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**ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS  
WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM**

<p><i>I pledge my head to clearer thinking...</i></p> <p><b>INDEPENDENCE</b> Gaining Character &amp; Confidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to See Oneself as an Active Participant in the Future</li> <li>• Opportunity for Self-Determination</li> </ul>
<p><i>I pledge my heart to greater loyalty...</i></p> <p><b>BELONGING</b> Gaining Connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult</li> <li>• An Inclusive Environment</li> <li>• A Safe Emotional and Physical Environment</li> </ul>
<p><i>I pledge my hands to larger service...</i></p> <p><b>GENEROSITY</b> Gaining Caring &amp; Character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to Value and Practice Service to Others</li> </ul>
<p><i>I pledge my health to better living...</i></p> <p><b>MASTERY</b> Gaining Competence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity for Mastery</li> <li>• Engagement in Learning</li> </ul>




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**2016 4-H COUNCIL**

<p><b>Cindy Clausen</b></p> <p><b>Kirsten Chesson</b></p> <p><b>Jen Hilgenkamp, Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>Reece Krueger</b></p> <p><b>Kelsey Loseke, Vice President</b></p> <p><b>Kurt Loseke</b></p> <p><b>Courtney Nielsen, Secretary</b></p>	<p><b>Dwight Nielsen</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth Nielsen</b></p> <p><b>Jake Mathiesen</b></p> <p><b>Dorothy Schmidt, President</b></p> <p><b>Colton Wiemer</b></p> <p><b>James Wurtz</b></p>
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**4-H CLUB – BASIC STRUCTURE**

- ✓ Enrolls at least 5 youth members from at least 3 families.
- ✓ Is advised by adult 4-H volunteers who have been screened and trained in accordance with the Nebraska 4-H Policy and Procedure Handbook.
- ✓ Conduct a minimum of 6 regular club meetings (virtual or face-to-face) per year - often supplemented by project meetings, camps, fairs, and other 4-H learning activities.
- ✓ Selects youth officers or youth leaders to provide leadership to the club.
- ✓ Meets in any location — a home, community center, military installation, library, public housing site, school, afterschool program, and/or many other places.
- ✓ Meets interests and needs of youth in same-age or cross-age groupings and using single project or multiple project formats.




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**NEBRASKA CLUB OF EXCELLENCE REQUIREMENTS (1 OF 2)**

1. Have at least FIVE members from at least THREE different families.
2. Recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings.
3. Meet at least six times per year.
4. Choose/elect youth officers.
5. Give youth leadership roles.
6. Have one club project (related to curriculum) which they do together.
7. Have adult role models (parental) involvement.




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**NEBRASKA CLUB OF EXCELLENCE REQUIREMENTS (2 OF 2)**

8. Are facilitated by a volunteer/organizational leader who has successfully completed the Volunteer Screening Process.
9. Have members perform a demonstration or public speaking at the club level or above.
10. Complete one community service project.
11. Have members participate in a county, district or state event(s).
12. Celebrate member and club achievements.
13. Complete the “Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence Report of Activities” and return to the Extension Office at year end.



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**4-H CLUB FILE – CHECKLIST (1 of 2)**

- ✓ Approved 4-H Club Name (by county, state & federal)
- ✓ 4-H Club Charter Obtained (date established)
- ✓ COPY of Charter (certificate)
- ✓ Employer Identification Number (EIN) DATE OBTAINED
- ✓ Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- ✓ Bank Account Established (date)

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**4-H CLUB FILE – CHECKLIST (2 of 2)**

- ✓ Bylaws & Constitution – Amendments
- ✓ Year End Treasurer’s Report filed with local Extension Office
- ✓ e-Postcard Filed by May 15 of each year for prior year
- ✓ List of all Youth Protection approved leaders
- ✓ OPTIONAL: Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence Summary Form

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