

# California 4-H

## Uniform, Hat & Pins



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# Official 4-H Uniform

## 1. Official Uniform (Dress)

1. Official green uniform 4-H hat branded with the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) and the 4-H clover logo mark.
  1. We are the only state to have a 4-H uniform hat. Many members display their achievement pins on their hats.
  2. A 4-H hat is NOT required for membership in the California 4-H Youth Development Program or for participation in any 4-H activity, event, or occasion. Please see: [4-H Hat Etiquette](#).
2. Members have a choice of bottoms, appropriate to the event or activity, as specified in the [California 4-H Dress Guidelines](#).
3. A traditional 4-H tie or scarf worn with the collared white shirt.
  1. The tie and scarf are both worn under the collar.
  2. Any member can wear either the scarf or the tie, whatever the member is most comfortable wearing.
  3. Ties/scarfs are optional.
4. A plain white shirt with a collar.
  1. Any length of sleeve, including sleeveless is acceptable.

## 2. Alternate Uniform (Casual)

1. For casual events, members may wear their club or county 4-H branded shirt without the uniform hat.

\*The 4-H uniform guidelines follow the protocols in the [California 4-H Dress Guidelines](#) that apply to all 4-H members.



## 4-H Tie & Scarf

- Members can wear either a 4-H tie or scarf with their official dress uniform.
- Both are available for purchase at your local 4-H office.



# 4-H Hat Etiquette



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# 4-H HAT

- Green hat with the 4-H clover emblem and UCANR insignia
- Both are available for purchase at your local 4-H office



## Stripes & Pins

- 4-H Year Stripes and Pins are worn on the right side of the hat.
- Officer pins can be placed above the year pin of the year served as an officer.
- Year stripes have a Gold Center when the member has been a Junior or Teen Leader for that year.





# Year Pins

5 years old to 8 years old



11 years old to 13 years old



- Year Pins are awarded for successful completion of a 4-H Year.
- The level is based on the member's age as of December 31 of the program year.

9 years old and 10 years old



14 years old to 19 years old



# Club Officer Recognition Pins





# Attendance Pin

ATTEND ALL 10 Community Club Meetings



Must be present at a minimum of 30 minutes of the meeting



# Leadership Pins



Leadership  
Pins for  
Intermediate  
and Senior  
Members  
who help  
with  
PROJECTS



# Presentation Pins

Presentations that are presented at County Level and above.

- The presentation must meet certain criteria on the evaluation form to receive an award.

Pins are awarded for Record Books that meet certain evaluation criteria.



# What is Star Rank?

- Star award ranking is a voluntary advancement program utilizing the Personal Development Report form (part of the [4-H record book](#))
  - Goal setting tool, aimed at encouraging broad-based participation and achievement in 4-H.
  - 4-H members record their participation in eight categories for the current 4-H program year on the Personal Development Report.
  - Activities are totaled for all years in 4-H and star awards are given to those 4-H members meeting the requirements.
- Junior, intermediate and senior members may all strive for star ranks.
  - Each star level takes an average of two years to complete.
  - Star rank achievers receive a tangible star, which is often attached to the [4-H hat](#).



Bronze Star: Complete at least 5 of the 8 PDR categories  
Silver Star: Complete at least 6 of the 8 PDR categories.



Gold Star: Complete at least 7 of the 8 PDR categories.  
Platinum Star: Complete at least 7 of the 8 PDR categories.



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# 4-H Hat Examples



\*Please note that the white hat is no longer used. All hats are green for all age levels.



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