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 sheeps 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 plaid 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