

Wyoming 4-H Policies



General

1. The Wyoming 4-H year is October 1 – September 30.
2. The 4-H Educator is responsible for assuring that all programs bearing the 4-H name and emblem are consistent with the mission, goals and policies of Cooperative Extension's 4-H program state-wide and nationally.

Youth Participation

1. Youth can participate in Wyoming 4-H program in two ways:
 - a. Enrollment in a 4-H club through county Extension office.
 - b. Special interest/activity/group/program sponsored by Extension
(Example: after school, enrichment, cloverbud, etc.)

4-H Club Enrollment

1. Youth that are 8 -18 years of age prior to January 1st of the current year may enroll in the Wyoming 4-H club program.
2. Youth may enroll in the Wyoming 4-H club program at any time of the year. Counties may establish reasonable deadlines for activities/events to ensure educational integrity and/or safety. (Example: county fair, county camp, etc.)
3. Youth may be a club member of 4-H in only one state and county at any time.
4. Youth and their parents/legal guardian must agree to and sign a Wyoming 4-H Code of Conduct.

4-H Clubs

1. The University of Wyoming Extension grants 4-H club charters to formally recognize their affiliation with 4-H. A charter gives a club permission to appropriately use the 4-H name and emblem and ensures the integrity and accountability of 4-H youth programming.
2. Failure to meet chartering requirements may result in the loss of the charter or restrictions placed on the club until becoming compliant with requirements.
3. 4-H clubs must comply with all federal and state laws including those regarding nondiscrimination.

Volunteers

1. 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by an official 4-H volunteer.
2. Official 4-H volunteers have completed the following:
 - a. Submitted the enrollment paperwork to the County Extension Office.
 - b. Successfully passed a background screening prescribed by UW every 5 years.
 - c. Received training from the 4-H youth program.
 - d. Upon completion of screening, training, and enrollment, volunteers are appointed by the 4-H Youth Educator and are considered unpaid employees of the University of Wyoming.
3. Adult volunteers can enroll at anytime of the year and must agree to and sign the Wyoming 4-H Volunteer Leader Agreement.
4. Volunteers can be terminated from their service to the program for any or no reason.

Volunteer Chaperones for Out-of-County Travel and Overnight Stays

1. All 4-H sponsored youth activities that involves out of the county travel or overnight stays must be supervised by 4-H adult volunteers designated as chaperones by the 4-H Youth Educator prior to the event/activity.
2. Chaperones for overnight stays must be official 4-H volunteers that are at least 23 years old and be designated, as such, by the county 4-H Youth Educator prior to the event or activity.
3. All transportation laws, including traffic regulations and seat belt usage requirements, must be enforced during any transportation of youth by a 4-H Youth Educator or volunteer.

Competitions, Events, and Activities

1. All youth and adult volunteers must meet the eligibility requirements specific to any 4-H sponsored competition, event, or activity.
2. For state competitions, youth must represent the Wyoming county program where they are a current member.
3. All state awarded out-of-state opportunities to compete require official designation from the State 4-H Office.

Special Policies

1. All shooting sports related 4-H events, competitions, and/or activities must be directly supervised by an official 4-H volunteer who has received additional required UW 4-H training designated by the State 4-H Program for the discipline, event, competition, or activity being supervised.
2. All bank accounts associated with the 4-H program must have a unique EIN number that is on file with the county 4-H Educator.
3. All bank accounts associated with the 4-H program must have at least two UW employee's names on the signature card.
4. All property purchased by any 4-H club, group, or committee is the property of the UW 4-H program.