

4-H in Santa Barbara County
4-H Pledge Recitation
For Primary Members and First Year Members

Rules

1. All competing members must register for the event by the prescribed date.
2. All competing members must sign in at the competition location within the time allotment for enrollment as specified.
3. Competing members will be sequestered during the competition until such time as they have completed their portion of the competition.
4. Competing members order will assigned by the Presentation Day Committee.
5. Members that choose to stay and watch the balance of the competition after they have competed are welcome to do so. If they select to watch the competition, they shall maintain appropriate audience manners. Awards can and will be retracted from members that are disruptive or impolite during any of the balance of the competition.
6. Members will be brought into the judging area one at a time.
7. The following steps are to be employed during the competition –
 - A. The member looks to the judges for a gesture to begin their presentation.
 - B. The member is to greet the audience and introduce themselves. During this time they state their name, age, what club they are from, and whether they are a Primary Member and/or a first year member.
 - C. They then state that they will be reciting The 4-H Pledge.
 - D. Next they recite the pledge as follows:

-The 4-H Pledge –

As a true 4-H member, I pledge...

**My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living
for my club, my community,
my country and my world.**

Thank You. Are there any questions?

8. Members are encouraged to make appropriate hand motions.
9. Questions shall be asked by the judges only.
10. The judges shall thank the presenter. The presenter shall thank the judges and exit the presentation area.
11. The judges shall then score the Pledge Presenter according to the attached Evaluation Rubric.
12. Once all the competitors have finished, the judges shall meet to discuss scoring of the Pledge Presentations.
13. Primary Members and First Year Members will be awarded a Participation Certificate and Ribbon.
14. The use of costumes or props are not permitted.
15. Prompters may not be used. Notes are not permitted.