



Valley County 4-H News

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Members, Leaders and Parents!

The new 4-H year is off to a great start. Thank you for getting your enrollment information to the office this fall. Remember that members can be recruited all year long so if you know someone who would like to join in the 4-H fun please have them enroll.

Members and leaders alike can benefit from setting goals to strive to achieve as a result of their 4-H project work, leadership and community service efforts. I encourage each club to think of three goals they would like to achieve this year and then work toward meeting those goals.

SMART Goal setting was the focus of the Leader's Council Retreat, and is easy for you to follow you as well.

- S - Specific, significant, stretching
- M - Measureable, meaningful, motivational
- A - Attainable, achievable, action-oriented
- R - Realistic, relevant, reasonable
- T - Timely, Tangible, trackable

Keep these in mind when filling out your record sheets or working to set club goals. A goal to "have fun" is easily attainable but is it significant? A goal to earn a blue ribbon at the fair is attainable, realistic and measurable. A club goal to increase membership is certainly a goal, but a goal to increase membership by 3 members is specific and measurable.

Have a great Holiday season and keep working on your 4-H endeavors.

Sincerely,

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State Exchange - December 11

Valley County Winter Fun Day



is a county-wide event where 4-H members get together for fun and learning. All members are encouraged to participate in an officer training session either for the office they have been elected to, or an office they might be interested in holding. Project workshops are offered in a variety of areas. This is a great opportunity to learn more in a project you are enrolled in, or investigate a project you have never taken. Winter Fun Day is a 4-H family event with something for everyone in the family. Come and meet new friends, share ideas and just have fun at 4-H Winter Fun Day. This will be held the last week of December.

Details will be out shortly. Do you have workshop ideas? Please let the office know.

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