



TIMELY TOPICS

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*Mission: The University of California 4-H Youth Development
Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while
advancing the field of youth development.*

New 4-H Fundraising Policy -Effective July 1, 2013

I. Purpose

This section outlines policies and procedures regarding activities of chartered 4-H units and VMOs that relate to fundraising conducted as a part of a service learning activity to benefit outside groups or organizations. A group is defined as a “class” of individuals that have a common need (e.g., troops, fire victims). For more information and helpful service learning tools for 4-H members and volunteers, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/ServiceLearning/>.



II. Scope

The University holds that the occasional participation of 4-H members in fundraising activities in support of outside groups and organizations as part of a service learning activity provides a high-quality youth development experience as part of the mission and framework of the UC 4-H YDP. General principles guiding this view include:

1. The UCCE county director must approve the proposed fundraising activity as appropriate from a programmatic, youth-development perspective.
2. Groups or organizations must not be religious or political in nature or purpose.
3. The group or organization must not discriminate in their membership on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age, sexual orientation or national origin.
4. The UCCE county director must approve the group or organization as an appropriate recipient of fundraising efforts.
5. Fundraising activities must be clearly identified as benefiting the recipient group or organization so donors understand who is receiving the goods or services.
6. Fundraising efforts must comply with the [Chapter 9 VII of the 4-H California Youth Development Program Policy Handbook](#).

III. Procedures

1. All fundraising activities by chartered 4-H units and VMOs must be approved by the membership either through an adopted budget or action (i.e., vote) by the unit or VMO. The annual budget must be submitted to the UCCE office for review by the county director.
2. All proposed fundraising activities must be submitted to the UCCE office for approval by the county director using [Form 8.7 Fundraising Approval](#).

3. If the proposed fundraising activities involve the collection of cash contributions (cash or checks) the chartered 4-H units and VMOs should include the income and expense in their annual budget.
4. Review the [Fundraising to Benefit Groups or Organizations by 4-H Units and VMOs Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.
5. 4-H groups may collect non-cash items or cash contributions that are then used to buy supplies and materials to carry out their service learning activity. They may not donate cash to any group or organization outside of 4-H.
6. When a 4-H group engages in a fundraising activity to benefit another group (e.g., fire victims) or organization (e.g., Red Cross) a sign must be posted to make clear to potential donors that the funds will be used to benefit the other group (e.g., fire victims) or organization (e.g., Red Cross).
7. For cash contributions only:
 - a. Checks should be made payable to the 4-H unit or VMO.
 - b. Cash received during the fundraising activity must be counted by two persons.
 - c. All money received must be processed according to the Financial Processing Procedures in [Chapter 9 VII of the 4-H California Youth Development Program Policy Handbook](#).
 - d. Checks and cash must be deposited into a 4-H account.
 - e. Funds must be used to purchase non-cash items to purchase supplies and materials needed to carry out the service learning activity.
 - f. All expenditures must be made by check from the 4-H unit or VMO treasury, and properly recorded on the 4-H unit or VMO account ledgers including the purpose.
8. If a 4-H group is fundraising to benefit a nonprofit or tax-exempt organization they should work with the charitable organization ahead of time to obtain tax receipts that can be given to donors upon collection of their contribution. Donations are only tax-deductible if made to a qualified organization (i.e., a non-profit or tax-exempt organization).
9. It would be appropriate for the 4-H group to give the individual(s) who made a contribution to benefit the outside group or organization a thank you letter to let them know that this was a service learning activity of the California 4-H Youth Development Program and tell them about our program.

In summary, the information below highlights a few of the major changes:

- All fundraising efforts to benefit groups and organizations must be conducted as part of a service learning activity. Thus, they must extend beyond community service.
- All fundraising efforts to support 4-H projects and 4-H activities does not necessarily have to be part of a service-learning activity.
- 4-H clubs or Council may fundraise as part of a service learning activity to benefit groups and organizations, and the organizations do not need to be a nonprofit or tax-exempt charitable organization.
- 4-H clubs or Council may collect non-cash items (e.g., jackets, toys, food) or cash contributions (cash or checks) that are then used to buy supplies and materials to carry out their service learning activity. They may NOT donate cash (or checks) to any group or organization outside of 4-H.
- ALL fundraising activities must be submitted to the UCCE office for approval by the county director using [Form 8.7 Fundraising Approval](#).

Please note there are revisions in progress to Chapter 9 of the California 4-H Policy Handbook and the Treasurers Manual so all language will conform to these documents.

2013 Fashion Revue Coming Soon

The Santa Clara County Fashion Revue is right around the corner. It will be held on **April 12, 2013**, from 9:00 a.m.-until 4:00 p.m. at the Berger Drive Auditorium (1555 Berger Dr., Bld, 2, San Jose, CA, 95112)

If you have never done this, we encourage you to try it this year. Fashion Revue is open to all 4-H members: girls, boys and clovers! At this event, you will have the opportunity to meet other fashion forward youth, and make new friends. By participating, you will most likely build your self-confidence, improve your grooming, posture and stage presence.

There are many ways to enter: Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (Limit of \$19.99), Wearable Art-Embellished, and there are two challenges again this year; 2 Yard Wonder Challenge and Duct Tape Challenge. Below is a brief description of each category. Applications will be posted on the yahoo group and are coming soon.

- Traditional: The only change to this category for 2013 is the entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing and Textile project.
- Consumer Science Purchased has a \$19.99 limit, shoes and sales tax not included. Receipts for all items showing except shoes are required, with purchases made during the 2012-2013 4-H year.
- The Wearable Art – Embellished entry must start with a purchased garment. Duct tape entries are not eligible for WA-Embellished.
- 2 Yard Wonder is a Challenge category: using a 2 yard length of 100% cotton woven fabric, 44/45" wide, sew a garment and an accessory. You can use less fabric but not more for the garment and accessory. There is no specific pattern requirement. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. Take a "before" photo of the member holding the piece of fabric and an "after" photo wearing the outfit. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing & Textiles project.
- Duct Tape Challenge: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape such as a jacket, shirt, pants, skirt or dress. The member may choose to begin with a purchased garment or not. Additional garments, accessories, fabric and materials may be added.
- For all entries, the outfit must be produced and modeled by the individual member. The outfit must meet State Fashion Revue modesty guidelines.
- At county fashion revues where a member may enter more than one outfit, the garments, accessories, and shoes for each outfit must be distinctly different. An item in one outfit may not also be used as part of another outfit.

For more information and rules about each category you can go onto the State Fashion Revue website and review the Fashion Revue Manual and new rules for each category <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/> or you can contact a member of the committee listed below.

(NOTE: There are new rules in each category, please be sure to read over them carefully. For example: In Traditional and the 2-Yard Challenge category for 2013 the entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing and Textile project.) Please be sure to read all rules and/or email us with questions.

Thank you, Fashion Revue Chairs

Junior Leaders: Kyle and Dustin Geringer (sgerin225@sbcglobal.net),

And Leah and Eileen Hails (khails@outlook.com)

Adult Leaders: Sandi Geringer and Kelly Hails

Presenters must register online by April 5, 2013, 5:00 pm

Civic Participation Resources for Youth

- [We the People](#) In an attempt to help Americans make their voices heard by President Obama and his administration, the White House has created an online petition site that invites Americans to start their own petitions (and browse/sign those started by others). If petitions meet a threshold number of signatures, the WH will respond. Click [here](#) to access the site.
- [Changing Business from Straws to Gatorade](#) Ever doubt that young people can change the way that big business operates? Click [here](#) to read two stories about individual students who have used various organizing tactics to change how restaurants behave and what ingredients Pepsi-Co puts in Gatorade. .

Joint Bee and Dairy Goat Activity

By Janaye Sakkas

Rolling Hills 4-H Club, Bee Project

A very generous donation was made to our 4-H club by one of my soccer coaches, Mr. Tom Pyle. The condition for the donation was that it be deposited into the Bee account, and that I manage the use of the donation. In his donation letter sent to our club, Coach also said, “We in the community really appreciate all your program does in properly developing our future leaders. Please keep up the good work!” It did not take me long to decide a good use of the donation. In the bee project, we have wanted to get together with the dairy goat project to make soap – with the bee project supplying honey and beeswax and the dairy project supplying the milk!

This donation could fund the additional ingredients and supplies that would be needed. We were planning to sell the soap, but since we received this donation, I thought a good use of the donation was to pay for the soap making supplies and then we could share the soap with the entire Rolling Hills 4H club.

The soap making was an interesting process. We made close to 100 pieces. Alan Robell, the dairy goat project leader, selected a honey-carrot-goat milk recipe and opened his home for the afternoon to all of us, during the time it took to make the soap. The soap was a pretty butterscotch color that my dad thought looked good enough to eat – we had to stop him from tasting it! We were lucky that one of the parents (Gloria Higgins) had experience making soap and explained what to do. The first step involved the use of lye, which was a little dangerous and we had to be careful that no one got burned with this strong ingredient. We used a variety of simple molds – boxes lined with wax paper and PVC pipe. The soap set for approximately one week, and the Robells and Higgins cut the soap for us. Two things that I learned from this experience: 1) The recipe had all the ingredients in ounces. My mom purchased the ingredients, but the containers were in fluid ounces for most of the ingredients. Mrs. Higgins adjusted our recipe a little and explained that the ingredients needed to be measured by weight. 2) We needed much more time than the 1.5 hours we predicted for the soap making. It was fun to learn this new skill. Many thanks to Coach Tom for making this possible!





**A Trip to the Humane Society
by Annie Borders,
Rolling Hills 4-H Club**

In January, our Dog Project went on a field trip to the Humane Society of Silicon Valley. It was AMAZING! We got a tour of the facility and saw dogs, cats, and the rabbits. We donated pillows, blankets, dog toys, cat toys, and other pet supplies. At the end of the dog section, we saw some German Shepherd Siberian Husky puppies.

They were SO cute! Instead of it being a dark, cold, scary shelter like in the movies, with the dogs in tiny cramped cages, the Humane Society feels more like a nice warm home.

All of us learned that the first animal the staff at the shelter took care of was a horse. Since then, they have taken care of over 500,000 animals. They even took care of an ALLIGATOR! We found out that the animal that needs their care the most is the cat. We learned that because cats have litter after litter of kittens, there are so many unwanted kitties in the world. They spay or neuter cats before finding them a good home.

I learned of volunteer opportunities at the shelter. I can volunteer to socialize dogs and this includes petting them. My favorite thing in the world!! I can't wait! We are lucky to have such a wonderful shelter in our community. I recommend the shelter to other 4H projects for a field trip. I learned a lot. And, if you want to adopt a pet, the Humane Society of Silicon Valley is the place to go!



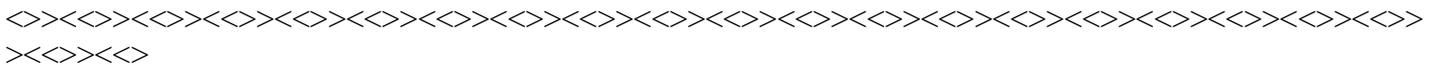
All Dressed Up and Ready to Dissect!

By Paula Piva
Coyote Crest 4-H Poultry Junior Leader

Members of our Coyote Crest 4-H Poultry Project met on December 21st, 2012 to dissect a chicken. We got all dressed up like veterinary surgeons to prevent getting any bacteria on ourselves.

We examined the digestive system from the beak all the way to the vent. The crop was fun to open and see what was inside. I found the gizzard to be very interesting

because I never thought the inner lining would be so thick and rough. I was hesitant to work on the chicken at first. Nevertheless, once I started cutting the intestines, I wanted to explore other parts of the chicken. Dissecting a chicken with my poultry project friends was fun and memorable!



Snack Sign-up for County Council Meetings:

It has been a tradition and agreement that at every Council meeting, a club sponsors the snacks for all. The following clubs will be sponsoring snacks:

May - Rolling Hills

July - Homesteaders

Upcoming Events for 4-H Volunteers:

Shooting Sports Workshop: Muzzle Loading Discipline 5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, March 23, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.



ANR programs are open to participants, regardless of their ability to pay. Program fees will be waived or reduced for eligible youth. Please contact your Club Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator if you have any barriers to participation or any special needs

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