

MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT!



Being in 4-H requires commitment. When you enroll in 4-H you are agreeing to participate in club activities. A 4-H club is nothing without its members and without you, we wouldn't have a club. It is important that you attend all meetings. In fact, it is so important, you will not be able to receive your year pin or show at the county fair if you do not attend 75% of your required club meetings and activities. Here are the types of meetings we will hold and the attendance requirements:

- **Business Meetings**—Required for all members.
- **Project Meetings**—Required for all members enrolled in that project.
- **Fund Raisers**—Required for all members.
- **Community Service Events**—Required for all members.
- **Club Parties & Recreation**—Optional for all members.

Here are some common excuses members give for missing meetings and whether they are acceptable or not.

- Sick—Excused
- School Event you are Required to Participate in—Excused
- Sports practice—Excused with waiver
- Party—Unexcused
- Homework—Unexcused
- No Ride—Unexcused, make arrangements with another 4-H member
- On Restriction/Punished by Parents—Unexcused. Parents, please find another way to discipline your child. You punish the entire club when your child cannot attend.

The bottom line is, treat 4-H meetings as you would school. Try to be at every meeting. Calendars are passed out well in advance so you have plenty of time to make plans that do not interfere with club meetings.

Special Considerations for Older/Long-Time Members

Senior members with more than two years of club membership may ask for special dispensation to attend a more limited number of club meetings so that they can participate in other activities such as WAHSET, FFA, and team sports. With prior arrangement, the meeting attendance requirement will be reduced to two meetings a month. Also, the person attending may be a parent or other older family member if you cannot attend.

Please be aware that when you miss a meeting, you miss out on information **and** the newer, younger club members miss out on the benefit of your knowledge and experience. Please do everything you can to arrange things so that you can attend meetings. Also, be aware that this limited attendance allowance is for a short term only. If you cannot attend meetings for most of the year, then Kolts & Kitties is probably not the club for you.



With YOUR Help it will BE A GREAT YEAR!