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This 4-H BC Dictionary is intended to assist in defining 4-H vocabulary used for mutual understanding in the 4-H program.

Please Note: **Bolding** indicate the term is defined elsewhere in the dictionary.

- 4-H FAMILY FRENZY:** A 4-H workshop Saturday hosted by the **Regional Council** to promote 4-H, project education and fun. Hosted in the Central Interior region in September/October each odd year.
- 4-H TO THE EXTREME:** A 4-H workshop Saturday hosted by the **Regional Council** to promote 4-H, project education and fun. Hosted in the Fraser Valley at the beginning of March each even year.
- ACHIEVEMENT:** Satisfactory management of **project**, satisfactory exhibit of project on **Achievement Day** and satisfactory completion of a **record book** will earn a member achievement.
- ACHIEVEMENT DAY:** An individual 4-H club event where members exhibit their **projects**. **Projects** are judged and/or evaluated as compared to each standard by enrolled 4-H **unit**. **Record books** are exhibited on this date for non-livestock clubs, or this is the last day for records for livestock clubs, and the books are due for marking soon after.
- AGRI-CAREER QUEST:** A five day conference for 4-H members and students ages 16-22. Participants explore careers in the agriculture industry, with most of the program taking place on a charter bus to allow for agriculture tour stops of different regions of B.C. There is a career building component where participants learn how to market themselves through resume, interview and networking skills.
- ASSISTANT LEADER:** A registered 4-H volunteer adult who assists the leader in administration of a club. Registered as a "B" Leader.
- AWARD OPPORTUNITES:** **Badges** are available to junior members, **Certificates** are available to senior members, for skills earned in their **projects** and in the 4-H **program**. Members may also earn **Project Pins, Program Pins** and **Honour Pins**, as well as **scholarships, Grade 11 and 12 Course Credit** and travel opportunities. (Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities)
- BADGES:** Junior members receive a badge for mastering **project** and **program** skills. A mark of 60% or more is necessary. (Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities).

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- 4-H BC AMBASSADORS:** Twenty provincially selected member representatives from each **region** who are trained to promote awareness of 4-H opportunities in their region and around the province. They act as resource people for 4-H members, leaders and the public.
- CATCH THE CLOVER:** A 4-H workshop Saturday hosted by the **Regional Council** to promote 4-H, project education and fun. Hosted in the Kamloops/Okanagan region in October each even year.
- CANADIAN 4-H COUNCIL:** A non-profit, non-governmental agency governed by a group of individuals representing the sponsoring organizations. The Council works in cooperation with provincial 4-H organizations to develop opportunities to encourage youth leaders to expand their 4-H experience through national and international conferences, exchanges, scholarships and grants.
- CERTIFICATES:** Senior members receive a certificate for mastering **project** and **program** skills. A mark of 75% or more is necessary. (Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities)
These are called Senior Skills Certificates.
- CHAPERONE:** An adult volunteer over the age of 22 that has completed a Criminal Record Search on file. One who provides adult supervision to ensure members are safe, exhibit appropriate behaviour and adhere to program community standards. The chaperone should have medical forms for all members present at the event.
- CLOVERBUDS:** Registered 4-H members between the ages of 6-8 years old as of January 1. Three **project** varied **units** with no animal projects and a **scrapbook** instead of a record book for **achievement**.
- CLUB:** A club consists of not less than 6 members. Have one or more club leaders and a local **sponsor**.
- DANISH SYSTEM:** A system for placing judged class in which every competitor is placed in a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd row. This system is used at fairs in the 4-H classes as well as in the 4-H **Project** activities. Unlike the traditional line judging in which competitors are placed in order down a line, the Danish system allows the judge to choose a number of entrants for first, second and third ribbons. It is the judge's decision as to how many of each row (s)he awards. Often in a smaller class there will be only a first, or first and second row. The row placing indicates first, second or third against the standard of a true type animal or true type showmanship skills. The judge then identifies the first and second placing at the top of the first ribbon row to determine the competitors who will continue to

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the championship class or be awarded grand and reserve champion. Finally, the judge announces his/her reasons as the class exits the ring.

The philosophy of the Danish Judging system and the 4-H program is that all participants are winners and deserve recognition for their work.

- DEMONSTRATIONS:** A team of two members, who demonstrate a finished product or learned skill for 8-10 minutes for both juniors and seniors. (Publications #1805 Communications Leader Guide & #1806 Communications Member Manual)
- DISTRICT:** Each 4-H **Region** is divided into 4-H Districts, usually depending upon geography. The club leaders in each District form their own **District Senior 4-H Council**, which is the planning body for all District events. There are 31 Districts in BC. A District may also have a **District Junior 4-H Council**.
- DISTRICT AWARDS COORINATOR:** Keeps records of all members in the **District**, receives achievement forms, and requests for **badges** and senior skills **certificates**. Keeps a list of information on **scholarships**. Promotes the 4-H **Award Opportunities**.
- DISTRICT JUNIOR COUNCIL:** A group of 4-H **senior** members who meet monthly to organize district social or promotional events or workshops. Must be registered with the 4-H BC Office annually.
- DISTRICT PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR:** Coordinates 4-H promotion activities **District** wide. Works with Regional **4-H Ambassador**.
- DISTRICT SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Coordinates safety awareness and activities **District** wide. Liaison with 4-H club **Safety Officers** to share ideas and new programs.
- DISTRICT SENIOR COUNCIL:** A district council is made up of all registered leaders, sponsors and interested people in the **District**. Must be registered with the 4-H BC Office annually. The duties of the council are:
1. Plan and fund all district activities, programs and events.
 2. Put on workshops for leaders and members.
 3. Recognition Programs
 4. Fundraise for the **District**
 5. Send representation to the **Regional Council**

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- EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY:** Gives members the opportunity to learn to work together, organize their skills and explain ideas on a three sided display board. Maximum size 120cm X 90cm X 180 cm (Publications #1805 Communications Leader Guide & #1806 Communications Member Manual)
- ENROLLMENT:** Registration of 4-H Club members, leaders and sponsor before March 1st annually.
- ENROLLMENT FORMS:** (Publication #104a Leaders Enrollment Form, #104b Members Enrollment Form, #117 4-H Membership Application, #135 Medical Release Form, #136 Leader Code of Conduct, #136B Member and Family Code of Conduct)
1. Registration forms for leaders, members and sponsors.
 2. A record of members names and addresses for the purpose of mailing lists, project information and district quotas.
- Enrollment forms are to be completed and submitted to your **Key Leaders** before the end of February.
- FACILITATOR:** A guidance role in a small group. One who leads members to accomplish their goals through shared responsibility, information and encouragement.
- FAIR:** Optional competitions for 4-H Clubs/members to participate in throughout the province.
- FARM AND HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE:** A provincial committee made up of representatives from each of the 4-H **Regions** that manages a program that providing 4-H **members** and **leaders** with safety resources to learn about safety in their **club** and **district**.
- FEES:** 2012 - \$90.00 per member to be paid at the time of individual members' enrollment and to accompany enrollment forms. Cheques to be made payable to the Club. Leaders pay \$25.00 for the purpose of insurance. Then the club pays the enrollment to the province with a Club cheque.
- FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** A five day conference for 4-H members ages 14-15. Participants are encouraged to discover B.C. agriculture through tasting a variety of products and becoming more aware of the agriculture industry through exploring issues related to land, water, sustainability and the rural urban interface.
- FOUNDATION:** The 4-H BC Foundation is a fund established to invest for the growth and development of 4-H. Earned interest is used to support various 4-H activities and programs. Volunteer trustees administer it. (Publication #100 4-H BC Foundation, Investment in Youth and #101 4-H BC Foundation, Planned Giving)

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- GRADE 11 and 12 COURSE CREDIT:** B.C. Ministry of Education accepted and authorized course credit received external of the school system within the 4-H program. The 4-H Grade 11 and 12 courses are equivalent to other secondary courses authorizing 4 applied skills credits each for each course. (Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities).
- HONOUR PIN:** (Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities) – a member will receive a 4-H Honour Pin if she/he has:
1. Earned two **Project Pins**, or
 2. One **Project Pin** PLUS one **Senior Management** Certificate, or
 3. One **Project Pin** PLUS one **Self-Determined Project** Certificate, or
 4. One **Project Pin** PLUS three years of **Junior Leadership**, or
 5. One **Project Pin** and one **Program Pin**.
- HORMEL JUDGING SLIDE:** Used to calculate the placing score out of 50 on the 4-H judging card.
- INSURANCE:** Blanket insurance policy is included with enrollment fees. (Publication # 397 4-H Insurance Information)
- INTERMEDIATE MEMBER:** Not a recognized age level but may be used in large 4-H events such as fairs. Generally, Juniors become 9- 11 years, intermediate 12-14 years and senior's 15- 19 years.
- ISLAND 4-H RENDEZVOUS:** A 4-H workshop Saturday hosted by the **Regional Council** to promote 4-H and project education and fun. Hosted on Vancouver Island at the beginning of April each odd year.
- JUDGING:** A very important aspect of 4-H because it trains members to compare for quality. A class of 4 items/animals is compared and written or oral reasons are given for placing first through fourth (Publication #1923 A Guide to a 4-H Judging Competition & #427 Livestock Judging Guide & #428 Creative Arts Judging Guide). Members' judging skills are marked by an official experienced judge.
- JUDGING RALLY DAY:** A judging event held at the **District** or club level in when all members meet for a day to judge **projects**. Usually, each member judges a class in their own project plus other projects offered in the district. Senior members may also judge an oral class in their enrolled project. Sometimes a fun class is also included.

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- JUNIOR LEADERSHIP:** Available to members at least 14 years of age with at least two years 4-H experience. Members are required to carry their project for 4-6 months and complete a junior leader record book (Publication #5101 Junior Leadership Regulations & #5102 Junior Leader Guide & #5110 Junior Leader Record Book). Project Leader and Youth Development Specialist must approve application form before March 31st of the current year.
- JUNIOR MEMBER:** Members who have reached their 9th birthday by December 31st of the previous year and not completed their 4-H junior proficiency exam (age 13).
- JUNIOR PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE:**
1. To qualify, a member must be 13 years old and have two junior badges. 60% or more on junior proficiency exam written in enrolled project must be attained.
 2. Qualifies member to earn senior awards and participate in Provincial events (refer to Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities).
- KEY LEADER:** Appointed by the **District** Council, to help with starting of new clubs, enrollment, and training of 4-H leaders, members and interested parents. Key Leader will assist with the administration of policy and procedures, within the **District**. A yearly contract is drawn up and approved at the District Annual General Meeting.
- LEADER:** A registered 4-H volunteer adult, 22 years old or over, who organizes and coordinates a 4-H club and keeps records. A compulsory process for all new 4-H leaders or those who have had a break in leadership is **Leader Registration**. This includes the Leader Registration Form (Publication #116a), a Police criminal record check, and a personal interview. The criminal record search must be updated every 3 years. The Club registered “A” Leader is the designated leader in charge of administration and management of the club and resources. He or She works with **Assistant Leader**, **Program Leaders** and **Project Leaders**.
- LEADER HANDBOOK:** Club leaders who attend an Introduction to 4-H training session will receive the Leader handbook.
- LEADER REGISTRATION:** All potential leaders must complete this process before they are officially enrolled. This includes: the Leader Registration Form (Publication #116a), a Police criminal record check, and a personal interview.
- LEADER TENURE:** Leaders are recognized with pins and/or certificates/award at the completion of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service.

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LEADER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:	Leaders may apply to be delegates to various conferences and events, both Provincial and National. Application form is in Publication # 129 Opportunities Guide and Application Package and must be returned to a Key Leader for comments.
MEMBER:	Boys and girls who have reached their 6 th birthday by midnight December 31 st of the previous year and who have not reached their 22 nd birthday by midnight December 31 st of the previous year, are eligible for membership in a 4-H BC club.
MEMBER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:	Members may apply to be delegates to various conferences and events, at provincial, national and international. Application forms in Publication #129 Opportunities Guide and Application package. Application deadlines are indicated in the publication.
PROGRAM COMPETITIONS:	Includes Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Educational Display, and Speak and Show.
PROGRAM LEADER:	A registered 4-H volunteer adult who will assist the members to learn more about the 4-H program skills: Public Speaking, Speak & Show, Educational Display, and Demonstrations. Registered as a “D” Leader.
PROGRAM PIN:	A senior member may earn a program pin by completing four of the following five choices or #6 the Safety Program option: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Public Speaking Certificate – 75% or over2. Demonstrations Certificate – 75% or over3. Educational Display – 75% or over4. Provincial Program Participation5. Speak and Show – 75% or over6. Farm and Home Safety – 4 senior skills More information in Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities.
PROJECT:	The animal or non-livestock project in which a 4-H member is enrolled e.g. Beef, Clothing, or Junior Leader. NOTE: Members may choose to enroll in a maximum of 4 units in one year, all projects inclusive.
PROJECT / CLINIC DAY:	Mock achievement day held early in the project year, attended by all members in that project .
PROJECT LEADER:	A registered 4-H volunteer adult who will assist the members to learn about their project . Registered as a “C” Leader.
PROJECT LEADER'S GUIDE:	A publication specifically about the project that will assist the project leader in teaching 4-H members about the project.

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- PROJECT MANUALS:** A publication specifically about the 4-H project that will provide basic information to the 4-H member.
- PROJECT PIN:** A 4-H pin presented to a member who has earned a **Junior Proficiency Certificate** in their **project** plus has earned four **Senior Skill Certificates** in the **project**.
NOTE: Program Skill Certificates, (Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Speak and Show and Educational Display) do not count toward the **Project Pin**.
(Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities)
- PROJECT REGULATIONS:** A publication that specifically outlines the project units and expectations for **achievement**.
- PROVINCIAL 4-H OFFICE:** The official 4-H BC nonprofit organization office that hosts the staff and headquarters of operations.
The toll free office number is 1-866-776-0373.
- PROVINCIAL CLUB WEEK (PCW):** This is a personal development seminar for senior 4-H members age 16-19, usually regarded as the highlight of a career in 4-H. See Publication #129 Opportunities Guide and Application Package for application details.
- PROVINCIAL COMMUNICATIONS FINALS:** Public Speaking and Demonstrations. All Provincial competitors (one of the Demonstration team) must have their **Junior Proficiency Certificate** prior to December 31st of the previous year. Winners of Regional competitions qualify. Information and application in Publication #129 Opportunities Guide and Application Package.
- PROVINCIAL COUNCIL:** The Provincial Council is made up of elected representatives from each of the **Regional Councils** in the province as well as an **Ambassador** and the 4-H BC Manager and the Youth Development Manager. The 4-H BC Provincial Council as a registered society is responsible for:
1. Provision of administrative and programming services to 4-H BC.
 2. Receiving and acting on recommendations from Regional Councils.
 3. Taking action to improve the provincial 4-H program by resolving problems and issues of a provincial nature.
 4. Initiating new programs to meet identified needs of the provincial 4-H program.
 5. Establishing all provincial 4-H policies.
 6. Legal and budgetary operation of the 4-H BC Program.
 7. Directing 4-H BC programming through strategic plans.
 8. Maintaining contact with the Canadian 4-H Council on 4-H programs of a national and international nature.

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- PROVINCIAL LEADERS CONFERENCE:** Held in October every even year. This conference gives new and experienced leaders an opportunity to share ideas and learn more about the 4-H program. All leaders may apply.
- PUBLICATIONS:** 4-H Publications including project regulations, manuals, record books, as well as promotional pamphlets and learning resources, etc. required for the club year. They can be ordered from the 4-H BC Office with Publication #154A Publications Order Form or many publications are available for download on the 4-H BC website www.bc4h.bc.ca . Registered 4-H leaders can also check the secured part of the website for more leader publications.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING:** **Juniors** – 3-5 minute speech, **Seniors** – 5-7 minute speech, plus a 1-2 minute impromptu speech (Publications #1805 Communications Leader Guide & #1806 Communications Member Manual)
- RECORD BOOKS:** **Member’s** – a member must keep a record of their **project** using a 4-H record book. See the specific **Project Regulations** for length of project. Record books can be ordered using Publication #154A Publications Order Form.
- Leader’s** – must keep records of members and attendance and submit “Achievement Application Form” as well as requests for “Badges and Certificates Form” to the **District Awards Coordinator**. (Publication #113 4-H Leader’s Record Book).
- REGION:** B.C. is divided into seven 4-H regions: Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Kamloops/ Okanagan , Kootenays, Central Interior, Yellowhead West and Peace River.
- REGIONAL COUNCIL:** A Regional Council is made up of elected representatives from all **districts** within the **region**. The duties of the regional council are:
1. Work with **Youth Development Specialist** to coordinate regional activities.
 2. Collect information from **District Councils** about 4-H needs, which require provincial discussion and solution.
 3. Acquire and/ or administer funds for the promotion of the Regional activities.
 4. Handle problems of a Regional nature.
 5. Encourage involvement with Fair Boards and other worthwhile community organizations.
 6. Send a representative to Provincial 4-H Council.
- SAFETY OFFICER:** **Member** selected to raise awareness of safety issues at the club level and motivate club members to increase their safety awareness through workshops and activities.

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- SCHOLARSHIPS:** Completion of the Provincial 4-H Scholarship application (Publication #129 Opportunities Guide and Application Package) and send to 4-H BC Office by the deadline in April. Other scholarships are available, check with your **District Awards Coordinator**.
- SCRAPBOOK:** Required for **achievement** for a 4-H **Cloverbud**. Not the same as a **record book**.
- SELF-DETERMINED PROJECT:** (Publications # 5001 Self-Determined Project Regulations & #5010 Self-Determined Project Guide)
Unit 1 - Junior – 9-12 years old member may elect to choose, plan, carry out and evaluate a project of their choice. Satisfactory completion will result in **achievement** (4-6 Months)
Unit 2 - Group- two or more members of any age may choose, plan, carry out and evaluate a project of their choice. Satisfactory completion (to include individual record books) will result in **achievement** (4-6 Months)
Unit 3 - Senior –13-19 year old member with a **Junior Proficiency Certificate** may choose to plan, carry out and evaluate a project of their choice. Satisfactory completion will result in **achievement**. A score of 75% or more is required for a member to be eligible for a Self-Determined Certificate. (10-12 months)
- NOTE:** All Self-Determined projects must get written approval from the **Project Leader** and the **Youth Development Specialist**. Deadline for approval is March. 31st annually.
- SENIOR MANAGEMENT:** Complete Senior Management project and **Record book**. See specific regulations for designated Senior Management **units** found in specific **project regulations**. Satisfactory completion will result in **achievement**. A score of 75% or more is required for a member to be eligible for a Senior Management Certificate (10-12 months). (Publications #140i Senior Management Project Score Card, #5050 Livestock Senior Management Record Book, #5052 Non-Livestock Senior Management Record Book) All Senior Management projects must get written approval from the **Project Leader** and the **Youth Development Specialist**. Deadline for approval is March 31st annually.
- SENIOR MEMBER:** Members who have reached their 13th birthday by December 31st of the previous year and not yet reached their 22nd birthday by December 31st of the previous year are Seniors at a **district** level. However, they are not eligible to receive Provincial awards or compete /apply at a provincial level until they have passed their **Junior Proficiency** exam.

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- SENIOR SKILLS CERTIFICATE:** Senior 4-H members who have their **Junior Proficiency**, completing required skills with 75% or over receive a certificate. A certificate may be earned only once.
Senior skill certificates may be earned for **project** or **program** work. (Publication #128 4-H BC Award Opportunities).
- SOUTH COASTAL JUDGING WEEKEND:** 100 Members from the Vancouver Island Region and the Fraser Valley Region as well as 15 other regional guests compete in written and oral judging classes and take part in a fun filled learning weekend full of activities. Hosted in the even years (2010) on Vancouver Island and the odd years (2011) in the Fraser Valley.
- SPEAK AND SHOW:** A one member agricultural or food themed presentation that can be a demonstration or illustrated talk.
Juniors - 5-10 minutes
Seniors - 10-20 minutes (Publications #1805 Communications Leader Guide & #1806 Communications Member Manual)
- SPONSOR:** A person or group of people willing to support a 4-H club financially or with other helpful resources.
- SUPPLIES:** Each club can order from Publication #157 4-H BC Store Catalogue, listing all 4-H items available for purchase for personal use or also great for club awards. Supplies are ordered using form # 157; a cheque must accompany order.
- UNIT:** A classification within the **project** e.g. fed lamb, ewe lamb, and market lamb that is outlined to teach a member certain skills each year.
- YOUTH ACTION:** A five day conference for 4-H members age 14-15 that encourages participants to develop leadership skills, explore youth issues and build self-esteem in a fun hands on learning environment. Applications in Publication #129 Opportunities Guide and Application Package.
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST:** B.C. Ministry of Agriculture staff member designated to assist with the development of the 4-H program in a **Region** and the province. Areas of responsibility are, in order of importance:
1. Developing Provincial Programs
 2. Leadership Training
 3. Regional Programs
 4. 4-H Project Development