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Songs and Yells for Oregon 4-H Club Members



"Make the Best Better"

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Club Series A-25

4-H Clubs

THE NATIONAL 4-H CLUB EMBLEM

is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The four "H's" represent the fourfold development of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

THE NATIONAL 4-H CLUB 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, and my country.

Note: In repeating the pledge, raise right hand to side of head when speaking line No. 1; lower right hand over left breast when speaking line No. 2; extend hands, palms upward, when speaking line No. 3; stand at attention when speaking line No. 4. (This pledge was officially adopted by the State Club leaders and members in conference assembled at Washington, D. C., June 17, 1927.)

THE NATIONAL 4-H CLUB COLORS

are green and white. The white background of the 4-H flag symbolizes purity and the green 4-H emblem is nature's most common color in the great out-of-doors, and emblematic of springtime, life, and youth.

THE NATIONAL CLUB MOTTO

is: "Make the Best Better." This should be the aim of every club member and his guide in all that he does every day.

THE 4-H CLUB CREED

I believe in Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work for the opportunity it gives 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 nobility it will give me to be KIND, SYMPATHETIC, and TRUE.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be HELPFUL, SKILLFULL, and USEFUL.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to ENJOY LIFE, RESIST DISEASE, and MAKE FOR EFFICIENCY.

I believe in the United States of America, in the State of Oregon, and in my responsibility for their development.

I am therefore willing to devote my efforts for the fulfillment of these things which I believe.

Songs and Yells for Oregon 4-H Club Members

Sing. *"Open every meeting with a song" is a good motto for any 4-H Club. Music starts things off right; it unites club members and prepares the way for the work to follow.*

If your club does not have the habit of singing together, here's your chance to get started. If you think you can't sing, make a noise any way, if it's only humming to the tune.

I. America

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing!
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

2. Oregon, My Oregon

By J. A. Buchanan and Henry B. Murtagh

Land of the Empire builders,
Land of the golden west,
Conquered and held by freemen,
Fairest and the best;
Onward and upward ever,
Forward and on and on;
Hail to thee, land of heroes,
My Oregon.

Land of the rose and sunshine,
Land of the summer's breeze,
Laden with health and vigor,
Fresh from the western seas,
Blest by the blood of martyrs,
Land of the setting sun;
Hail to thee, land of promise,
My Oregon.

3. Dreaming (Reminiscent of Liebestraum)

(Key of F. Time: 6/8)

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My home must have a high tree
Above the open gate;
My home must have a garden
Where little dreamings wait;
My home must have a wide view
Of field and meadow fair,
Of distant hill, of open sky,
With sunlight everywhere.

My home must have a friendship
With every happy thing;
My home must offer comfort
For any sorrowing;
And every heart that enters
Shall hear its music there
And find some simple beauty
That every life may share.

My home must have its mother—
May I grow sweet and wise;
My home must have its father
With honor in his eyes;
My home must have its children—
God grant the parents grace
To keep our home through all the years
A kindly, happy place.

4. Plowing Song

(Key of G. Time: 2/2)

A rousing 4-H Club song for the boys. Both music and words reflect the spirit of true club members. (Copyright—Words by Fannie R. Buchanan. Music by Rena M. Parish. Printed by special permission.)

A growing day and a waking field
And a furrow straight and long;
A golden sun and a lifting breeze,
And we follow with a song.

Chorus:

Sons of the soil are we,
Lads of the field and flock,
Turning our sods, asking no odds;
Where is a life so free?
Sons of the soil are we,
Men of the coming years;
Facing the dawn, brain ruling brawn
Lords of our lands we'll be.

A guiding thought and a skillful hand
And a plant's young leaf unfurled;
A summer's sun and a summer's rain,
And we harvest for the world.

5. Hello

(Chord in E Flat)

Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello!
We're glad to meet you,
We're glad to greet you—
Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello.

6. We're Here for Fun

(Tune—Auld Lang Syne)
(Key of F. Time: 4/4)

We're here for fun right from the start;
Pray drop your dignity;
Just laugh and sing with all your heart,
And show your loyalty;
If other meetings be forgot,
Let this one be the best;
Join in the songs we sing tonight,
Be happy with the rest.

7. How Do You Do?

(Key of G. Time: 4/4)

How do you do, Mister————? How do
you do?
Is there anything that we can do for you?
We'll do the best we can,
We'll stand by you like a man;
How do you do, Mister————? How do
you do?

(Use names according to circumstances.
"Thanks to you" may be substituted for
"How do you do.")

8. The More We Get Together

(Key of E. Flat. Time: 3/4)
(Tune: Ach du Lieber Augustine)

The more we get together, together,
together,
The more we get together
The happier are we.
For *your* friends are *my* friends,
And *my* friends are *your* friends;
The more we get together
The happier are we.

9. Hail! Hail! The Club's All Here!

(Key of G. Time: 2/4)

Hail! Hail! The club's all here!
Do we like our club work?
YES, we like our club work!
Hail! Hail! We're full of cheer!
Do we like our club work? YES.

Hail! Hail! The club's all here!
Ev'ry one a winner! Ev'ry one a winner!
Hail! Hail! The club's all here!
We're ready for a good time now!

Hail! Hail! The club's all here!
Ev'ry one a winner! Hear that call for
dinner!
Hail! Hail! The club's all here!
Can't we have our dinner now?

10. Our Club

(Key of G. Time: 2/4)

Our club will shine tonight
Our club will shine;
We'll shine with beauty bright
All down the line.
We're all dressed up tonight,
That's one good sign;
When the sun goes down
And the moon comes up
Our club will shine.

11. The Trouble Chaser Song

(Key of A Flat. Time: 4/4)
(Tune: Pack Up Your Troubles)

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
And smile, smile, smile;
When you're a member of a club you will
Smile, boys—that's the style.
What's the use of worrying,
It never was worth while; so
Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
And smile, smile, smile.

12. Club Work

(Key of G. Time: 4/4)
(Tune: Jingle Bells)

Club work girls, club work boys,
Club work every day;
Oh, what joy it is to work
And oh, what fun to play.
Head and heart, hands and health—
That is what we say
Stands for club work everywhere
In our good old U.S.A.
(Repeat whole song.)

13. Oh Me, Oh My

Oh me, oh my, we'll get there by and by;
If anybody loves his club work,
It's I, I, I, I, I.
Oh my, oh me, we're happy as can be;
If anybody loves our club work,
It's we, we, we, we, we.

14. The Club Trail

(Key of E Flat. Time: 4/4)
(Tune: There's a Long, Long, Trail)

There's a long, long trail a-winding
Into the land of our dreams,
Where the boys and girls are winning
On their demonstration teams.
We'll do lots of drills and planning
Until our dreams all come true,
And we're going to show the public
What the 4-H Clubs can do.

There's a long, long time for hoeing
To keep your garden all clean
When the summer sun is shining
And the weeds are growing green,
When you'd like to play a ball game
Or drive an auto so new;
But we're going to show the public
What the 4-H Clubs can do.

15. Achievement Song

(Tune: Blowing Bubbles)

We're forever boosting club work,
Boys' and girls' clubs everywhere;
Our aim is high;
We'll always try
To keep our banner in the sky.

Achievement is our watchword;
The four-leaf clover rare
Means health and happiness forever,
Boys' and girls' clubs everywhere.

16. Bring the Good Old 4-H Sign

(Tune: Marching Through Georgia)

Bring the good old 4-H Sign;
We'll give a hearty cheer
For the club work training
That it gives us every year;
Head and heart and hands and health
Are all remembered here
In making the best even better.

Chorus:

Hurrah, hurrah; We'll make the echoes ring—
Hurrah, hurrah! The club work is the thing!
We'll boost the town and country,
We'll loud their praises sing
By making the best even better.

17. A Cheer for 4-H

(Tune: Stars and Stripes Forever)
(Words by Mrs. Callison, Lane County)

A cheer for the girls and the boys,
Who o'er all the nation are pledging
Their hearts, health and hands to the cause
That all have served so loyally.
And here's to the work with its joys,
Its training, its spirit and Endeavor!
A cheer for the banner so fair!
And to all 4-H Clubs, the victory forever!

18. Make the Best Better

(Words and music by Mrs. Callison, Lane County)

O'er farm and home there echoes
A song we love to sing;
Glad voices join the chorus
That round the nation rings.

Chorus:

Make the best still better
This our motto shall be
For if we strive to do our best
Our best will better be.

One million lads and lassies
In home lands and afar
March 'neath the 4-H banner
Are striving every hour, To
(Repeat chorus.)

19. Hurrah for Club Work

(Words and music by Mrs. Callison, Lane County)

O'er all the land is waving
A flag of colors bright;
It bears a four-leaf clover
Upon a field of white.
Then hurrah, hurrah for club work;
The four-leaf clover gay
Means health and joys for girls and boys
All over the U.S.A.

20. Sing Your Way Home

Sing your way home at the close of the day.
Sing your way home, drive the shadows away,
Smile every mile, for where-ever you roam
It will lighten your load, it will brighten your road,
If you sing your way home.

4-H CLUB YELLS

1. Rickety, rackety, rickety boom
Who, Which, What, Whom?
Girls' Clubs, Boys' Clubs,
Give us room.
2. Yeah, Oregon!
Yeah, Oregon!
Yeah! Yea! Yea!
3. Stand us on our heads,
Stand us on our feet,
Club work, club work,
Can't be beat.
4. A-M-E-R-I-C-A
Club work—Club work
U-S-A.
5. Rickety, Rockety, Russ,
We're not allowed to cuss,
But nevertheless we must confess,
There's nothing the matter with us.
6. Two, four, six, eight
Whom do we appreciate?
(Name yelled 3 times.)
7. Ice cream, soda water, ginger ale, pop.
4-H Clubs—4-H Clubs
Always on top.
8. Razzle, Dazzle, Sizzle, Sazzle,
Zip Boom, Bah
4-H Clubs—4-H Clubs
Rah, Rah, Rah!
9. 1—2—3—4
3—2—1—4
Whom we going to yell for?
(Put in name of person.)
10. When you're up, you're up.
When you're down, you're down,
When you're not in club work
You're upside down.

11. Strawberry shortcake,
Huckleberry pie,
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y.
Are we in it?
Well I guess
Club work, club work,
Yes, Yes, Yes.
12. I saw a big rooster
Sitting on a fence.
He crowed for club work
'Cause he had sense.
Cock-a-doodle-do-oo.
13. Who are we? Who are we?
We are club folks.
Don't you see?
Full of ginger, full of pep,
We're for club work,
You just bet.
14. Thunder, lightning,
Rain or sleet,
Club work, club work
Can't be beat.
15. Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
—————Club work.
(Object of honor)