4-H Garden Challenge Rules

The goal of the 4-H Garden Challenge is to help 4-Hers learn to do their own research on planting, caring for, and harvesting their own small garden. The boxes are also judged and displayed during the County Fair.

- The Garden Challenge workshop will be June 3rd (Sunday), 1pm at Panorama Gardens. Boxes, soil, and seeds will be provided. You do not need to plant your seeds at the workshop, but you can so you can receive tips on how to plant.
- If this is your first year doing the Garden Challenge, you MUST plant the seeds that you received from the Garden Challenge workshop. You will be planting marigolds, carrots, and basil.
- If you have done the Garden Challenge previously, you can pick out three different types of seeds to plant in your box, the only restriction being that one of the seeds must be some type of flower.
- You MUST start all your plants from the seeds given to you, planting them in the garden box. You CANNOT grow/buy another plant and transplant it into the box, you must plant the seeds you get at the workshop into the garden box. If you do need to replant your seeds, that is fine, only do not transplant already grown plants into your box. All replants must be started from seed.
- You are expected to do your own research on planting, caring for, harvesting, and finding different uses for the plants in your garden box.
- You must turn in a write-up on your garden box to the Extension Office by Wednesday, August 15th. The write-up should include any research you have done, how you cared for your box, and anything that might have happened to it (such as bad weather or animals interfering). You can also include what soil you used, and if this isn’t your first year doing the challenge, what seeds you picked and why, and if your box was in a good place for sunlight/shade. Feel free to include pictures! You must have your name, class (junior, intermediate, or senior), and how many years you have been doing the Garden Challenge displayed in the write-up.
- You must drop your garden box off at the fairgrounds Wednesday night (August 29th) at the same time as the other Static projects. The judging at the county fair will take place Saturday morning (September 1st) 7-9am. You are expected to care for your garden box throughout the county fair.