/grade equivalent may be requested.

Youth who turn 19 before January 1 of that 4-H year are no longer eligible to participate.

Membership is open to all youth, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.



Cloverbud Project:

The Cloverbud 4-H program is offered for boys and girls who are ages 5-7 as of January 1. Cloverbud projects are non-competitive and receive a special participation ribbon only. They must exhibit to complete.

The Cloverbud project is offered separate from regular 4-H projects.



Annual Enrollment Dues:

1 – 3 projects	\$25.00
Additional projects	\$ 3.00
Add \$2.00 for all horse projects	

Most Leader fees are \$3.00 with 4-H insurance. Horse Leader fees are \$4.00.

Leaders automatically become members of the Bonner County 4-H Leaders Council. \$1.00 of the fees goes to pay dues in the State 4-H Leaders Association and \$2.00 stays in the county to provide leader insurance and support at the local level.

There will be a fee charged for leader's materials requested after April 1st. Make checks payable to "Bonner County 4-H."

Organizational Hints:

Through a learn-by doing process, 4-H enables each member to build a foundation for life as a productive and contributing member of society.

Things to Do Now

Have a planning meeting with other leaders prior to enrollment night. Leaders need to determine the projects they will be leading. Include club officers to help plan, someone to staff a welcome table and additional project table(s).

Set up a sign-up night for your club. Notify all your project leaders and all your members and their parents of the place and time. The Idaho 4H Project Requirements Handbook provides all project completion requirements. Enrollment & organizational packets include a complete list of projects.

Enrollment Procedures

Members and leaders must enroll through 4H Online. All Leaders must also complete the protecting minors training in their 4H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/profile>. Leaders must also complete an annual background screening.

The Extension Office staff cannot enroll members or leaders. This must be done via the 4-H online <https://v2.4honline.com> system. If you don't have computer or internet access, there is a computer available for you to use at the Extension Office.

Organizational leaders should help members and leaders enroll in projects. Always encourage members to visit with their parents about the projects to be taken. Better yet, have parents present at the sign-up meeting.

It is important to note that families do not need a new profile every year. Once a family has been entered into the 4H online <https://v2.4honline.com> system, the information remains there and only needs to be updated at the beginning of each project year.

Projects Without A Leader (Self Led)

Members may take projects when there is no leader for that project **IF** their parents are willing to help them. A designated club leader has to look over the completed materials and sign the book.

Primary and Satellite Clubs

The member must sign up with a primary (organizational) club. The member will be required to attend the majority (60%) of all organizational meetings. In addition, members may take projects offered in other clubs without joining that clubs' organizational meetings. Members taking projects within other clubs outside of their primary club are called satellite members. Members may satellite to as many different clubs as needed for projects they would like

to take as long as they meet the 60% attendance requirements.

Membership in Another County

A youth participates in 4-H by belonging to a 4-H club or any recognized unit of membership, usually in his or her county of residence. However, if a 4-H member lives near a county line or if a specific project is not offered in his or her home county or it is more convenient to belong to 4-H in another county, he or she may join in that county.

Members are encouraged to discuss their options with Extension staff or 4-H volunteers to find the best fit. It is important to remember that **members cannot exhibit the same project in more than one county.**

**VOLUNTEER
TODAY.
INSPIRE
FOR A
LIFETIME.**



Required Leader Training

University of Idaho District 1 4-H policy requires all returning leaders to attend 2 hours of up-date training per year and new leaders to go through 3-4 hours of new leader training. Watch the newsletter for opportunities for these trainings.

It is encouraged and recommended that training/up-dating be done before leading projects. The deadline for up-dates and training is April 30, as set by the Bonner County 4-H Leaders Council. Check the 4-H newsletter and calendar for opportunities.

New Leaders

New leaders must enroll via the 4H Online system <https://v2.4honline.com>. New leaders must go through New Leader Training before they are approved by Extension staff. New leader training is often offered as part of the Bonner County 4-H

Super Saturday event. This event also counts for 2 hours of annual leader update hours, as well.

Resource Leaders

Resource leaders must sign up in an organizational club and be willing to help out other clubs in their area of expertise if asked. Resource leaders do not earn leadership years in the 4-H program.

Obtaining Project Materials

To keep enrollment fees as low as possible, we use a limited-inventory material system. This means that large quantities of many project materials are not on hand at the Extension Office –they must be ordered or xeroxed. Therefore, project leaders must fill out the project material request forms and turn them into the organizational leader or the Extension Office. **Leaders must be specific! Please give the Extension Office at least 1 week to fill your request.**

Organizational leaders or designated leaders will be responsible for picking up and distributing materials to project leaders. It is the responsibility of the project leader to distribute materials to the members.

Materials requested after April 1st will be charged a fee. Replacement materials will be charged a fee.



Parent Involvement

Do the parents know and understand the 4-H program?

Ask parents what they can or would like to do to help. Give them a choice.

Get them involved. A good place to start is program planning.

At least one parent must attend organizational meetings.

Project Requirements

Idaho requirements for completion of project work are:

- Attend majority of the project meetings (60%)
- Give a demonstration
- Exhibit your project work and record book.
- All animals must fit and show.
- All clothing members must participate in a fashion revue.

In addition, Bonner County members must:

- Attend the majority of the general meetings (60%)

This applies to each and every project a member takes.

Self-Determined Projects

In some cases, a 4-H member decides to take a project for which we have no materials. It may be a fifth year of a project that only goes 4 years or something completely different in a project area. In these cases, the member must be at least 14 years old and enrolls up for a "Self-Determined" project.

Those taking a "Self-Determined" must set goals and ways to accomplish the goals. It is then submitted to the Extension faculty for approval. Only then can the project be taken as a 4-H project. Self-Determined members must interview judge for completion and be 14 or older.

4-H Newsletter

The newsletter is published every other month and provides information that 4-H members, parents, and leaders need to be aware of. One copy of the newsletter is mailed or emailed to each 4-H family. Contact Extension if you are not receiving the Newsletter.

4-H Calendar

The annual calendar is printed and sent out with the January 4-H newsletter. This should be posted and kept as a reference.



4-H Livestock Auction Money

Livestock sales checks are mailed out to the members as they are received from the buyer. Checks should be out by October 1st.

Thank You Cards

Thank you, cards are available from the Extension Office. Livestock Buyers must receive thank you cards and cards to award sponsors are also encouraged.

Non-Discrimination

The University of Idaho provides equal opportunity in education and employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran, as required by state and federal laws.

Good luck in the new 4-H year! If you have any questions or problems, please be sure to give us a call at 208-263-8511 or email Mary Kennedy, the Bonner County 4-H Program Coordinator at mokennedy@uidaho.edu.