FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORK

Funds

In addition to tax funds provided at the county, state, and national levels, private donors contribute funds to aid the educational program and prestige of the 4-H program.

The following policies pertaining to fund raising help to maintain the high standards of the 4-H program:

1. Funds raised in the name of 4-H Youth Development programs must be used in support of educational programs for 4-H members and volunteers and in a manner consistent with Extension policy. The use of private funds should reflect favorably upon the 4-H Youth program and the donors.

2. If use fees are assessed in a local 4-H Youth Development club or program unit, they are for the use of that unit for direct program costs. These fees cannot be a barrier to enrollment.

3. The 4-H name and emblem cannot be used in connection with the endorsement of a commercial product.

4. All fund raising activities for 4-H come under the jurisdiction of the General Solicitation Act and Gambling Laws of the State of Washington. Each county has a file on current regulations.

5. Private funds for 4-H Youth Development programs should be handled by a leaders council or other designated group not by Cooperative Extension faculty. If a member of Extension must become involved in the handling of funds, he is governed by University policies pertaining to this responsibility.

6. In general, contributions to 4-H Youth Development programs are tax deductible as gifts to a nonprofit, educational organization. Refer to the USDA bulletin entitled, "Tax Exempt Status of 4-H Organizations Authorized to Use the 4-H Name and Emblem" for detailed information. This is available in the county Extension office or from the State 4-H office.

7. A careful accounting of all funds identified with 4-H Youth Development programs will be maintained. Audits can be requested by the 4-H Youth Development faculty/staff at any time.

8. Cooperative Extension will cooperate with commercial concerns on a county, district, or state basis provided they desire to support the 4-H program without restriction and follow the state guidelines and regulations. Final approval must be granted by the State 4-H Program Leader.