

The 4-H Hat

The 4-H Hat is a source of pride in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. We are the only state to have a 4-H Club Hat. Many members use a hat to place their achievement pins, and to wear during animal showing at fairs. **A 4-H Hat is NOT required for membership in 4-H, or for participating in any 4-H activity, event, or meeting.**

4-H Hat guidelines:

Each county may have modified these to fit the county.

Hat to Wear:

- **Green Hat** - Junior 4-H members, defined as a 4-H member in the eighth grade and below (or 13 years old and younger)
- **White Hat** - Senior 4-H members, defined as a 4-H member who has graduated from the eighth grade (or 14 years old and older)

Stars, stripes, and medals:

- **Left Side of Hat** - All Star, gold, silver, or bronze stars in front. (Members may "cascade" the stars, although some counties request that members only wear their current star. Check with your county.) Behind the stars are placed the Jr./Teen Leader emblems after that, the Hi 4-H Patch. These patches are only worn while the member is serving as a junior or teen leader.
- **Right Side of Hat** - A year stripe and year pin is earned for each year completed in 4-H.
 1. Junior members (8th grade and below) wear a white stripe on green background for that year.
 2. A Jr. Leader (6th, 7th, 8th grades) wears a gold stripe on green background for that year.
 3. Senior members (9th grade and up) wear a green stripe with a white background for that year.
 4. Teen Leaders (9th grade and up) wear a gold stripe on white background.

Year pins are fastened to the hat above the stripe, starting with the first year pins next to the 4-H clover. The 100% attendance pin, if earned, should be fastened to the hat below the stripe of the year that the pin was earned.

- **Either Side** - Medals may be worn on either side of the hat, but it is recommended that they are on the left side of the hat.
- **Note** - No other pin or ribbon should be worn on the hat other than 4-H. The hat should reflect the dignity of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Some items that should not be worn on the hat include buttons, fair medals, convention badges or other regalia.

Right Side View



Left Side View

