



## 4-H MEMBERSHIP ACROSS COUNTY/CITY LINES

This procedure is effective November 13, 2007 and is NOT retroactive.

A youth, age 8-18, who wishes to join 4-H in a county/city other than their county/city of residence must:

1. Initiate a request and discuss the situation with the Extension 4-H Educator in county/city program in which they request membership.
2. A transfer will be considered for the following reasons:
  - a) Change in the child's families' permanent residence; from current county to a second county identified by the 4-H member. (It is noted that in the case of a family owning residence in two or more counties, the permanent residence county will be determined by the public school system in which the 4-H member would be enrolled.)
  - b) Legal and/or court decision such as in parental custodial situations or adoption/guardian proceedings that requires a change in residence;
  - c) A situation where a positive educational experience will result.
3. The 4-H Educator in the county/city in which the youth requests membership will take the leadership to discuss the situation with the 4-H Educator in the county/city in which the youth resides.
4. Any participation in 4-H activities, events, etc. would fall under the time-tables and deadlines as established in the county/city of transfer.
5. Consideration for 4-H membership in a county/city other than the county/city of residence should be given only in situations where positive, educational experience will result that would otherwise not be possible. Any transfer motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage, any transfer due to controversial issues, or similar motivations will not be seen as justified reasons for transfer consideration and should be automatically rejected by the Extension Educator involved.
6. In the event that agreement cannot be reached between the two 4-H Educators or if the requesting family challenges the decision that is made, the request should and be sent to the State 4-H Program Leader for review.

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