

## University of California 4-H Unit Constitution

*Changes and additions to meet the needs of the unit may be made and must be approved by the County 4-H YDP staff and County Director prior to the unit approval.*

### Article I NAME

The name of this unit shall be the Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

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#### The purposes of this unit shall be:

- (1) To have fun while *learning practical life skills*.
- (2) To stimulate members *personal growth and development*. Help gain confidence and personal values. Provide learning experiences for members to practice and evaluate their growth.
- (3) To help youth *develop responsible citizenship*. Learn democratic ways and group living skills through practice. *Share* in community service and citizenship projects and activities.
- (4) *Develop* effective leadership among youth and adults.

### Article III Relationships

The 4-H unit is responsible to the county 4-H Volunteer Management Organization (VMO). 4-H VMOs and units are accountable to the University of California and obligated to follow policies and procedures, and abide by the core values of the University of California 4-H YDP.

### Article IV Membership

*Section I. Any boy or girl may enroll in 4-H units upon meeting the enrollment criteria:*

**Primary Member:** Must be 7 years old December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current program year. Primary members enrolling after January 1<sup>st</sup> must participate as a primary member until the end of the program year.

**Junior, Intermediate and Senior Members:** Must be 9 years old by December 31 of the program year and may continue in the program until the end of the calendar year in which they become 19 years of age.

**Home School:** Children are to enroll based on their chronological age.

*Section II. County guidelines and the specific purposes or projects of the local club, its leadership and membership, determine local membership eligibility.*

#### *Section III. Duties of the Members,*

It shall be the duty of each member to:

- \* Abide by the 4-H member Code of Conduct;
- \* Abide by the core values of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program;
- \* Attend meetings regularly;
- \* Study all bulletins and materials received from the University of California Cooperation Extension 4-H Youth Development Program;
- \* Do as much of the project work as is possible;
- \* Complete the project;
- \* Furnish reports required of the work done;
- \* Perform such duties of office of committee as may be required; and
- \* Help make the meetings interesting and helpful.

**Article V  
Officers**

*Section 1.* The officers of this club shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and other positions as deemed appropriate.

**Article VI  
Meetings**

The unit will have as many meetings as are necessary to complete project work and to carry on a successful unit program. A minimum of eight (8) meetings is recommended. Attendance and participation can be promoted through incentive and recognition programs.

**Article VII  
Organization Volunteers**

Adult volunteers must be present at all unit and project meetings where youth under 18 are in attendance. The Organizational Unit Volunteer and/or Assistant Organizational Unit Volunteer must be in attendance at all club meetings unless they arrange for an adult substitute. All Adult Volunteers must be fingerprinted and go through Orientation and be approved by the Los Angeles County 4-H Office.

**Article VIII  
Parents/Guardians**

Parents/guardians with youth under 18 should wait until a responsible adult is present before leaving their child(ren) at a meeting. They must arrive to pick-up their child(ren) 15 minutes before the scheduled meeting adjournment. Parents are expected to abide by all University of California 4-H YDP policies and core values.

**Article IX  
Nondiscrimination Statement**

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The **Palos Verdes Peninsula** 4-H unit of **Los Angeles** County affirms and complies with the University of California policy.

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**Organizational Unit Volunteer**