

Morrison 4-H Club

Mission Statement

We the Leaders and Members of the Morrison 4-H Club join together to provide opportunities for “Learning By Doing” which promote personal growth, and encourage the positive development of youth, their families, and our community.

By-Laws

I. Name

The Name of this club will be Morrison 4-H Club.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this club will be:

- a. To improve our club, our community, and ourselves.
- b. To provide an opportunity for youth and adult leaders of the Brown County 4-H program to unite their educational activities and programs.

III. Membership

- a. Membership in 4-H is in no way limited or prohibited by race, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, pregnancy, creed, disability, religion, or marital or parental status.
- b. Membership is open to youth in grades kindergarten through the next year following graduation from high school. Kindergarten, first, and second graders are enrolled as Cloverbuds.
- c. Morrison 4-H dues will be collected during the October & November meetings. Dues for the club will be as determined by the Extension Office.

IV. Attendance

- a. Full year members of Morrison 4-H must attend at least 6 meetings per year, but are encouraged to attend as many as possible. Special circumstances will be considered (away at college, other 4-H events, school, church or work activities)
- b. Morrison 4-H Club year runs from November 1st through October 31st.
- c. All other Brown County 4-H Policies will also be followed.

V. Participation

Active participation in monthly business meeting requires undivided attention (no homework, no cellphones, no ipods, no visiting)

- a. Each member should participate in 2 club or 2 county activities, besides the monthly club business meeting (example CLUB: cutting vegetables, working at a fundraiser, June Dairy month promotion, fair bill board, Education booth at fair, ect. COUNTY: camp counselor, dish washer, drama fest, music fest, foods revue, food stand at fair, ect.)
- b. To vote for officers you must be a Morrison 4-H club member.
- c. One demonstration or speech is required per 4-H member each year. Group demonstrations will be allowed but every one must participate. First year members and Cloverbuds are exempt.
- d. Members must turn in a completed project as outlined by the General Leader by the September business meeting to receive your fair checks. Checks to be given out at the October business meeting.
- e. Each 4-H family is asked to serve on the snack and clean-up committee.
 1. This includes providing a snack, and set up before the meeting and clean up after the meeting.
 2. There will be a schedule for the year made available and families may switch within the club if a month is inconvenient for them.

VI. Committees

Will be drafted at parent/officer meeting with each family serving on at least one committee for the year. (Examples: Fundraising, Basketball Tournament, Food Stand @ fair, Community Service projects, etc.)

VII. Fundraising

Members and their families must participate in at least 1 Morrison 4-H Club fundraising event each year.

VIII. Donations

- a. Donation to other organizations will be at the club's discretion, according to available funds with a majority vote.
- b. Money donated for member trips will be based on available funds.

Criteria for trip money will include the following:

- 1. Club participation.
 - 2. Turning in completed end of year project.
 - 3. Positive representative of the Morrison 4-H Club.
 - 4. The trip must be a 4-H sponsored trip.
 - 5. A talk must be given when member returns from the trip.
- c. Camps and project related events will have money allotted according to availability of the club funds, which will be determined at the time of the application.

IX. County Fair

Entries are due to the General Leader at the June business meeting.

X. Club Reporting

Annually, complete the 4-H annual Charter Renewal Packet that includes critical communication, legal, financial and educational accountability requirements. This is submitted to the county UW-Extension office by December 1.

XI. Dissolution clause

Upon dissolution of the 4-H club any assets must be turned over to a recognized 4-H club/unit/group, with the approval of the 4-H Leaders Association and the county 4-H Youth Development staff.

XII. Officers

Officers must call the General Leader if they will be absent. All officers will meet 15 min. before the meeting and must attend the County Officers Training.

President

1. Must be at least 14 years old
2. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years
3. Duties are to preside at meetings of the club and work with the general leader.

Vice-President

1. Must be at least 13 years old
2. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 2 years
3. Duties are to preside over the meeting in the absence of the President, fill in for other officers performing their duties in their absence, and plan the Christmas party.

Secretary

1. Must be at least 12 years old
2. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 1 year
3. Duties are to keep minutes of all business meetings of the club, work with the general leader in handling correspondence, and keep accurate records of attendance.

Treasurer

1. Must be at least 13 years old
2. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 2 years
3. Duties are to keep accurate records of all expenses and income, maintain the checking account, and oversee all transactions with the general leader.

Reporter

1. Must be at least 13 years old
2. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 1 year
3. Duties are to keep records and a scrapbook throughout the year, and submit news articles to the local papers of the activities in the club.