

# The 4-H Uniform

The 4-H uniform is made up of the following garments, but is not required for participation in the 4-H Youth Development Program. It cannot be required for participation in any 4-H sponsored activity, event, meeting, or occasion.

Uniform garments:

1. Official green 4-H hat branded with the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) and the 4-H clover logo mark.
2. A plain white shirt with a collar. Any length of sleeve, including sleeveless is acceptable. Alternate Casual Uniform: For casual events, members may wear their club or county t-shirt, without the hat, provided that the t-shirt has the proper use of the 4-H emblem according to the California 4-H Branding Toolkit.
3. Members have a choice of bottoms, appropriate to the event or activity, as specified in the California 4-H Dress Guidelines.
4. OPTIONAL: A traditional 4-H tie or scarf worn with the collared white shirt. The tie and scarf are both worn under the collar. Both boys and girls can wear either the scarf or the tie.

**\*\*Members participating in fairs are advised to follow the fair rules established by the sponsoring organization. Fairs in Placer County require white shirts, white pants, 4-H hat, and tie or scarf be worn.**

## The 4-H Hat

The 4-H Hat is a source of pride in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. We are the only state to have a 4-H Club Hat. Many members use a hat to place their achievement pins, and to wear during animal showing at fairs. **A 4-H Hat is NOT required for membership in 4-H, or for participating in any 4-H activity, event, or meeting.** However, a 4-H Hat may be required for showing or selling an animal at fair, per the fair uniform policy.

**4-H Hat guidelines:** Each county may have modified these to fit the county.

### Stars, stripes, and medals:

- **Left Side of Hat** - All Star, platinum, gold, silver, or bronze stars in front. (Motion passed at November 2009 Placer County Council Meeting to adopt State 4-H Hat Etiquette guidelines with this option: **Members may "cascade" the stars or wear current star.**) Behind the stars are placed the Jr./Teen Leader emblems after that, the Hi 4-H Patch. These patches are only worn while the member is serving as a junior or teen leader.
- **Right Side of Hat** - A year stripe and year pin is earned for each year completed in 4-H.

1. Junior and primary members (8th grade and below) wear a white stripe on green background for that year.
2. A Jr. Leader (6th, 7th, 8th grades) wears a gold stripe on green background for that year.
3. Senior members (9th grade and up) wear a green stripe with a white background for that year.
4. Teen Leaders (9th grade and up) wear a gold stripe on white background.
5. All Stars wear a purple stripe on white background (*in many counties*)

Year pins are fastened to the hat above the stripe, starting with the first year pins next to the 4-H clover. The 100% attendance pin, if earned, should be fastened to the hat below the stripe of the year that the pin was earned.

- **Either Side** - Medals may be worn on either side of the hat, but it is recommended that they are on the left side of the hat.
- **Note** - No other pin or ribbon should be worn on the hat other than 4-H. The hat should reflect the dignity of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Some items that should not be worn on the hat include buttons, fair medals, convention badges or other regalia.

### Example 1



**Example 2**

