

Team 4-H Small Animal

Goal: To create a more purposeful experience for young people in 4-H small animal projects where they are team members accountable for each other to learn together, experience new activities together and grow through project work together. The team's effort should focus on bringing out the science and engineering behind creative arts projects and dedicate time to community service and leadership.

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 (or manage livestock at the same facility together)
- Members do not have to have the same small animal projects, but all three members must be present at the same "team" small animal related event to capture points
- A 4-Her not enrolled in a small animal project 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

How it works

- Teams will post activities to a private Facebook group where all participants in Team 4-H Small Animal 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 may be an interview process at the county fair to determine final placings.
- This is a small animal learning opportunity, not specifically tied to one project area, but includes 4-H learning in the rabbit, poultry, dog, cat, and hand pet project areas.

Timeline

Purposeful and meaningful team participation in the livestock 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)

Community service in small animal related way	3 pts
Presentation to a local group about small animal project	3 pts
Attend County-wide rabbit or poultry club meeting	2 pts
Story about team's small animal project in local paper	2 pts
Tour a small animal business	2 pts
Veterinarian office visit	2 pts
Spring/Summer Shows	2 pts
Project meeting	2 pts
Petting Zoo (team must have animals present)	2 pts
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)
- Bonus points will also be given for activities that bring out science and engineering.

Points are awarded and tabulated by the Extension Office with the best judgement of the guidelines published. 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/y8q6sqqj>

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 posts)



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