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4-H Achievement Program

Approximately 650 youth and adults have attended one or more of the webinar series sessions for the new Spark Achievements Program. They had early access to the materials that are now available on our new [Achievement Program webpage](#).

Changes starting July 1, 2023

As of July 1, 2023, the new Achievement Program will be the only achievement program available to any member who is: 9 or 10 years old, or new to 4-H, or has not achieved at least a Bronze Star (in the current Star Rank system) Members that fit any of these categories will not be allowed to start or achieve Star Ranks as of July 1, 2023. Only intermediate and senior members who have already started their Star Ranks and have achieved at least a Bronze Star by June 30, 2023, will be able to continue the Star Ranks path. Any member who has started on the Star Ranks path can also convert to the new Achievement Program at any time. More to come on this, when we launch the intermediate and senior level achievements in the fall of **2023.**





REF Fair Camping Form

Camping Form

UC 4-H Policy for Fairs & Expos

The 4-H YDP recognizes the value of participation at fairs as a means to showcase, exhibit, and otherwise demonstrate an individual member's accomplishments and skill development



Fair participation, however, is not a requirement for 4-H involvement, nor should fairs be considered as a validation of the learning experience.

UC Policy Summary

Participation in Parades & Floats FAQs

- **Does the driver of the vehicle (truck, tractor, SUV, Semi Truck) need to be an active 4-H member or not?**
- The driver should be an enrolled 4-H adult volunteer. Any non 4-H adult volunteer driving would assume their own risk. In either case (enrolled

4-H adult volunteer or not), the driver's personal auto insurance would be the primary automobile liability and collision coverage. UC's insurance could be secondary. UC general liability coverage is only extended to an adult who is an enrolled 4-H adult volunteer, acting in the course and scope of their duties during a sanctioned 4-H activity. The driver cannot be a 4-H youth member.

- **If the driver does not have to be an active 4-H member, do any active 4-H member need to ride in the cab of the vehicle or can they be on the float?**
- To clarify, when we use the term 4-H member, this is in reference to a 4-H youth member. Enrolled adults are referred to as 4-H Adult Volunteers. For youth protection purposes, only the youth whom the adult driving is a legal guardian for would be able to ride in the cab with that non-enrolled adult.
- **How many active 4-H members need to be with the non-active member of 4-H?**
- Adults who are not individually enrolled appointed 4-H adult volunteers cannot provide any supervision for 4-H youth participating in this 4-H activity. No adult may be alone 1:1 with any youth (other than their own child they are legal guardian for). All 4-H supervision policies must be upheld 2 adult volunteers with youth. 4-H members may ride on the float, following the safety guidelines of Clover Safe Note #44 RIDING SAFELY ON TOWED TRAILERS (see link below)
- **If the driver is a spouse of an active 4-H member, then only the active 4-H spouse needs to be with the non-active 4-H spouse; is this correct?**

Again, to clarify, the driver being a spouse of an appointed 4-H Adult Volunteer in the above question. The non-enrolled 4-H adult cannot be alone with any youth or be given any supervisory responsibilities. The spouse that is an appointed 4-H Adult Volunteer would more appropriately be with the 4-H group of youth participating and providing the necessary supervision with other appointed adult volunteers.



Potter Valley 4-H

2023 Extravaganza & Rabbit Show

By: Amaru Gillmore

On April 29, 2023, the Mendocino County Extravaganza, Fashion Revue, and Kay Beeson Memorial Rabbit & Cavy Show were hosted by the Potter Valley 4-H club from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Potter Valley School.

Extravaganza had great attendance this year, with 23 members from across the county submitting their food, artwork, jewelry, educational displays, knitting, floral arrangements, and welding to be evaluated and ranked by a panel of judges.

Entries were assessed using the Danish Judging System and placed in one of three ranks, White, Red, and Blue. One Blue winner in each category also received a County Winner pin for their hat.

14 members competed in Fashion Revue, and all of the contestants received Blue or better, with two Potter Valley members earning a County Winner pin. The first annual Kay Beeson Memorial Rabbit & Cavy Show also had an amazing turnout, with many members coming to display their skills with rabbits and cavies, or guinea pigs, and be graded by a panel of experienced judges.

The show was named after the late Mrs. Kay Beeson, who passed away on February 18. Mrs. Beeson was invaluable to the Potter Valley 4-H Club for many years. She was a project leader for decades, and her children and grandchildren play major roles in the club. She is greatly missed by all who knew her, and the club, as well as the valley, would not have been the same without her.

There were a number of room hosts at the event, and they helped with many tasks, including assisting judges, helping members figure out where they needed to be, and many other things.

There was also a silent auction where people were able to bid on a number of items, including two large metal animal statues, a group of chickens, and a recliner..

Attendees could purchase food and drinks from the Snack Shack, which was run by older members and adult volunteers.

In closing, the Potter Valley 4-H Club would like to thank all of the adult volunteers, contestants, room hosts, and everyone else who helped make this wonderful event possible. We look forward to many more opportunities for members to exhibit their skills in the future.