

## SAMPLE GOAL STATEMENTS FROM WOOD COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS

The following are samples of goals of Wood County 4-H members. Generally they are listed from beginning to advanced levels. Review them to assist you in writing your project goals.

### **Large Animals - Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy & Goats**

- learn how to lead a calf
- how to set up my cattle better in the ring
- how to clip my calf
- identify and treat calf diseases
  - about beef breeds and their characteristics
- learn where the different meat cuts of meat are
- what bull to breed with what calf
- what things affect the beef market and why
- clean, well muscled sheep
- how to clip sheep hooves
- how to fit sheep better
- learn how ram selection leads to breed characteristics
- identify different breeds of pigs
- how pigs are grown and taken care of
- how to show a pig
- I want to learn to pick my own pigs this year
- get my pig to lead well when it is around other pigs
- how to raise a lean, meatier hog
- to see how different pigs grow with different feed in each pen
- how to judge a pig
- diet changes of a growing goat
- how to clean pens and control flies
- how to get feed
- learn about different feed rations and how they affect animals
- how to get better breeding stock
- see how exercise aids in muscle development
- improve feeding efficiency as costs increased
- learn to use slick shear blades

### **Small Animal - Poultry, Rabbits, Cats & Dogs**

- how to pick the rabbit up so it doesn't scratch
- diseases rabbits get
- learn the rabbit parts
- how to sex a rabbit
- be able to identify more rabbit breeds
- begin breeding rabbits
- to teach my dog to heel
- parts of a duck
- how to show a duck
- raise and breed ducks with sound body type

- identify different breeds of cats
- how to groom a cat
- how to show a cat
- how to check a cat's ears
- know what shots cats need and when

### **Horses**

- to take proper leads
- get the proper head set
- teach Bitsy to drive
- teach Bucky to do 180E and 360E turn on his back hoof
- how to select a model horse
- how to select a model horse for a certain class

### **Cultural Arts**

- how to cut out designs from sponges
- how to make a block print
- how to block print on fabric
- make my pictures look more realistic
- paint a clay pot
- how to make a clay pot or mug
- create interesting and different art projects using everyday items
- how to do shading in my projects
- use color to evoke emotions in viewer
- how to use an airbrush more easily
- get better at drawing fantasy figures
- how to finish or seal leather

### **Foods**

- learn how to measure ingredients properly
- how to know when cookies are done
- learn how to make different kinds of bread
- how to make pies
- how to peel tomatoes
- when to use a boiling water bath or a pressure canner
- how to can peaches and pears

### **Clothing/Knitting and Crocheting**

- what to include in a sewing kit
- how to thread a needle
- how to use a sewing machine
- how to make buttonholes
- how to sew on a button
- how to make a collar
- do good blind stitching on hems and lining
- match plaids when making a skirt
- how to keep count of stitches
- how to do v stitch
- how to keep my tension the same

### **Home Environment**

- how to color coordinate my room furnishings
- how to make simple curtains
- how to make a quilt

### **Child Development**

- what kinds of things 5&6 year olds like to do
- make a babysitting kit
- techniques for getting kids to bed on time
- how to child proof a house

### **Photography**

- hold the camera steadier
- use the rule of thirds
- how to situate an object in a picture
- make sure horizons are level
- use light in pictures to make different effects
- take better close up pictures of flowers
- make homemade filters

### **Naturespace**

- Find names and kinds of wild flowers I haven't seen before
- learn how to press flowers
- learn how to make note cards
- plan a wildflower garden
- to see and identify all the birds I can
- draw the parts of a bird
- how to make an insect killing jar
- how to make a mounting board
- learn about medicinal plants

### **Vegetables/Crops**

- how to select seeds
- start a garden from seed that is low cost and environmentally safe
- how to have my plants grow fast and healthy
- start seedlings from seed
- how much fertilizer, water and sunlight different kinds of plants need
- how to recognize weeds
- good and bad spots to plant different plants
- learn more about pest control
- more about varieties of vegetables
- keep garden free of weeds so vegetables are bigger and healthier
- how to mulch
- learn what judges look for when judging vegetables
- proper rotation a garden needs
- learn what the tag on the bags of seeds mean
- learn how to plow
- how much seed per acre
- different ways to grow and harvest alfalfa

### **Flowers, Houseplants, Home Grounds**

- identify different flowers and plants
- ways to start new plants
- how to pot a plant
- how to care for different plants
- grouping trees, bushes, and rocks together to form interesting landscapes
- use mulch around flowers to reduce weeds and moisture loss
- correct way of displaying gladiolus
- arrange flowers better
- learn what flowers to plant in a shaded area

### **Woodworking**

- how to pound nails
- learn how to use different types of saws
- make a simple birdfeeder
- cut angles with a saw
- how to use a power drill
- how to use an electric sander
- use miter box and jig saw
- how to use a router to round off edges

### **Shooting Sports**

- how to shoot a basic rifle
- how to shoot a 50 or over on my target 50% of the time
- how to keep my arrow steady

### **Bicycle**

- what the proper hand signals are
- how to do simple repairs
- how to plan a day long bike trip
- when to use different gears

### **Canoeing**

- how to paddle to go straight ahead
- what to do when a canoe is submerged
- how to choose a personal flotation device

### **Aerospace**

- how to paint and fly a rocket
- how to put on decals
- how to correctly align the fins on a rocket
- work with more difficult degrees of model assemblies