



# YOLO COUNTY

## 4-H CLUB MEMBER & PARENT EXPECTATION

Exceptions to any of the following requirements will only be granted with joint approval of the member's project leader, club leader, and 4-H staff. All requests for exceptions must be presented in writing to the Yolo County 4-H Council. Yolo County 4-H Council Executive Committee will serve as the appeal board.

### **Membership Information:**

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Membership in the Yolo County 4-H Club Program is available to all youth 5 years old through 19 years of age as of December 31 of the current program year, without regard to race, religion, sex, or physical handicap.

- ❖ Youth 5 years of age through 8 years of age will enroll as Primary Members (*see State of California 4-H Policy Handbook*). Primary Members are eligible to participate in all arts and science projects (excluding archery and rocketry) and small animal projects (excluding dogs).
- ❖ Youth 9 years of age or older (as of December 31) are eligible to participate in all projects for that program year.
- ❖ Home-schooled children are to enroll by their chronological age as of December 31.

**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 the Yolo County 4-H Spring Show (See Additional Requirements in the Yolo County Spring Show Rule Book).**

All **re-enrolling** members' enrollment forms must be completed and online enrollment confirmed by the 4-H office by **October 15th**. Members re-enrolling after this date may not be eligible for Yolo County 4-H Spring Show.

All **new** members' enrollment forms must be completed and online enrollment confirmed by the 4-H office by **November 15th**. Members enrolling after this date may not be eligible for Yolo County 4-H Spring Show.

All members must complete the online enrollment process and pay their enrollment fees to their community club leader.

### **Fees to enroll in the Yolo County 4-H Program:**

Member: \$50.00      Leader: \$20.00. Some projects and clubs may require a fee for participation. All expenses related to projects are the responsibility of the member. Enrollment fees and project participation fees are subject to change.

### **Completing the 4-H Year and Receiving Awards:**

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To ensure that 4-H members are actively learning life skills through a variety of 4-H experiences, the Yolo County 4-H Council requires each member complete the following requirements by June 30<sup>th</sup> to count the 4-H year as complete and receive a year pin and stripe:

- ❖ Have up-to-date and complete enrollment and enrollment fees on file at the 4-H office, and *Member & Parent Expectations* signature page returned to the club leader by October 15<sup>th</sup> for returning members or November 15<sup>th</sup> for new members.
- ❖ Attend 80% of club and project meetings.
- ❖ A complete Personal Development Report form and Annual Project Report form signed by the project leader is required if a member wants to earn a year pin and stripe and/or a star award. For star awards, forms must be submitted to Community Club Leader for rank verification.
- ❖ Complete one or more projects during the program year under the supervision of a certified 4-H Leader. For a project to be considered complete, members must attend a minimum of six (6) hours of instruction.

For members to qualify for county medal honors, proficiency awards, Spring Show participation, or star rank awards they must complete all the above requirements.



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### Additional Requirements for Yolo County 4-H Spring Show:

Please note all members must complete all the following requirements if they are planning to participate in the Yolo County 4-H Spring Show Arts and Science Fair:

Before the Show:

- ❖ Attend 80% of project meetings and 80% of club meetings.
- ❖ Spring Show entry fees and Spring Show entry forms must be completed and turned in to the Project Leader by due dates listed online.

After the Show:

- ❖ Members that participate in market animal classes and top winners in Creative Arts and Science projects must complete thank you notes to animal buyers and award sponsors. Thank you notes must be approved by the Community Club Leader before mailing.
- ❖ Complete a record book with Personal Development Report and Annual Project Report. Forms must be signed by Project Leader and Community Club Leader.

All the above requirements must be met before the member is eligible to receive auction check.

### Parent Responsibilities:

The 4-H club program is a family program. Your active support, cooperation, and involvement increases the benefits that your 4-H member will receive from the Yolo County 4-H Program.

- ❖ Provide transportation and financial support for child's project work.
- ❖ Assist with at least one project or club activity. Attend as many meetings as possible with your child.
- ❖ Read the club newsletter and/or website if applicable to stay aware of what is happening. Spring Show and Livestock Auction rule books are available on the Yolo County 4-H website.
- ❖ Supervise your child's work...but do not do the work!
- ❖ Please have your child contact the Project Leader if they are unable to participate in club or project meetings.
- ❖ If you need additional information on upcoming events or the Yolo County 4-H Program, contact your Club President, Community Leader, or the 4-H office.

#### **Yolo County 4-H**

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**Please sign and turn in the following page to your Club Leader as confirmation you have read and understand the above requirements**



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

*Return this page to your Club Leader*

We have read the club member and parent responsibilities. We understand that the Yolo County 4-H Program requires a commitment and are willing to assume the responsibility for completing the requirements as outlined in this document. We further understand that in order to take animals to the Yolo County 4-H Spring Show or auction, members must meet the additional enrollment and participation requirements.

*Signatures of:*

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted and Approved by the Yolo County 4-H Council on October 24, 2012. Amended on August 8, 2017, by the Yolo County 4-H Office.