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4-H LEADERS

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FOREWORD

While the men of our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force are fighting with all their strength and vitality to defend the freedom and continued existence of this country, 4-H club boys and girls have pledged themselves to do at home their part in seeing that these men have all the food, clothing and equipment necessary to wage a successful and victorious war. In waging this war of production these young people will need the counsel and guidance of adults. The person who accepts this responsibility and takes advantage of this opportunity is rendering a service to the young people in the neighborhood — his neighbors' or perhaps his own boys and girls — who are to be the leaders in directing the policies and standards of living in the NEW WORLD OF TOMORROW. . . .

THE NEIGHBORHOOD 4-H LEADER*

Because of your interest in and understanding of their problems, the boys and girls in your neighborhood have selected you as their neighborhood 4-H Leader. They are going to depend on you to help them in many ways.

This will not be such a big job for you. It will be an easy matter for you to help them interpret project instructions and information, to assist them in locating materials to be used in conducting projects, such as seed, animals, canning equipment, etc., and to give them moral support and encouragement.

Leadership is not telling others what to do but is guiding others in doing the things that need to be done.

With our Nation at war there is a great need for leaders to guide our youth in keeping alive the ideals of our American way of life. In serving as a neighborhood 4-H leader you are doing much in the interest of young people and rendering a patriotic service to your neighborhood, county, State, and Nation.

* Prepared by the office of 4-H Club work.

HOW YOU AS A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER CAN HELP WITH THE 4-H PROGRAM

THIS IS THE WAY YOU CAN HELP

1. Check the list of 4-H club members in your neighborhood from the list given you by your Farm or Home Agent.
2. Become familiar with the projects being conducted by each one of these members.
3. Become familiar with the requests for help indicated by each member as shown opposite his name on the list given you by the Farm or Home Demonstration Agent.
4. Be prepared to provide each club member with information he needs to conduct his project. This material on each project may be secured from your County or Home Agent.
5. See that each club member has materials or equipment needed for conducting the project he selects. *You may find it necessary to guide some members to select different projects, ones they can conduct more successfully with equipment they have.*
6. Help each member in keeping records.
7. Be one the look out for new members.
8. Believe in your club members and in the need for them to put forth every ounce of energy in helping to win the war — by producing and conserving food or by doing other worthwhile jobs in the home and on the farm.

HOW TO REACH YOUR MEMBERS

Each Neighborhood Leader must decide on the best method of working with the young people of his neighborhood.

These methods get results:

Visiting with members in the home or on the farm and going over with them instructions and project materials, record forms, etc.

Contacting club members at church or at neighborhood store and other meeting places, keeping them interested in their jobs.

Holding neighborhood meetings. The neighborhood meeting will mean a great deal to the young people — discussion at the meetings will be helpful in project activity, and by getting the group together you will afford much needed opportunity for rural young people to get together for play, fun and social advantages.

Encourage club members to contact you when they need help.

ENTHUSIASM IS A BIG FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS OF WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES WITH THEIR WORK. GIVE PRAISE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. A PAT ON THE BACK OF A YOUNGSTER STRUGGLING TO GET ALONG MAY MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAILURE AND SUCCESS.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB WORK

DID YOU KNOW THAT

THE 4-H CLUB is a Nation-wide program sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service. That 4-H clubs are organized in a community under the general supervision of the farm and home demonstration agents.

MOST CLUBS follow a year-round program. The meetings usually consist of an educational program by the members, demonstrations or discussions on project work by members or leaders, and the business phase of the program. The meetings are conducted in such a way as to train the boys and girls the proper way of conducting a meeting.

ANY BOY OR GIRL between the ages of ten and twenty, who agrees to carry out the aims of the organization and who conducts one or more projects recommended by the Farm and Home Extension Agents may join.

4-H CLUB WORK stands for the fourfold training and development of Head, Heart, Hand, and Health of its members. Its program is based on the needs and interests of boys and girls. Club Work affords great opportunities for boys and girls — educational, spiritual, and recreational.

SOME OF THE CHIEF OBJECTIVES OF 4-H CLUB WORK ARE:

1. To give boys and girls a chance to take part in an organized club by presiding over club meetings, appearing on programs, planning special social activities of the club, and in general by assisting in making the club a success.
2. To direct boys and girls in the conduct of worthwhile projects in the home and on the farm.
3. To demonstrate approved practices in the home and on the farm.
4. To give boys and girls a chance to earn some income for themselves.
5. To encourage the development of thrift habits.
6. To encourage the development of good health habits.
7. To give information on correct food habits.
8. To train boys and girls to do good work.
9. To provide wholesome fun, play and recreational advantages.
10. To instill in boys and girls their responsibility in their home, their community and their country.

4-H CLUB WORK IN WARTIME

The peacetime work of the 4-H club becomes, in wartime, a part of the Nation's effort for victory. No fundamental changes were necessary in adjusting the club program to meet wartime needs, except to give special attention to those things most needed in the war effort and to enlarge the organization so as to give every boy and girl an opportunity to make his or her contribution.

THE NATION NEEDS THE FOOD AND FIBRE THAT BOYS AND GIRLS CAN PRODUCE IN THEIR GARDEN, CROP, DAIRY, PIG, SHEEP, AND BABY BEEF CLUB PROJECTS.

THE NATION NEEDS THE FOOD THAT MEMBERS CAN CONSERVE THROUGH CANNING, THROUGH DRYING, AND THROUGH STORING.

THE NATION NEEDS THE MANPOWER AND WOMANPOWER IN THE YOUTH OF THE LAND TO HELP RELIEVE THE LABOR SHORTAGE.

The Nation needs us strong. 4-H clubs can do much to accomplish this by strengthening its already well-established health program.

THE INCOME FROM CLUB PROJECTS CAN BE INVESTED IN WAR STAMPS AND BONDS, AND THUS THE CLUB MEMBERS HELP BY LENDING MONEY TO UNCLE SAM.

The citizenship phase of the 4-H Club program make boys and girls conscious of their part in this war by being loyal and faithful to a land that is free. The 4-H Pledge embodies this obligation which rests on every member as a young citizen.

THE 4-H PLEDGE

I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living for
My club, my community, and my Country.