

## **CT 4-H GROUP ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDELINES**

### **To be considered a 4-H group in good standing in Connecticut, an organized group:**

- Completes enrollment materials and returns the signed forms to the 4-H Office by November 15 or as soon as possible. To be considered eligible for completing the current 4-H year, members must be enrolled no later than May 1.
- The 4-H program year runs from October 1 through September 30.
- Encourages members to participate in a public presentation at the club or district level.
- Completes a community service project.
- Participates in county fund-raising activities.
- Promotes record keeping through member's upkeep of record books.
- Participates in the county Fair.
- Participates in one 4-H promotional event each year.
- Provides an atmosphere where youth feel safe and learn to appreciate, accept and support the uniqueness of others.

### **A 4-H member in good standing in Connecticut meets the following guidelines:**

- Must be at least seven years old and not 19 years old on January 1 of the project year.
- Selects projects for in-depth study.
- Records what they learn (record books).
- Attends meetings regularly (if a member of an organized group) and is an active participant.
- Participates in some form of public presentation.
- Has projects evaluated.

Members may enroll in more than one county or across state lines in order to take advantage of the diverse opportunities offered. In order to do this, they must enroll in a specific and different project area in each county or state. For example, if a youth participates in a rabbit project in one county, they are not eligible to enroll in that project in another county or state. In order to be considered for county/state awards, members must submit in writing their choice for county or state affiliation to the county or state of their primary affiliation.