

4-H Team Food Systems

Goal: To create a more purposeful experience for young people in 4-H foods and nutrition, horticulture and crops/agronomy projects where they are team members accountable for each other to learn together, experience new activities together and grow through project work together.

Teams consist of three (3) 4-Hers (no more, no less, per team)

- Members may be of any 4-H age (in fact, older 4-Hers are encouraged to partner with younger members for mentoring)
- Members may be from any club in Lyon County
- Members cannot be in the same household
- Members do not have to be enrolled in all three project areas, but all three members must be present at the same “team” 4-H Food Systems related event to capture points
- A 4-Her not enrolled in one of the three project areas may participate as long as they are present with team members and actively learning and participating with his or her team
- No 4-Her may be on more than one Team 4-H Food Systems team

How it works

- Teams will post activities to a private Facebook group where all participants in Team 4-H Food Systems are part of the group/can see the posts.
- Activities are captured in a picture with *all three* of the team members in the picture. A caption detailing activity, including where and what was learned must accompany the picture to count.
- Activity must be posted on the day it happened to be counted (within 24 hours of event). (No creative double posting of the same activity, please)
- Each activity with properly documented picture and story will count for points (see point system)
- If the top teams are close in points, there will be an interview process at the county fair to determine final placings.
- This is a food systems learning opportunity, not specifically tied to a single project area, but includes 4-H learning in foods and nutrition, horticulture and crops project areas.

Timeline

Purposeful and meaningful team participation in the food industry Feb. 15 through July 15, 2019.

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Point System

(Remember, points are only earned *when all three teammates participate* in the activity *together* and it's properly documented in the Closed Facebook group)

Southeast Area Hort/FCS/Crops judging contest	3 pts
Community service in food systems related way.....	3 pts
County-wide Project meeting attendance	2 pts
Visit an operation to learn about crop production.....	2 pt
Story/picture about team's work in local paper	2 pts
Presentation to a local group about food systems project.....	2 pts
Club project meeting.....	1 pt
Prepare a meal together.....	1 pt
Crop production/cultivation work together.....	1 pt
Club meeting attendance	1 pt
(if not in same club pic with leader at the monthly meeting posted on the same post)	
Miscellaneous (if applicable to goal)	1 pt

- Teams may do the activity more than once for points in the same category, but cannot count the same activity for more than one category.
- The Facebook post must specifically name what point category the activity counts for and what was learned/experienced to count.
- Bonus points given to teams with age diversity (senior 4-Hers mentoring junior/intermediate 4-Hers)

Points are awarded and tabulated by the Extension Office with the best judgement of the guidelines published. Since this is the debut year for Team 4-H Food Systems, if rules must be adapted participants will be notified via the Facebook group.

Recognition

1st place team – \$200 for each team member
2nd place team – \$100 for each team member
3rd place team – \$50 for each team member

(Teams must earn a minimum of 20 points to be considered for the top 3 placings, and there must be more than 5 teams to award the top 3 awards. If there only 4 teams earning 20 points or more, only the first and second place teams will be awarded. If there are less than 3 teams earning 20 points or more, only first place will be awarded.)

How to Sign your team up

Enroll team via Google Form at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8q6sqgj>

Be sure you have a parent or team member who is friends with Corinne on Facebook so you can be invited to join the group. (please indicate when you sign up the Facebook names that need to be invited to join the closed group)

Contest begins Feb. 15, but team sign-up won't end until March 15 (However, no back-dating FB point posts.)

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