

Take Time for a Club Check-Up

Good 4-H club meetings are the result of:

- Efficient leadership. Youth and adults should be partners in leading the 4-H club meeting. Adults must coach and guide, helping youths of all ages to be leaders.
- Adequate facilities and physical arrangements.

4. Do adults help youths lead club activities without taking over?

- Well-planned, educational programs. Programs should provide opportunities for community service, learning by doing, and youth leadership.
- Active, involved members

Use this questionnaire as a basis for your club's annual check up. It will help you measure the strong and weak points of your club meetings. After you determine the weak points, take steps to improve them.

Leadership Always Sometimes Never 1. Do the officers prepare in advance for the meetings? 2. Do the officers arrive early? 3. Does the president start the meeting on time and keep the program moving? 4. Does the president start the meeting on time and keep the program moving? 5. Are committees used to carry out club business? 6. Does the secretary present minutes of previous meetings and keep a record of each one? 7. Does the treasurer keep accurate financial records and report at each meeting? 8. Does the reporter take notes and send articles to local papers? 9. Are the game and song leaders prepared? **Adults** Always Sometimes Never 1. Do club leaders confer with officers prior to meeting? 2. Do adult leaders offer guidance in club decisions but allow youths to take the lead? 3. Do the project leaders help prepare members for demonstrations, exhibits, and contests?

Committees

		Always	Sometimes	Never
1.	Do the officers prepare in advance for the meetings?			
2.	Do the officers arrive early?			
3.	Do committees follow through on plans and report on progress?			
4.	Does the program committee follow up by:			
	Alerting participants of their part in the program?			
	Reminding member of events?			
5.	Are the speakers effectively introduced by members?			
6.	Are thank you notes sent?			
Pr	ograms		G	•
1.	Was the program planned for the entire year and into the hands of members by January 1?	Always	Sometimes	Never
2.	Were the interests of members taken into account in planning the program?			
3.	Do club programs deal with issues that are important to members and families?			
4.	Do club programs help members serve their community?			
5.	Were the programs planned to help the club achieve its goals?			
6.	Was the program planned primarily by members with assistance from leaders?			
7.	Are the programs interesting and hands-on?			
8.	Do all members have a part on the program sometime during the year?			
9.	Does the program provide a time for members to have fun and enjoy each other?			
10.	Is there planned recreation at every meeting?			

IVI	embers	Always	Sometimes	Never		
1.	Do most of the members attend regularly?					
2.	Are members who miss meetings contacted and encouraged to come?					
3.	Do members arrive on time?					
4.	Is every member appointed to a committee?					
5.	Do members participate in club activities when scheduled to do so?					
6.	Does every member have a job to do which allows them to contribute to the club's success?					
7.	Are members friendly, especially to new members and visitors?					
8.	Are get acquainted activities planned early in the club year?					
9.	Do all members take part in the business meeting?					
10.	Do members have an opportunity to help set club goals and to cooperate in achieving them?					
Ar	rangements	Always	Sometimes	Never		
1.	Is the space adequate for the meeting?					
2.	Are lighting, heating and ventilation good?					
3.	Are the seating arrangements satisfactory? (Arranged so everyone can easily see the president and people in the program?)					

4. Is the room arranged and set up for the meeting before the membership

6. Are all the necessary equipment and supplies on hand when needed?

7. Is the meeting room cleaned and straightened up after the meeting?

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5. Is the meeting room clean?

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