July 27, 2024

Dear 4-H Club Organizational Leaders,

Please see information on special awards for the **4-H Achievement Award Program to be held on Wednesday, October 9 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds**. Attached are application/nomination forms and requests for your response.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

1. **Club Status Reports:**
   Citizenship certificates and gift go to clubs who complete club status report.

2. **Club Secretary & Treasurer Books:**
   All 4-H club secretaries and treasurers are to submit their club Secretary and Treasurer books for judging. Books will be judged on neatness, clarity, completeness of record book and correct form.

3. **Club Scrapbooks:**
   Scrapbooks include pictures or anything representative of your 4-H Club program. They are judged on: neatness, creativity, and how well they tell the story of your 4-H club. Scrapbooks may be cumulative but should be separated by years and **must be completed by members. Please list** the 4-H members who worked on the scrapbook.

4. **Cloverbud Recognition:**
   Cloverbuds in attendance will be recognized by receiving a special gift and certificate at the Achievement Awards program.
5. **"Make the Best Better" Award:**
   T-shirts are awarded at the Achievement Awards program to outstanding 4-H members in Arapahoe County. To be eligible, 4-H'ers must have completed two years in 4-H, be twelve by December 31, 2023, and not have received a major award (trip or Grand Champion Award) during this 4-H year. Awards are based on club and county participation including completion of 4-H projects. Leaders may recommend one or more members by completing the enclosed application. If you recommend more than one, please rank your nominees.

6. **Danforth Award (Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year):**
   Members who were 14 by December 31, 2023, may submit applications or be nominated by their leader for the Danforth Award, which is presented each year to two 4-H'ers in the county. This must include a written letter of recommendation from an adult club leader. Judging is based on leadership qualities, academic achievements, school or community involvement, general character and integrity.

7. **“Learn By Doing” Award:**
   Members must have completed two years in 4-H (count this year and any Cloverbud Years, be 8-11 years old this year and not have received a major award (trip or Grand Champion Award) during this 4-H year. Leaders may recommend one or more members, but are asked to rank them 1, 2, 3, etc.

8. **Project Achievement Medal Application:**
   Members are recognized each year for outstanding project work. Members must select one project and turn in a completed Project Achievement Application. Members are then evaluated on their completion of project learning responsibilities. Since members are evaluated on a standard, more than one medal in each project area may be awarded.

Feel free to make additional copies of the application/nomination forms as needed. The forms for nominations are also posted on the website.

**THANKS FOR WORKING ON THESE ITEMS TO RECOGNIZE OUR 4-H YOUTH & LEADERS!**

Sincerely,

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