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The California 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted the following 4-H uniform guidelines. Implementation of these guidelines will begin during the 2015-2016 4-H program year. This document includes details of the transition plan to the new uniform guidelines.

The uniform is made up of the following garments:

1. Official green 4-H hat branded with the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) and the 4-H clover logo mark. These can be purchased through Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies as of August 31, 2015.
2. A plain white shirt with a collar. Any length of sleeve, including sleeveless is acceptable. Alternate Casual Uniform: For casual events, members may wear their club or county t-shirt, without the hat, provided that t-shirt has the proper use of the 4-H emblem according to the [California 4-H Branding Toolkit](#).
3. Members have a choice of bottoms, appropriate to the event or activity, as specified in the [California 4-H Dress Guidelines](#).
4. OPTIONAL: A traditional 4-H tie or scarf worn with the collared white shirt. The tie and scarf are both worn under the collar. Both boys and girls can wear either the scarf or the tie. These can be purchased through Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies.

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

There is no uniform requirement in the 4-H YDP and a uniform cannot be required for participation in any 4-H YDP sponsored activity, event, meeting or occasion.

Members participating in fairs are advised to follow the fair rules established by the sponsoring organization.

Uniform Guidelines Transition Plan:

Implementation of these guidelines will begin July 1, 2015. Full implementation may take several years and has the following transitional exceptions:

1. Youth who are currently senior level members may continue to use their white hat for the remainder of their 4-H career. New senior members as of July 1, 2015 will be able to purchase a white hat from Leslie Carman until December 31, 2015 and may continue to use their white hat for the remainder of their 4-H career. Senior members may also convert to the green hat as they choose. As of January 1, 2016, only green hats with the new UC ANR brand and 4-H logo will be available





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for purchase through Leslie Carman. It is expected that by July 1, 2020, all members will be wearing the UC ANR 4-H branded green hats.

2. There is no need for clubs and counties to discard pre-purchased green hats (without the UC ANR brand) that have not yet been distributed to members. These existing hats may be given to members until the existing stockpile has been depleted.
3. Clubs and counties who have pre-purchased white hats may distribute them to members who reach senior level by July 1, 2015. Remaining hats may be kept and distributed as a replacement to damaged or lost hats of senior members only.
4. Counties who are aware of local merchants that sell the 4-H hat are advised to work with them to ensure they purchase the 4-H hats through Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies.
5. In preparation for fairs in 2016, 4-H YDP staff representatives on the Division of Fairs and Expositions State Rules Committee will inform the committee of these new uniform guidelines. The State 4-H Office will also inform the California State Fair Board of Directors and work to transition the uniform requirements for 4-H exhibitors to align with the new uniform guidelines.
6. In preparation for fairs in 2016, counties should contact their local and district fair boards to inform them about the change in 4-H uniform guidelines and work with them to transition to the new uniform guidelines. The State 4-H Office will develop a memo that counties can share with their local and district fair boards. This transition may take several years.

Fair Uniform Guidelines:

The dress requirements for 4-H exhibitors are determined by each fair and exposition. The State 4-H Office sent a letter to each California fair in October 2015 requesting that they change their uniform requirements for exhibiting 4-H members to include the following:

1. Official green 4-H hat branded with the UC ANR and the 4-H clover logo mark. To view the new hat: http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/California_4-H_Hat/.
2. A plain white shirt with a collar. Any length of sleeve, including sleeveless is acceptable.
3. Dark blue, black, or white pants (all fabric types are acceptable). Alternative Casual Uniform: Shorts may be worn for casual, non-livestock activities (e.g., still exhibits). Alternative Business Uniform: Dress slacks or skirts may be worn for business events and activities (e.g., interviews or formal presentations)





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4. **OPTIONAL:** A traditional 4-H tie or scarf worn with the collared white shirt. The tie and scarf are both worn under the collar. Any member can wear either the scarf or the tie, whichever the member is most comfortable wearing.

Youth may continue to use the current green hat with only the 4-H clover logo mark for the remainder of their 4-H careers. Youth who are currently senior level members may continue to use their white hat for the remainder of their 4-H careers. Senior members may also convert to the green hat as they choose.

Fairs are not under the jurisdiction of the 4-H YDP and may require their own clothing for showing. Dress requirements for 4-H participation at fairs and expositions is determined by each fair or exposition.

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