

We are experiencing some changes to the 4-H program. The UCCE state office has been covering the short fall in our funding for the last several years for the 4-H program across the state. As a result of the state budget being reduced and past short fall in funding, we are facing some changes to our 4-H program. The UCCE state office will no longer be covering the short fall in funds needed to run our 4-H program. The 4-H staff has been a work to communicate the situation with the 4-H community at the 4-H council meeting and newsletters. The 4-H staff have also tried other ways to receive financial support for our 4-H program. We have come up with several ways to fix the short fall in funding for our 4-H program. It will take all of the 4-H families to make this amazing program thrive.

The 4-H council and 4-H staff have met several times to discuss ways to meet the funding needs of our 4-H program. As a group we have explored different ways to solve our funding needs for the 4-H program going forward.

We discussed increasing the enrollment fee but first we researched other youth organizations registration cost. We found that youth sports including pop warrener football, basketball, soccer and bowling registration fees are between \$200 to \$400. We were shocked to learn what a bargain 4-H enrollment is even with the fee increase this year.

Phase 1:

1. 2019-2020 Enrollment Increase

- a. We have designed three tiers for 4-H registration fees. The sooner you register and pay the fees the more money your family saves.
- b. We are looking into families paying with a credit card option. We are waiting for the details on this process from 4-H State office.
- c. The 4-H state office will be opening the 2019-2020 online enrollment system on July 1st.

2. 4-H Renewing members & leaders enrollment fees for 2019-2020

Early Bird Enrollment & Fees paid

\$85 - July 1st – August 31st – Youth Members

\$25 – July 1st – August 31st – Adult Leaders

Regular Enrollment & Fees paid

\$105 – September 1st – November 30th – Youth Members

\$30 – September 1st – November 30th – Adult Leaders

Late Enrollment & Fees paid

\$125 – December 1st – June 30th – Youth members

\$30 – December 1st – June 30th – Adult Leaders

3. 4-H New member & leader enrollment fees for 2019-2020

- a. \$85 - July 1st – August 31st – Youth Members
- b. \$25 – July 1st – August 31st – Adult Leaders
- c. IF THE FEES ARE PAID WITHIN 30 DAYS OF REGISTRATATION. IF NOT PAID WITHIN 30 DAYS THEN CURRENT FEE SCALE APPLIES TO THE TIME OF YEAR REGISTERED!

Just a reminder to all youth, parents and leaders. A 4-H member needs to be in good standing to be eligible to show livestock at the county fairs and state fair! A member in good standing is current 4-H enrollment, 4-H registration paid, minimum of 6 hours completed in project plus 80% of the additional meeting required by project leader, members APR (Annual Project Report) completed.

Phase 2: Outreach

1. Outreach- Call to all 4-H club reporters/secretary youth members.
 - a. Write articles in the local media about your 4-H clubs actives, achievements and club meeting information. At least 4 times a year.
 - b. Post on your 4-H club public page about upcoming events, achievements, club meeting information
2. Increase our 4-H enrollment through membership drive

Phase 3: Fundraising

1. Fundraising – As a 4-H program, we are looking at different ways to fundraise to help meet our funding needs.
 - a. Clover Deli – work your shifts at fair
 - b. Still looking into other ways to fundraise.

We appreciate everyone efforts in growing and improving the 4-H program. The youth in our community benefit greatly from all the talent and leadership 4-H brings to them!

Thank you very much to all the effort and support of the 4-H program,

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