4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4-H Youth Development is the youth program of Colorado State University Cooperative Extension. Extension staff with 4-H Youth program responsibilities manage 4-H programs within their location.

A. The 4-H Club Name and Emblem are held in trust by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and are protected under 18 U.S.C. 707 for the educational and character building purpose of the 4-H Club program and can be used only as authorized by the statute and in accordance with the authorization of the Secretary or his designated representative.

B. The 4-H Club Name and Emblem may be used by authorized representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, the land-grant colleges, and the Cooperative Extension Service, in accordance with these regulations, for serving the educational needs and interests of boys and girls enrolled in 4-H Clubs.

C. Any use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem is forbidden if it exploits the 4-H Club Program, its volunteer leaders or members, or the United States Department of Agriculture, land-grant colleges, Cooperative Extension Service, or their employees.

Volunteer Development

Extension Youth Development programs require the effective use of volunteers. A volunteer development system has been developed for Cooperative Extension, as set forth in the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Handbook to:

- help identify potential volunteers
- screen to determine skills and interests of individuals and assess references provided
- orient to position assignment
- provide training to enable them to do the job
- utilize the volunteer expertise to provide effective programming for youth
- recognize them for their efforts
- evaluate this experience with them to determine future goals


Youth Protection Policy

Colorado State University Cooperative Extension is dedicated to providing a safe learning environment for youth who participate in our programs. See Section 9 of the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Handbook and page 4-15 for further information and policy guidelines.

Please refer to The 4-H Name and Emblem: Guidelines for Authorized Use published by USDA, Cooperative Extension System, 1994, available in county Extension offices and the Director’s office, for complete information regarding the use of the name and emblem.