Team 4-H Livestock

**Goal:** To create a more purposeful experience for young people in 4-H livestock projects where they are team members accountable for each other to learn together, experience new activities together and grow through project work together. The team’s effort should focus on bringing out the science and engineering behind livestock projects and dedicate time to community service and leadership.

**Teams consist of three (3) 4-Hers (no more, no less, per team)**
- Members may be of any 4-H age. (in fact, older 4-Hers are encouraged to partner with younger members for mentoring)
- Members may be from any club in Walnut Creek District.
- Members cannot be in the same household (or manage livestock at the same facility together)
- Members do not have to be enrolled in all livestock projects, but all three members must be present at the same “team” Livestock related event to capture points.
- A 4-Her not enrolled in a Livestock project may participate as long as they are present with team members and actively learning and participating with his or her team
- No 4-Her may be on more than one team within the Livestock areas.

**How it works**
- Teams will post activities to a private Facebook group where all participants in Team 4-H Livestock are part of the group/can see the posts.
- Activities are captured in a picture with all three of the team members in the picture. A caption detailing activity, including where and what was learned must accompany the picture to count.
- Activity must be posted on the day it happened to be counted (within 24 hours of event). (No creative double posting of the same activity, please)
- Each activity with properly documented picture and story will count for points (see point system)
- If the top teams are close in points, there may be an interview process at the county fair to determine final placings.
- This is a livestock learning opportunity, not specifically tied to one project area, but includes 4-H learning in the beef, meat goat, sheep and swine project areas.

**Timeline**
Purposeful and meaningful team participation in the livestock industry January 1st through July 1, 2021.
Point System
(Remember, points are only earned when all three teammates participate in the activity together and it’s properly documented in the Closed Facebook group)

Community service in livestock related way ........................................... 3 pts
Presentation to a local group about livestock project ......................... 3 pts
Attend Regional or State livestock Education event .......................... 3 pts
Story about team’s livestock project in local paper ............................. 3 pts
Visit an operation to learn about animal husbandry .......................... 2 pts
Participate in a Livestock Show Prep workshop ................................. 2 pts
Spring/Summer Show ............................................................... 2 pts
Attend a livestock auction/private treaty sale ................................. 1 pt
Talk with a Nutritionist about feed .............................................. 2 pts
Participate in a Livestock Judging contest ....................................... 2 pts
Petting Zoo (team must have animals present) .................................. 2 pts
Project meeting ............................................................................ 2 pts
Club meeting attendance .............................................................. 1 pt
Miscellaneous (if applicable to goal) .............................................. 1 pt

☐ Teams may do the activity more than once for points in the same category, but cannot count the same activity for more than one category.

☐ The Facebook post must specifically name what point category the activity counts for and what was learned/experienced to count.

☐ Bonus points given to teams with age diversity (senior 4-Hers mentoring junior/intermediate 4-Hers)

☐ Bonus points will also be given for activities that bring out science and engineering.

Points are awarded and tabulated by the Extension Office with the best judgement of the guidelines published. If rules must be adapted, participants will be notified via the Facebook group.

Recognition
The top teams will be announced during the County Fair

(Teams must earn a minimum of 20 points to be considered for the top 3 placings, and there must be more than 5 teams to award the top 3 awards. If there less than 4 teams earning 20 points or more, only the first and second place teams will be awarded. If there are less than 3 teams earning 20 points or more, only first place will be awarded.)

How to Sign your team up
Enroll team via Google Form https://tinyurl.com/unbgeoo

Be sure you have a parent or team member who is friends with Robyn Deines on Facebook so you can be invited to join the group. (please indicate when you sign up the Facebook names that need to be invited to join the closed group)

Contest begins January 1st, no back-dating Facebook posts.