

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION (FFA) - 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### PREAMBLE

Young people need to be engaged in positive activities that help them develop responsibility, leadership, and self-esteem. FFA & 4-H youth programs use many successful learning laboratories to enhance youth development. 4-H and FFA are strongly committed to continued member participation in such learning laboratories. The following memorandum of understanding is designed to facilitate the improvement of working relationships between the organizations and other collaborators in joint learning activities.

#### A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FFA AND 4-H

The following understandings will guide state and local relationships whenever 4-H & FFA participate in joint programming.

1. The names and emblems of 4-H and FFA will only be used in association with educational experiences that: \*
  - a. meet the educational philosophy of Youth Development espoused by FFA & 4-H.
  - b. have written rules that are followed including a conflict resolution process.
  - c. meet the laws of the State of Ohio and the United States including but not limited to Civil Rights, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and IRS reporting of financial statements.
  - d. are conducted in an ethical manner and have an ethics policy for members to follow which is enforced by the organization sponsoring the event.
2. Competitive programs with joint participation will be limited to 4-H and FFA members who are age 9 or in the third grade and will end on December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Cloverbud 4-H members will only participate in non-competitive programs and activities.

#### B. UNDERSTANDINGS RELATED TO 4-H & FFA PARTICIPATION IN JUNIOR FAIRS

1. Junior Fairs serve as important educational laboratories that provide:
  - a. A vehicle for education:
    - Teaching to enhance the learning experience of the individuals, advisors, and families of the participants.
    - Evaluation, both non-competitive and competitive.
    - Showcase for demonstrations and educational activities.
  - b. Recognition of youth who are involved in a positive learning experience:
    - Exhibits, display, demonstrations.
    - Awards for participation and excellence.
  - c. Visibility of youth programs. Opportunity to show the general public what the 4-H and FFA are all about.
2. There are several youth organizations involved or potentially involved in these activities.
3. The Junior Fair is one of the major components of most county and independent fairs.