Team 4-H Small Animal

**Goal:** To create a more purposeful experience for young people in 4-H small animal 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 small animal 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 have the same small animal projects, but all three members must be present at the same “team” small animal related event to capture points.
- A 4-Her not enrolled in a small animal 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 Small Animal areas.

**How it works**
- Teams will post activities to a private Facebook group where all participants in Team 4-H Small Animal 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 small animal learning opportunity, not specifically tied to one project area, but includes 4-H learning in the rabbit, poultry, dog, cat, and hand pet 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 small animal related way ..................... 3 pts
Presentation to a local group about small animal project ..... 3 pts
Attend Regional or State rabbit or poultry event..... .......... 2 pts
Story about team’s small animal project in local paper ........ 2 pts
Tour a small animal business .................................................... 2 pts
Veterinarian office visit ............................................................. 2 pts
Spring/Summer Shows .............................................................. 2 pts
Project meeting ................................................................. 2 pts
Petting Zoo (team must have animals present) .................... 2 pts
Club meeting attendance ...................................................... 1 pt
(if not in same club, take picture with leader at each monthly meeting and post on the same post)
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.