



Sutter-Yuba Counties 4-H Youth Development Program
4-H PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT BOARD
INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

General Description

The Initiatives Program Development Committee is responsible for strengthening the presence of the initiatives throughout existing programs, activities, and curriculum.

The activities/programs that come under the initiatives category are:

- Citizenship and Leadership
- Healthy Living
- Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET)
- Thrive

Objectives of Committee

1. To strengthen the educational quality of the 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) in Sutter and Yuba Counties.
2. To ensure that programming is aligned and consistent with the UC 4-H YDP Framework.
3. To identify ways that members and leaders can incorporate initiative-based work into their project work.
4. To identify how the initiatives can be embedded in all areas of program delivery.
5. To ensure that all 4-H events and programs which are a part of this program area will have chairpersons and adequate youth and adult volunteer support to carry out the event, activity or program.

Specific Responsibilities of Committee

1. Responsible for both annual and long range program planning, curriculum and event/activity planning that incorporates or emphasizes the initiatives.
2. Organize and coordinate events/activities with the various event/activity committees.
3. Evaluate events/activities in relation to the current use of initiative materials and make recommendations concerning them.



4. Make recommendations for new programs/ events/activities that incorporate citizenship and leadership, healthy living, SET, and Thrive. Make recommendations to discontinue outdated events/activities.
5. Screen, evaluate and recommend the purchase of educational materials and how the items should be used.
6. Make recommendations to the 4-H Program Development Board and Management Board for youth and volunteer training in these areas.
7. Attend county, regional, state, or national workshops or conferences as necessary.

Membership

No less than seven members with a majority of senior youth members, if possible. All geographic areas and ethnic diversity of the county should be represented as much as possible.

Specific Skills

1. Either an understanding of or a willingness to devote the time necessary to learn about the 4-H YDP, especially in the areas of Citizenship and Leadership, Healthy Living, SET, Thrive.
2. Interest in educating adult volunteers and youth members in these areas.
3. Ability to relate to and work with youth and adults from a wide range of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds.
4. Enthusiasm, patience and understanding.
5. An understanding of the 4-H Program Development Board and Key Leader concepts in the county and the ability to communicate it to others.
6. Be a 4-H Adult Volunteer prior to serving on the committee. Becoming a 4-H Adult Volunteer includes: enrolling in 4-H and paying the enrollment fee, completing fingerprinting, and attending New Volunteer Orientation.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Attend the meetings and be an active participant of the Initiatives Program Development Committee in order to help develop and implement a dynamic educational program.
2. Follow through on any committee or sub-committee work.

Relationships

The members of the committee will be responsible to the Initiatives Key Leader. The committee members will cooperate with one another. They will also work with the Adult Leadership Committee to develop deliver trainings in the initiative areas.

Time Involved

The time needed for committee members to do the job varies throughout the year. It is estimated that, on the average, no more than 4 hours per month throughout the year would be required.

Term of Appointment

Two-year term with option for one-year reappointment.

I have reviewed this agreement and am willing to volunteer and to serve on the Sutter-Yuba Counties 4-H Initiatives Program Development Committee.

4-H Adult Volunteer

Date

Initiatives Key Leader

Date

This document was developed by Rita Boyes, 4-H Program Representative in Sutter-Yuba Counties. It is based on materials originally developed by Richard P. Enfield, 4-H Youth Development Advisor and County Key Leader in San Louis Obispo & Santa Barbara Counties and Richard L. Mahacek, 4-H Youth Development Advisor in Merced County.

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