



## LASSEN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM EMERALD STAR PROGRAM

### Lassen County Emerald Star Guidelines

The Emerald Star is a county rank to recognize individual goal setting and accomplishments beyond the club level. It is not part of the state star rank system (bronze, silver, gold, platinum, or All Star).

**WHO:** All 4-Hers who are in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above, and have achieved the Gold Star Rank. It can be a team effort, but is limited to three (3) members.

**WHY:** To keep older members involved in a meaningful way in planning, implementing and evaluating a special activity based on local needs.

**WHAT:** The program should be something that is needed and productive on a countywide basis.

Your plans and goal can cover virtually anything. You may propose ideas for new programs; develop new projects, events, activity, or enhance an existing project with supplements that you develop.

The Emerald Star project cannot be counted on the PDR as community service but under Honors and Recognition when awarded.

#### **GUIDELINES**

- Choose a 4-H Leader/Mentor. The mentor will sign agreement and play an active role in the members' project.
- Return application, proposed plan, and leader/mentor agreement to Lassen County 4-H Office, no later than one (1) month prior to planned activity.
- The Emerald Star committee will consist of five (5) leaders approved by Council. The committee will schedule a preliminary meeting with applicant and leader/mentor. Proposed plan, time-line, goals, and budget of proposed project will be assessed.

**A final report of project must be submitted by August 31 of the 4-H program year. The final report should contain the following:**

1. Documentation of your finished project, including successes and failures, resources used, and any other items that document your project.
2. Statement of completion from leader/mentor.
3. Newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. (optional)

The final report may be written, audio tape, video tape, etc. (Be creative!!!)

Application, Plan of Work, and Mentor Agreement is available through the Lassen County 4-H Office, 707 Nevada Street, Susanville, CA 96130, and phone 251-8285.