

4-H PLEDGE CONTEST

(1st - 2nd yr. members only)

First year must be 9 or in the 3rd grade or older as of  
January 1 of current year

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Scoring

Comments

VOICE

Quality, pitch, force, articulation,  
pronunciation.

STAGE PRESENCE

Personal appearance, poise and  
body posture, attitude, confidence,  
personality, ease before audience.

POWER OF EXPRESSION

Fluency, emphasis, directness,  
sincerity, communicative ability,  
conveyance of thought and meaning.

GENERAL EFFECT

Extent to which the speech was  
understandable, convincing,  
pleasing, and held attention.

PRESENTATION CORRECTNESS

All words of pledge complete  
and correct. Motions done  
distinctively, in proper  
order and correctly.

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My Head to clearer thinking  
My Heart to greater loyalty,  
My Hands to larger service,  
My Health to better living, for  
My Club, my Community, my Country,  
and my World.

The 4-H Pledge:

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My Health to better living, for my club, my community,  
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When saying the pledge, members stand straight and tall. They raise their right hand to their forehead when they say, "My Head to Clearer Thinking". They lower their right hand to their heart as they say, "My Heart to Greater Loyalty". As they say "My Hands to Larger Service" they put their arms at their sides, extending their forearms with the palms of their hands upward. At the line "My Health to Better Living" they stand at attention, arms and hands at their sides, and remain in that position until the close of the pledge.