

The 4-H Club Ritual

Nothing more nearly represents the purpose and character of 4-H Club work than the ritual. When correctly given it is beautiful and impressive. Every member should commit it to memory. The entire club in unison at each club meeting should give the ritual. It is as follows:

- Vice President:* "Stand Please."
Members: [All members rise and stand erect.]
Vice President: "What is our **4-H Club motto**?"
Members: (In unison): "To make the best better."
Vice President: "We will repeat **the 4-H Club pledge**."
Members: "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, my country and my world."
[In repeating the pledge, raise the right hand to side of head when speaking line No. 1, lower right hand over heart when speaking line No.2; extend hands, palms upward, when speaking line No.3; and stand at attention when speaking line No. 4.]
Vice President: "We will now give the **Pledge to the Flag**."
Members: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." [At attention facing the flag repeat together the pledge of allegiance. The right hand should be placed over the heart while giving the pledge of allegiance. Congress, made this change December 15, 1942, Section 7, Public Law 623.]
Vice President: "We will now review the meaning of the club emblem. What is the national **4-H club emblem**?"
Members: "The National 4-H Club emblem is the four leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaflet running parallel with the mid-rib of the leaflet."
Vice President: "What do the four H's on the club emblem represent?"
Members: "They represent the equal training of the head, heart, hands and health of every member."
Vice President: "For what is the head trained?"
Members: "To think, to plan, to reason."
Vice President: "For what is the heart trained?"
Members: "To be kind, to be true, to be sympathetic."
Vice President: "For what are the hands trained?"
Members: "To be useful, to be helpful, to be skillful."
Vice President: "For what is the health trained?"
Members: "To resist disease, to enjoy life, to make for efficiency."
Vice President: "In the All-Star Emblem, what does the Fifth H represent?"
Members: "The Home."
Vice President: "In what way can we be of help in our home life?"
Members: "By striving to train for a home life that represents true character, comfort and contentment."
Vice President: "Be seated, please."