



4-H A FAMILY AFFAIR

Shasta County 4-H ~ Basic Information

Available for Youth Kindergarten through 12th Grade

4-H Website: <http://ceshasta.ucdavis.edu/>



- Choose a club to join. Usually one that meets near you or at a time that is convenient. There are clubs that meet in the Valley area and the Inter-Mountain area.
- Fill out an enrollment form with the projects you would like to take.
- Attend the monthly community meetings. You must meet at least 80% during the club year.
- Attend the project meetings. You must meet at least 6 hours during the club year, more for animal projects.
- Keep records of your projects in the form of a record book. Forms are accessed online. Completed record books must be submitted to your club by the end of June to receive credit (year pin and stripe) for the year.
- The 4-H club year runs July 1st through June 30th, but most activities and events occur September through June.

• **Grade Divisions:** Competition at events is based on the following:

<i>Primary</i>	Kindergarten - 3rd grade*
<i>Junior</i>	4th grade (or 9 years by January 1st) - 5th grade
<i>Intermediate</i>	6th grade - 8th grade
<i>Senior</i>	9th grade - 12th grade

- **Uniforms:** A uniform is not required, except when exhibiting at the fair. The 4-H uniform consists of white shirts and pants, 4-H hat, and 4-H scarf or 4-H tie. There is an exchange closet available to the youth with white pants and shirts. You can purchase the 4-H hat, tie, and scarf at the 4-H office.

<i>4-H Hat</i>	\$ 10.80	<i>4-H Tie</i>	\$ 9.70
<i>4-H Scarf</i>	\$ 9.00	<i>Record Book Covers</i>	\$ 3.30

(Please make note that these prices are subject to wholesaler costs and could change without notice.)

• **Costs:**

Valley Youth:	\$20.00	covers:	\$12.00 -accident insurance, curriculum, and volunteer development \$.50 -curriculum fee to support project leaders \$ 7.50 -council items (facility rentals, awards, etc.)
County Budget Assessment Fee:			\$20.00 -per member—County Budget Assessment Fee <i>Options: Club to fundraise or member to pay.</i>
Valley Leader:	\$10.00	covers:	\$ 6.00 -accident insurance & liability \$ 4.00 -council budget
IM Youth:	\$20.00	covers:	\$ 12.00 -accident insurance, curriculum, & volunteer development \$ 1.00 -curriculum fee to support project leaders \$ 7.00 -council items (facility rentals, awards, etc.)
IM Leaders:	\$ 6.00	covers:	\$ 6.00 -accident insurance & liability

* Parents of primary members (K-3) are expected to provide strong support in the member's 4-H projects and activities. Some clubs or projects may require that a parent accompany the youth. Primary members who enter an event will receive participation recognition and will not be competitively judged. Animal projects for primary members are limited to dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, cavies, mice, embryology, marine science, pygmy goats, and therapeutic animals. It is also recommended that primary members take no more than two projects.

SOME EVENTS AND AWARDS

- **District Fair**: Most things you make or grow can be exhibited. Market livestock is shown and sold at the Jr. Livestock Auction. Awards and premiums can be earned.
- **Fashion Revue**: Youth are given an opportunity to showcase their garments and quilts. Trophies, medals, and ribbons are awarded.
- **Favorite Foods Day**: Youth may enter a table setting and/or a food entry. Medals are awarded and primary members receive participation pins.
- **Fun Night**: Clubs have game and food booths. A time for meeting new friends.
- **Home Economics Field Day**: Members are encouraged to enter items made in their projects during the year. Medals and ribbons are awarded.
- **Large and Small Animal Agriculture Field Days**: Awards for top confirmation for each species and top individual in showmanship. Medals and ribbons are awarded.
- **Livestock Judging Day**: Judging is done for beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, and avian. Medals are awarded and primary members receive participation pins.
- **Presentation Day**: Youth compete for gold or silver medals giving short demonstrations and talks about a particular skill or knowledge which relate to a 4-H project or activity. Gold medalists are encouraged to compete at the regional level. Primary members receive participation pins.
- **Record Book Awards**: Members must receive a gold sticker at the club level and be recommended by their club to compete for a county award. Record books must follow a specified order. County competition is in July. Members compete by grade division with no limit of medals awarded. Books scoring 90% or higher receive medals. Competition at the State level is in December.
- **Scholarships**: 4-H Council sponsors \$1,000 to be awarded to selected 12th grade 4-H graduates, furthering their education.
- **Star Awards**: Any 4-H member (4th grade and above or 9 years of age by January 1st of current year) can earn bronze, silver, gold or platinum star awards by keeping track of participation in 4-H activities. One to six county "All Stars" are selected each year from Gold Star applicants. All Star is the highest award at the county level. California State "Ambassadors" are selected each year on a regional basis.
- **Summer Camp**: This fun-filled camp is three nights and four days and is generally held in June or July. Costs vary.

****Note:** *Primary members* are welcomed at all events, and will receive participation recognition. They cannot accumulate credits towards star awards and therefore, are not required to keep records on the traditional "Personal Development Form." A simple form has been developed for their reporting. They are required to submit a record book at the end of the year in order to receive credit and a pin and stripe.

