**Oak Town 4-H Club Member and Family Expectations**

**Family Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Club Mission:** As a club, there are 3 things we hope to achieve: 1) Learn by Doing, 2) Develop Youth Leaders, and 3) positively impact our community. The following expectations and policies are intended to further those goals as 4-H members:

**A member in good standing is enrolled in at least one on-going project and is expected to attend the chosen project(s) and community club meetings unless he/she has an excused absence. 80% attendance, or the minimum hours of instruction set by the Project Leader, of Project Meetings is required for that project to be considered “Completed” for record keeping and exhibit purposes.** Excused absences are not calculated into the total percentage. The member or parent is expected to contact the club or project leader to have absence excused at their discretion. Having two unexcused absences from project meetings may result in being dropped from that project.

Primary Members are encouraged but not required to attend evening Club Meetings.

**Members are expected to attend at least one 4-H event beyond Club-level**. Examples are: Skate Night, Achievement Night, Presentation Day, Skit Night, Small Animal Field Day or other project-related field days and Community Service Events.

**The Alameda County Fair runs each year from mid-June to the weekend after July 4th. Members are expected to participate in the Alameda County Fair by exhibiting project work. Families will be asked to help with the 4-H Cake Booth, helping with other club-related activities, other fair-sponsored community service or any other 4-H related participation. Please take this into consideration when planning summer activities.** Please be advised that in entering a 4-H Class Competition at the County Fair (or other outside organizations) requirements may be made by the Fair Board Rules that are in addition to basic 4-H policy rules. Attendance, Record Keeping, Dress and other requirements may be put in place by the outside organization.

Primary Members may not be nominated for elected club positions but may be appointed by the Club Executive Board team to a position appropriate to their age as needed and desired.

**Parents/caregivers are expected to supervise young children and children with special needs at all meetings** (including outside and adjoining areas). This supervision is in addition to that provided by project and club leaders.

**In addition, parents are expected to volunteer for at least one volunteer job per year**. Becoming a Certified Adult Volunteer is required to be a Project Leader but is not necessary for many other volunteer tasks.

**Members are expected to abide by the 4-H Codes of Conduct** (available to view online). It is important that both youth and adults understand the expectations for Oak Town 4-H Club and the 4-H Youth Development Program. These expectations outlined here augment the 4-H experience. 4-H is about citizenship, service, participation, and responsibility. If you follow these guidelines, you will be maximizing your 4-H experience and will be exhibiting the qualities that 4-H is trying to teach and exemplify in our community.

**Your signature indicates that you have reviewed and discussed these rules within your family and understand them.**

**I have read and understand the Oak Town 4-H Member Expectations**

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