



Steps to Success in 4-H Club Program

Club Family Coordinator _____

Contact Number _____

Club Community Leader _____

Contact Number _____

Exceptions to any of the following requirements will be granted with joint approval of the member's project leader, club leader, 4-H staff and Lake 4-H County Council. Lake County 4-H Council Executive Board will serve as the appeal board.

Membership Information:

- ❖ Membership in the Lake County 4 H Club Program is available to all youth 5 through 19 years of age as of December 31 of the current program year.
- ❖ Youth 5 through 8 years of age as of December 31st enroll as “Cloverbuds” or “Primary Members” and are not eligible for competition. (*See Lake County Cloverbuds Policy for complete details.*) Project and club participation is not required to receive a year pin and stripe.
- ❖ Youth 9 years of age as of December 31st and may continue in the program until December 31st of the year they become 19 years of age. They are eligible to compete in county, regional and state events and participate in livestock projects.

Please note - there is a higher level of participation and commitment required for all members enrolling in an animal project with the intent of participating in county and state fairs. Families must meet requirements set by the county and district fair.

Enrollment in the Lake County 4-H Program:

- Fees: member \$58.00 and adult volunteers \$24.00. Fees are subject to change yearly.
- Members' and Adult Volunteers' can enroll online at <http://california.4honline.com>. Fees must be turned into your club enrollment coordinator or to the 4-H Office.
- Some projects may require a fee for participation. All expenses related to projects are the responsibility of the family.

Levels of Participation in the Lake County 4-H Program:

To ensure that 4-H members are actively learning life skills through a variety of 4-H experiences, the Lake County 4-H Council encourages members to complete the following by June 30th. Each level offers opportunities for 4-H participation in events and activities and builds upon the previous level.

Member in Good Standing:

- ❖ Complete enrollment process and enroll in at least one 4-H project
- ❖ Comply with Member Code of Conduct

Members may attend county, sectional, state and national 4-H events and camps.

Project Participation:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Complete a minimum of 6 hours of project instruction or more as required by the project leader.
- Complete Annual Project Report (APR) form for at least one project.

Members will receive a year pin and stripe and build credit toward 4-H Star Rank awards.

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Club Year Completion:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Club meeting attendance is strongly encouraged but not a requirement
- Complete a minimum of 6 hours of project instruction or more as required by the project leader.
- Complete an Annual Project Report (APR) form for each project completed

Members receive awards listed previously and are eligible to earn project proficiencies, other county honors and participate and compete in county, sectional, state and national events.

Participate in Record Book Competition at Club, County and State Levels

- ❖ Be a member in Good Standing
- ❖ Active participation and attendance at the project and club meetings
- ❖ Complete a 4-H Record Book as outlined in the *California 4-H Record Book Manual*, 2011-2013 version.

Cloverbuds are to complete a Cloverbud Personal Development form.

4-H Presentation Credit and Awards:

- ❖ All 4-H presentations follow the guidelines of the *State 4-H Presentation Manual*.
- ❖ Members who receive a **gold medal** at Lake County Presentation Day may be eligible to participate in section and state level competitions.
- ❖ To receive credit for **public speaking** in their record books, presentations may be also given at a public venue, 4-H project and club meetings. There will be an audience of at least five people. A *Presentation Confirmation Form* is completed by the supervising volunteer/adult.
- ❖ Members 13 years of age and above who completed at least 2 presentations at County Presentation Day, and received at least one gold award, may serve as an Area Chair at County Presentation Day. (All Share the Fun Skit awards are excluded).

Parent/Guardian Information:

4-H clubs meet monthly and are a group of youngsters guided by two or more adult volunteer leaders. 4-H members build leadership and other life skills by electing officers and conducting their own business meetings, work together on community service activities, meeting new friends, and most important, having lots of fun. **4-H projects** concentrate on one topic such as gardening, woodworking, small animals, livestock, food, nutrition, photography, etc. It is **very important** members and parents attend both club and project meetings. The 4-H club program is a family program; active family support, cooperation and **involvement increases the benefits** that your 4-H member will receive from the Lake County 4-H Program.

- ❖ Provide transportation and financial support for members' club and project work.
- ❖ Verify with the UCCE 4-H Office the adult overseeing the 4-H Project work is a 4-H Volunteer.
- ❖ Assist with at least one project or club activity. Attend as many club meetings as possible with your child to obtain important club, project and event information.
- ❖ Read the 4-H newsletter, *The 4-H 411*, to stay aware of what is happening.
- ❖ Supervise and encourage your 4-H member's work...but do not do the work!
- ❖ Please contact the 4-H Volunteer if your child is unable to participate in club or project meetings.
- ❖ If you need additional information on upcoming events or the Lake County 4-H Program, contact your Club President, Community Leader or the 4-H office at 263-6838.

With your support, we will work together to "Make the Best Better"

Resources:

CE Lake and Lake County 4-H Website: <http://celake.ucanr.edu/>

California 4-H Website: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/>

4-H Online Enrollment Website: <http://california.4honline.com>