

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge

MY HEAD to clearer thinking
MY HEART to greater loyalty
MY HANDS to larger service, and
MY HEALTH to better living for
my Club, my Community,
my Country, and my World.

Members raise their right hand to their forehead when they say, "my head to clearer thinking"; they lower their hand to their heart as they say, "my heart to greater loyalty"; they extend their hands, palms upward, as they recite "my hands to larger service"; and at the line, "my health to living", they stand at attention with their hands at their sides and remain in that position until the close of the pledge.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS' CREED

I believe in Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my **Head** for the power it will give me to think, plan, and reason.

I believe in the training of my **Heart** for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my **Hands** for the ability it will give me to be helpful, useful, and skillful.

I believe in the training of my **Health** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their better development.

In all these things, I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

4-H MOTTO

"To Make the Best Better"



4-H COLORS

--Green and White--

"Green" – nature's most abundant color, represents springtime, life, youth, and growth

"White" --symbolizes purity and high ideals

Although the clover has changed its shape and design a few times over the years, it continues to represent the clubs where youth can come together to learn, share their talents and have fun.

CLOVER POWER

Thousands of people across the world recognize the green four-leaf clover as the emblem of 4-H. It is one of the best known logos in the world.

Have you given any thought to where it originated? Boys' and girls' club work was in existence several years before the four-leaf clover was adopted.

Probably the first use of the cloverleaf emblem in club work was in 1909 in two Iowa counties. O. H. Benson in Wright County and Miss Jessie Field in Page County used both a three- and four-leaf version of the emblem. When Benson joined USDA in 1911, he took the idea with him. The four-leaf clover soon was adopted as a national emblem; Head, Heart, Hands, Health. To coincide with their symbol and slogan, the names of most clubs gradually were changed to "4-H".

