

Santa Cruz County 4-H Dictionary

When ever 4-H members and leaders gather it becomes apparent that many of the familiar words they use have a social meaning all their own. This combined with the names of 4-H events and activities can at times be confusing to new members and families. This "dictionary" is offered in hopes it will clarify some of the language of 4-H.

- *Achievement Pins:* Each member who completes the 4-H year is awarded a pin to wear on their 4-H Hat.
- *All Reasonable Efforts:* A record of all community based recruitment, education, and promotional activities conducted by 4-H clubs as a effort to reach under-served audiences.
- *All-Star:* Highest rank a 4-H member can attain at the county level. The all-star is a leadership recognition and takes a leadership role in planning and facilitating county-wide events.
- *Annual Project Report:* A form to be completed by 4-H members at the conclusion of each 4-H year or project, which tell what has been accomplished and learned during the project.
- *Awards Program:* County Medals, Star Ranks, County record Book Winners and Scholarships.
- *California Focus:* Held in Sacramento each summer. Features a week's program where older 4-Hers from around the state learn about the State government, gain better understanding of problem solving and gain new insight into 4-H. Discussion, tours, lectures, workshops and recreation are all part of this citizenship experience.
- *California Leaders Forum:* Annual leader conference held at Asilomar every fall. Provides leaders with training and networking opportunities.
- *Camp:* Summer camp is held at Camp Loma in the Santa Cruz Mountains every summer in July.
- *Club Charter:* A charter is granted by the University of California when minimum requirements are met to start a 4-H club. The charter authorizes the club to conduct business, raise money and utilize the 4-H clover.
- *Club Notes:* Monthly newsletter issued by the UCCE Office listing events, due dates, announcements, and articles of interest to members and leaders.
- *Club Seal:* An award earned by a club that meets the goals it had outlined at the beginning of the year. Minimum requirements must be met. Gold, blue or green seals are displayed on the charter. Request seals from the UCCE Office.

- *Community 4-H Club*: An organized unit within the county where youth ages 5 to 19 participate in experiential education opportunities with adults.
- *Community Club Leader*: (CCL) The person responsible for the overall organization and coordination of the local 4-H club. Clubs sometimes divide this responsibility among two or three people, who are then known as Co-leaders.
- *Community Club Leader Training*: Annual training for CCL's to provide them with needed information, documentation and materials to successfully complete the 4-H year.
- *Community Pride Project*: Taken by a club to improve, learn more about, or work with their community.
- *Community Service Activity*: An activity undertaken by a club, project group or individual to help make their community a better place in which to live.
- *Computer Corps*: The purpose of the California Computer Corps is to increase the use and awareness of technology in the 4-H Youth Development Program through training and education.
- *Cooperative Extension*: A cooperative effort between the United State Department of Agriculture, the State Land Grant University and County Government. Its aim is to bring the benefits of University research to the people. In Santa Cruz County, we have research being conducted by Advisors in the areas of: Youth Development (4-H) Environmental Horticulture, Agriculture Economics, Strawberries and Marine Science. Our efforts are supported by University funded program representative and County funded clerical staff.
- *County Leaders Council*: The organization of adult volunteer 4-H leaders in the county. Its purpose is to support and enhance the learning opportunities for 4-H members and leaders on a county-wide basis. The council meets the third Thursday of every month at 7pm at the UCCE Office.
- *County Medal Program*: Bronze, Silver and gold medals are awarded to 4-H members as recognition of well done project work and knowledge. Requirements available from UCCE Office.
- *County Record Book Winner*: Chosen on the basis of a record book. In Santa Cruz County all members who have achieved a silver or gold project medal at the club level may compete for county winner in that project. County winners' books then go to Sectional judging, and winners those winners go to State judging. State winners receive a savings bond.
- *Experiential Education*: Hands-on learning that engages youth to Do, Reflect and Apply their learning to real life situations.

- *Fairs, Expositions and Shows:* 4-H members are given the opportunity to exhibit the results of work and knowledge gained, in their projects. The 4-H Spring fair, County Fairs, Junior Grand National and State Fair are all places a member may exhibit.
- *Fashion Revue:* Is a showmanship activity for clothing project members. County fashion revue winners may compete at the regional fashion revue.
- *Feature Booth:* Each club has an opportunity to enter a display pertaining to 4-H work at the County Fair. Booth topics are chosen in the Spring and, ribbons and premiums are awarded.
- *Field Days:* Held during the year to involve members and leaders in educational sessions, demonstrations, judging activities, exhibits and showmanship.
- *Hi 4-H:* 4-H members who have completed 8th grades and are enrolled in a local 4-H club. Hi 4-H groups (clubs) are organized for the purpose of providing for and meeting the needs and interests of older youth in 4-H.
- *Insurance:* Accident insurance is mandatory for all members and volunteer leaders. Covers members and leaders on the way to and from and at any approved 4-H activity or event. In addition, to this policy, the University of California covers all 4-H leaders with liability insurance, at no cost to the leaders, when officially engaged in 4-H work.
- *Intermediate Member:* Intermediate members are 4-H'ers who are in grades 6 through 8.
- *International 4-H Youth Exchange: (IFYE)* An opportunity for young men and women aged 18 - 30 who are 4-H Alumni, to spend 5 to 6 months in another country. Young people from other countries spend comparable time in the U.S.A.. The exchangees are housed in individual homes and travel to several countries throughout their stay. Home countries have a financial obligation to their exchangees.
- *Judging:* An activity which develops knowledge and understanding of qualities and standards. Members compare several products, animals or articles, make choices and give reasons. Judging may take place at project meetings, fairs, or other events.
- *Junior Leaders (Intermediate Members):* To become a junior leader, youth must be in grades 6-8, or if home-schooled, must be at least 11 and no more than 13 years old as of January 1 of the program year.
- *Junior Member:* Junior members are 4-H'ers who are a minimum of 9 years old or in the 4th and 5th grade.
- *Leader Appointment Card:* Adult volunteer leaders are considered agents of the University of California. Appointment cards, issued by the University, officially recognize one as a 4-H leader. Appointment cards are not valid until the volunteer leader has completed the following steps:

1. Completed the Volunteer Application form, including the confidential form and insurance fee.
2. Attended the volunteer orientation.
3. Obtains a Department of Justice clearance through Livescan fingerprinting.

Once the above steps have been completed, the volunteer leader will be issued a valid appointment card by the UCCE County Director. Step number one needs to be completed annually.

- *Leadership Conference of Regional Teens: (LCORT)* conference for 7th - 9th grade 4-H members. Held at various locations throughout the section in January or February. The conference is designed to encourage members to continue in 4-H and to give them a "new look" at their roles as they grow in 4-H.
- *Motto:* "To Make The Best Better"
- *National 4-H Center:* Located in Chevy Chase Maryland, where the National 4-H Council is housed and where Citizenship Washington Focus and National 4-H Conference take place.
- *National 4-H Conference:* The goal of the National 4-H Conference is to help selected youth and adults develop their maximum potential by providing opportunities to participate actively in 4-H program development outside California and at a national level.
- *National 4-H Week:* The first full week of October. Clubs are encouraged to hold special events and activities that publicize 4-H.
- *Personal Development Form:* The body of the 4-H record book. It is used as a reporting tool to demonstrate what was learned and what impact the learning had.
- *Pledge:* "As a true 4-H member, I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."
- *Presentation:* Showing of a skill, process or an illustrated talk to explain new or important facts. May be given by one or more members, may be done competitively or just for fun. A presentation is a formal, prepared public presentation that has a title, introduction, body and summary.
- *Primary Member:* Primary members are 4-H'ers who are between the ages of 5 and 8 or are in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Primary members are encouraged to participate in a variety of projects and experiences. The approved projects for this age group are: dogs, rabbits, cats, poultry, small pocket pets, cavies, embryology, entomology, marine sciences, pygmy goats and therapeutic animal projects. Primary members can not enroll in large animal projects.

- *Program Representative:* University of California staff member responsible for the administration of the 4-H Club program within the county, with the cooperation of volunteer leaders and resource people.
- *Project:* The area of interest a 4-H member decides to enroll in is known as a project. Projects fall into the categories of: Animal Science, Consumer Science, Engineering and technology, Personal and Social development, Plant Science, Resource Science, Volunteer and Professional development and Younger Children and Child Care.
- *Project or Activity Leader:* An adult who volunteers time to lead a project or activity, teaching subject matter to the 4-H member. Can occasionally be an advanced 4-H member, with the approval of the 4-H Community Club Leader.
- *Project Tours:* An event in which a club or project group travels to a place of business or organization to further their understanding.
- *Recognition:* Showing approval of a member, leader or group due to the fact something of importance has been achieved. May be a "pat on the back", or an honor, award, etc.
- *Record Books:* Each member is to keep a record of 4-H work, project activities and events. The style of record keeping can be in keeping with the activities of the member. Books are turned in once each year to the CCL for recognition and achievement.
- *Resource Leader:* Volunteer leader who assists the leaders. May provide subject matter, administrative or organization training and guidance.
- *Scholarships:* Available to help 4-H members plan for furthering education beyond high school.
- *Sectional Leaders Council:* Each county in the South Central Section sends a leader representative to meet and discuss 4-H programs, policies, and ideas and to coordinate continuity within the section. The Sectional Leaders Council supports the efforts of the State Ambassador team, Sectional record book judging and LCORT.
- *Sectional Presentation Day:* A competitive event for members of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties who receive a gold medal or seal at the county presentation day.
- *Self-Determined Project:* Allows a member opportunity to explore a subject of interest, but which is not listed as a standard 4-H project.
- *Senior Member:* Senior members are 4-H'ers who are in at least 9th grade through age 19.
- *Spring Fair:* Separate activities held one day: animal shows and judging food booths, still exhibits, rocketry launch, games and fun. The event serves as a fund-raiser and community involvement opportunity.

- *Star Ranks*: A system providing opportunities for 4-H members to focus attention on personal achievement. Bronze, Silver, Gold, All-Star are the levels.
- *State Ambassador*: Highest leadership rank achieved at the State Level. State Ambassadors plan and implement state-wide leadership opportunities.
- *State Leadership Conference*: State Leadership conference for 8th grade graduates and older. Delegates spend 2 nights on a college campus with 600 other young people participating in leadership building workshops.
- *Teen Leaders (Senior Members)*: To become a teen leader, youth must be in the ninth grade or above, or if home-schooled, must be at least 14 years old as of January 1 of the program year.
- *Uniform*: The wearing of the 4-H uniform may not be required for membership or participation in the 4-H program. When a uniform is worn, it consists of white or black pants, with a belt, white button up shirt with collar, a 4-H tie or scarf and a 4-H hat.
- *University of California Cooperative Extension Office (UCCE)*: Houses the 4-H program at 1432 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville Ca 95076 Phone: 831-763-8015, Fax: 831-763-8006.
- *Washington Focus*: Held at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. each summer. Features a week's program where older 4-Hers from around the United States learn about the Federal government, gain better understanding of problem solving and gain new insight into 4-H. Discussion, tours, lectures, workshops and recreation are all part of this citizenship experience.
- *Western Regional Leaders Forum*: For adult volunteer leaders, the event is held in the spring and rotates among the 14 states in the western region. The Forum is a leadership development opportunity.
- *Youth Development Advisor*: University of California faculty member responsible for developing youth development programs and conducting research for the larger youth development community in the County.
- *Youth Development Delivery Modes*: The 4-H Youth Development program is open to all youth ages five to nineteen and adults eighteen and older. Youth and adults can participate in the program through a variety of delivery modes including: Community 4-H Clubs, School Enrichment, School Aged Child Care, Special Interest Day Camp, Overnight Camps, Individual Study, Instructional Television.
- *Youth Leadership Summit*: The 4-H Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) brings teens together from throughout 4-H and other youth leadership programs in order to create community partnerships that would positively impact and address community issues; provide teens with an opportunity to build partnerships with other teens; allow teens to

define and carve-out a niche for solving community issues through community service;
create a local leadership team where teens and adults are equal players and partners.