

# LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

## **PREAMBLE**

The 4-H Youth Development Program is an educational program conducted by volunteers from the local community and supervised by advisors of Cooperative Extension of the University of California. 4-H helps young people develop their capacities toward self-sufficiency and provides a feeling of self worth. 4-H members grow into adulthood, through “learn by doing” educational experiences, more able to contribute to their society and better equipped to set and achieve realistic life goals. Each 4-H member participates in projects and programs of his/her own choosing. Volunteer adult leaders supervise and contribute to the operations of the 4-H Youth Development Program through the 4-H organizational structure.

The 4-H Youth Development Program includes the Lake County 4-H Council and all subsidiary 4-H units. Through the 4-H organization, volunteer leaders and Cooperative Extension advisors can work together more effectively to extend the 4-H Youth Development Program to the youth of the county and to set and achieve the goals of the County 4-H Program. The Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program staff has final authority to interpret University policies and to insure that the laws and policies that apply to the 4-H Youth Development Program and activities are adhered to.

## **Article I ~ Name and Scope**

### **Section 1 - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Lake County 4-H Council.

### **Section 2 - Scope**

The Lake County 4-H Council is responsible to the University of California 4-H YDP staff and County Director for coordination and operation of local 4-H Units, district or area councils and advisory and sponsoring committees; and for developing, supporting and carrying out a yearly program of events and activities for 4-H youth and volunteers.

## **Article II ~ Purpose**

### **Section 1 - Purpose**

The Lake County 4-H Council cooperates with Cooperative Extension in organizing, promoting and carrying out 4-H youth work in Lake County in compliance with the policies established by Cooperative Extension of the University of California who is authorized under Federal and State Statutes for organizing and administering 4-H youth work in the State of California, and as interpreted by 4-H Youth Development Program staff.

## **Section 2 - Operation**

The Lake County 4-H Council shall operate as a nonprofit, nonpolitical, educational organization, cooperating with Cooperative Extension in the furtherance of 4-H youth work in Lake County. There shall be no membership fees or dues.

## **Section 3 - Specific Purposes**

The specific purposes for which the Lake County 4-H Council is organized shall be to:

- A.** Provide a means for securing the concerted action of volunteer 4-H Youth Development Program leaders in their efforts to supplement the work of Cooperative Extension in the promotion, organization and administration of the 4-H youth program.
- B.** Conduct with Cooperative Extension, a comprehensive 4-H program planning effort having as its objective to meet the needs and the changing interests of a maximum number of youth.
- C.** Develop support and carry out a yearly program of events and activities for 4-H youth members and leaders.
- D.** Assist 4-H Youth Development Program staff in implementing the affirmative action goals and plans of the 4-H Program so that equity and parity standards and mandates by law and University policy are met.
- E.** Develop ideas for expanding and improving 4-H Youth Development Programs throughout the county.
- F.** Provide a means of securing the concerted action of 4-H volunteers to supplement the work of Cooperative Extension in the promotion, organization, and administration of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- G.** Conduct, with the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program staff, a comprehensive 4-H program planning effort with the objective of meeting the needs and changing interests of youth, and changing ethnic, gender, and economic demographics.
- H.** Assist in the identification, planning and implementation of educational and leadership training programs so that youth leaders and volunteer leaders may better fulfill their responsibilities to the youth they serve.
- I.** Support the volunteer leaders in any way practicable, recognizing that without them, there would be a vastly different and diminished 4-H program.
- J.** Improve communications among all levels and promote a spirit of friendship, cooperation and collegiality among 4-H volunteer leaders and the 4-H Youth Development Program staff.

## **Article III ~ Expansion and Review Committee**

An Expansion and Review Committee shall be organized in cooperation with Cooperative Extension staff to ensure that youth of all races, colors, national origin, religion, handicap or sex are aware of the 4-H Youth Development Program opportunities and share equal access to program participation.

## **Article IV ~ Advisory and Sponsoring Committees**

### **Section 1 - Purpose**

Advisory and Sponsoring Committees, made up of friends and supporters of 4-H youth work, may be organized to assist in developing programs and in financing and promotion of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

### **Section 2 - Organization**

Such committees may be organized by the Lake County 4-H Council in accordance with the advice of the Cooperative Extension advisors, or may be organized by the advisors for certain program purposes. When the advisors organize such committees, the Lake County 4-H Council shall be informed of the purpose, organization and composition.

## **Article V ~ 4-H Name and Emblem**

### **Section 1 - Use**

All uses of the 4-H name or emblem shall be consistent with the educational purposes, character-building objectives and dignity of the 4-H youth organization.

### **Section 2 - Limits**

The 4-H name and emblem shall not be used if it exploits or might be construed to exploit the 4-H youth movement. This will hold true in the case of locally originated contests and awards; money raising activities; printed materials; supplies to be sold or provided without charge; and advertisements.

### **Section 3 - Authority**

By act of Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, is the final authority for authorization for the use of the name and emblem of 4-H youth work. State and local 4-H organizations shall operate within that authorization. Local plans for the use of the 4-H name and emblem shall be cleared with Lake County Cooperative Extension office.

## Article IV ~ Amendments

### Section 1 - Procedure

The County Director shall submit any proposed amendment in writing to the State 4-H Office. The amendment shall be read at a regular meeting at least one month in advance of final action or shall be sent in a letter to every member one week before final action.

### Section 2 - Voting

Amendments may be passed at a regular meeting of the Lake County 4-H Council by a two-thirds vote of active members present, providing the above procedure has been followed and providing there is a quorum present.

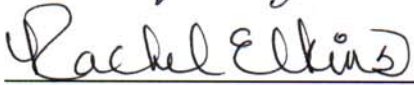
## Article VIII Nondiscrimination Statement

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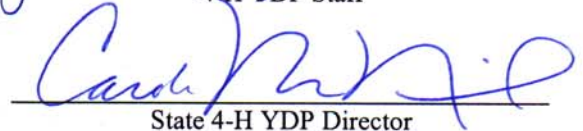
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