



**Sonoma County Annual 4-H Club Leader Training**  
**Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00am – 1:00pm, 4-H Center, Rohnert Park**

**Questions for the Sonoma UCCE 4-H Office**

1. How are afterschool 4-H programs funded?  
Funding for 4-H Afterschool Clubs is through enrollment fees and voluntary family contributions. Once clubs are mature, they will likely conduct other fundraising activities. Additionally, the staff position to oversee the developing and growth of these clubs is funded by a special three-year source from the University of California.
2. If my club offers an “afterschool” Project, am I liable as a community leader?  
The proposal Diego shared for 4-H Community Clubs to offer 4-H projects during the afterschool hours (3:00-5:00pm) is one technique that may bring additional (and diverse) youth to your 4-H Club. These 4-H members would be members of your 4-H Community Club. Their project would be delivered by a 4-H adult volunteer project leader, just during the afternoon instead of evenings or weekends. Your responsibility as a 4-H Community Club Leader would be similar for any 4-H project offered by your 4-H Club.
3. How do you promote 4-H for Kids with disabilities?  
4-H programs must be open and accessible for all youth, regardless of physical or mental disabilities. More information for Club and Project Leaders is available in the handbook “Youth with Special Needs: Making 4-H More Accessible” at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/19693.pdf>.

Publications, meeting flyers, newsletters and other materials should advertise that meeting sites are accessible to individuals in wheelchairs, if in fact they actually are; they should also contain a statement informing individuals that if they require a disability accommodation to call the county office and make their request. For more information, please visit [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding\\_Toolkit/#3](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/#3)



4. Is 4-H going to be involved in the SCOE STEAM showcase?  
Not this year 2016, but given enough advance notice, we can host a Sonoma 4-H booth. Please know that as 4-H Community Club Leaders, you can represent 4-H at various community events and festivals.

4-H will be represented at the 2016 North Bay Science Discovery Day on October 29, 2016 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds! Please sign-up to help staff the booth at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=18903>

5. Does being in 4-H help with the “red-tape” involved with the volunteers working with public schools regarding clearance and insurance?  
The Office helps with facility use agreements, and associated insurance requirements, for 4-H Clubs using school facilities.

6. If clubs are struggling because they are so small, why don't they combine?  
This may be an option for smaller clubs. Contact Judy Ludovise to discuss this possibility. 4-H Clubs must have a minimum of 5 youth members from 3 families and 2 adult volunteers. 4-H Clubs in the 25-40 youth total range may be optimal because they provide members with more possibilities to serve in Officer positions, be Junior or Teen Leaders of projects, and actively contribute to club decisions.
7. Ideas for after school representative at club level (community meeting) or Club representative or junior leaders at afterschool club  
Yes, we want to seek ways to integrate 4-H experiences in the Community Club and Afterschool Club modes! Please contact Diego Mariscal ([diego.mariscal@sonoma-county.org](mailto:diego.mariscal@sonoma-county.org)) to talk about potential ideas.
8. Code conduct- what do you do when the offending adult is the comm. Leader husband?  
This may be difficult. Please contact Judy Ludovise ([Judy.Ludovise@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Judy.Ludovise@sonoma-county.org)) to discuss the specific issue.
9. Can you give ideas on outreach for the methods documentation form that targets females and minorities? Can you add social media to outreach documentation?  
The 4-H Outreach Methods Documentation (<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/167457.pdf>) contains categories for mass media, newsletters/flyers, personal letters, personal contacts, and other outreach activities. One category is "meeting places selected to encourage minority or female participation" because these groups are specifically mentioned in Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972. While most 4-H Clubs see abundant participation from female adults and youth, most are not in parity with regards to race and ethnicity.  
  
Parity is when the percent distribution of 4-H members by race and gender is proportionate to or within at least 80% of their respective representation of that group in the potential audience. Example: If there were 10% potentially eligible Hispanics in the county, to achieve parity, there should be at least 8% Hispanic in 4-H Clubs. (Sonoma County has 37% potentially eligible Latino/Hispanic youth)  
  
Locations that serve Latino populations in Sonoma County might include elementary and middle schools with high Latino enrollment and churches. These two locations are where you will likely find active parents who are looking to get involved with youth programs.  
  
Find more information on your responsibilities as a 4-H volunteer at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/244387.pdf>
10. What is the actual benefit of completing county record books are?  
Record keeping is a life skill promoted by the 4-H Record Book. In addition to the youth development aspect of Record Books, members are eligible for All Star, scholarships, and, if they submit a state book, the Diamond Clover Award.
11. Community leader binder (resource for new leaders)  
This would be a terrific resource. Who wants to help develop this? Please contact Judy Ludovise ([Judy.Ludovise@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Judy.Ludovise@sonoma-county.org)).
12. Treasurer manual
  - a. What order do forms go in?

- b. Contradiction?
- c. Treasurer book training.

Please connect with Diana Stornetta at [sprcrk@comcast.net](mailto:sprcrk@comcast.net) for specific treasurer questions.

13. Fair entry form who approves project completion? (can parents sign?)

The 4-H project leader should approve project completion, like the Annual Project Report.

14. Will Cloverdale (Jefferson elementary) get a 4-H afterschool club?

Maybe! Talk with Diego Mariscal ([diego.mariscal@sonoma-county.org](mailto:diego.mariscal@sonoma-county.org)) to discuss possibilities.

15. Is there a county officer training? If so when?

Please contact the Sonoma County 4-H Council executive board, the president is Amanda Schell at [tonyamanda@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyamanda@hotmail.com)

Reponses from Steven Worker, 4-H Youth Development Advisor