

**Perry County 4-H Foundation  
General Policies, Rules and Regulations  
2009**

**Current Perry County 4-H Year  
is from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009**

**Activity Standards**

There are three age divisions for Arkansas 4-H members in all activities except Journals.

***Cloverbud*** – ages 5 through 8 (may be active in club, community and county activities only).

***Junior*** – ages 9 through 13 (may be active in club, community, county and district activities).

***Senior*** – ages 14 through 19 (may be active in all level of competitions including national).

**Your 4-H age is determined on January 1 of the current year to be in accordance with state guidelines, unless otherwise stated by the event.**

**Journal Standards**

- Submit project journals in standard 4-H journal binder. May be purchased for \$3 at the county Extension office.
- All sections of the journal must be completed and included.
- All journals must show evidence of accomplishments and achievements for previous year (January 1 through December 31, 2007).
- Journals do not have to be typed, but should be neat and legible.
- Journals are very important to a successful career in 4-H.
- Journals are due in completion to the county Extension office by **Friday, January 11, 2008.**
- Age divisions for journals are: (1) **Cloverbud** (ages 5-8) will be judged at the county level only. (2) **Beginner Division** (ages 9-12) will be judged at the county and district level. (3) **Intermediate Division** (ages 13-15) will be judged at the county and district level. (4) **Advanced Division** (ages 16-19) will be judged at the county and state level.
- County journal completers will be featured in a newspaper article over the 2008 year as the “Perry County Featured 4-H Member of the Week.”
- All county journal winners will receive a plaque at the annual awards banquet. A panel of judges will select winning record books.
- To be eligible for 4-H member of the year, you **MUST** complete a journal. You may only be eligible once as a Junior and once as a Senior. In other words, you may be the 4-H member of the year once as a Junior (9-13) and/or once as a Senior (14-19). You must attend at least 50% of your club’s meetings and participate in at least one county and/or district event. 4-H’ers must also complete an application for 4-H Member of the Year.
- All county journal completers will receive a discount of up to \$50 on a camp and/or activity of their choice during the current 4-H year (it must be a 4-H event).

### Project Books

Project books must be paid for in advance. You must pay for the books when turning in your order along with the shipping fees.

Please pay for project books with a check made payable to the Perry County 4-H Foundation. Add \$1 shipping for 1 – 2 books; \$3 shipping for 3 – 10 books; and \$5 shipping for 10 or more books.

### Illustrated Talks and Methods/Demonstrations

Public speaking is the number one fear of all people. We encourage all members to participate in Public Speaking and/or an Illustrated Talk/Methods & Demonstrations. ALL 4-H'ers competing in County 4-H O-Rama Public Speaking or Talks Activities will receive a plaque at the annual awards banquet.

### Ross Foundation Photography Contest

Contest open to any 4-H member 9 to 19 years of age. Photos MUST be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas. The picture must have been taken during the current contest year. Photographs will be no larger than 3X5. Negative or transparency MUST accompany all entries. There are four categories: Living (people, animals, insects, birds, wildlife, etc.) Color, Living Black & White, Innate (buildings, landscapes, plants) Color, and Innate Black & White. Due June 1 each year.

#### County Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Place        \$10/Certificate

#### State Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Place in Each        \$200

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Each        \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Each        \$50

Best in Exhibit        \$100

First place winners will be recognized and will receive a certificate at the annual 4-H awards program along with their cash prize.

### Perry County Fair

- Youth must be a member of 4-H by June 1 of each year (prior to the county fair).
- 4-H members must attend at least three club meetings and participate in at least one other activity/event (county, district, state, etc.) to be eligible to compete in the Perry County Fair & Livestock Show.
- Anyone that complains to a contributor either verbally or by written communication about the premium sale and how much they did or did not contribute will forfeit their premium sale check.
- **Premium sale checks will be mailed as soon as ALL monies are received. Please DO NOT call the Extension office to inquire about when checks will be mailed!**
- **All 4-H complaints should be addressed through the county Extension office, NOT the fair board. We are responsible for the behavior of all 4-H clubs and members!**

### Payments

The Perry County 4-H Foundation will follow state guidelines on payment policies. We will require payment in advance for ALL camps and/or activities which require fees. You may receive a refund if we can receive a refund. If it is past the deadline and we cannot receive a refund, you will not receive a refund. This rule was put into effect because we have so many 4-H members sign up for camps and/or other events and then not attend. The 4-H Foundation is still out the money for that event and/or activity; in other words, we all lose money.

## **Insurance**

**IMPORTANT:** all current members and leaders that are listed as official club leaders or project leaders are covered. Youth under five are not eligible for insurance and Cloverbuds are not covered if injured by project animals or during transportation to and from events.