## **Vermont 4-H Club Guidelines** (Nov 2023)

- A. At a minimum, clubs must have at least 4 business meetings per year.
- B. In addition to business meetings, club members participate in projects. Project groups are youth working on a common educational goal with the guidance of a volunteer leader. Children learn best when involved in a sequential learning experience, meeting a minimum of 6-8 hours over a period of several weeks. A planned sequential learning experience usually involves an approved 4-H curriculum and documentation of learning in the form of a project record or an alternative option that has been approved by the educator.

It is possible for a 4-H'er to participate in a project individually as an independent member. In consultation with an advisor, the independent member develops a contract stating specific project goals, outlines action steps to be taken in reaching these goals and defines the evaluation and sharing processes to be used.

- C. Approved 4-H curriculum must fall into one of the following categories:
  - 1. <u>4-H Curriculum developed in Vermont</u> and approved through the State 4-H Office.
  - 2. <u>4-H Curriculum which is listed in the "National 4-H Council Source Book"</u> (catalogue)
  - 3. Juried 4-H Curriculum