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§ 8.6 Authorization for use.

(a) The Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture may grant authorization for use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem:

(1) For educational or informational uses which the Cooperative Extension Service deems to be in the best interests of the 4-H program and which can be properly controlled by the Cooperative Extension Service.

(2) For services to youth which the Cooperative Extension Service determines it is not in a position itself to perform.

(b) Authorizations, when issued, will be valid for specified purposes and periods of time only. Application forms for requesting authorization to use the 4-H Club Name and Emblem may be obtained from the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

(c) Granting an authorization to an individual, organization, or institution for a specific use does not preclude granting a similar authorization to another individual, organization, or institution for the same or a similar purpose.

(d) All uses of the 4-H Club Name or Emblem shall be consistent with the educational purposes, character-building objectives, and dignity of the 4-H program and the 4-H Club Name or Emblem shall be given a position of prominence. It is not permissible to superimpose any letter, design, or object on the 4-H Club Emblem, or to materially alter its intended shape.

(e) Specific authorization is not required to use the 4-H Club Name or Emblem in media such as newspapers, periodicals, and radio and television programs when such use is primarily for educational or informational purposes. Likewise, specific authorization is not required to use the 4-H Club Name or Emblem in those exhibits, displays, etc., which are designed primarily to pay tribute to or salute the 4-H program and are in keeping with the policies enunciated herein.

(f) Authorization must be obtained for use of the 4-H Club Name or Emblem by other than representatives of the Cooperative Extension Services, the land-grant institutions, and the National 4-H Council in connection with contests and awards, books, booklets, charts, posters, and all other forms of publications; all calendars regardless of origin or use; theatrical and nontheatrical motion pictures; slides, slide films, and other visual and audio-visual materials; supplies (whether to be sold or provided without charge); and titles of persons.

(g) Any authorization or permission for use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem may be revoked at any time after written notice.

§ 8.7 Continued use.

(a) The Cooperative Extension Services, land-grant institutions, local 4-H Clubs and groups and other officially affiliated 4-H organizations recognized by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service are authorized to use the 4-H Club Name or Emblem:

(1) For their own educational or informational purposes according to these regulations;

(2) On materials which are originated, requested, purchased, distributed, or sold by them for use in their respective geographical areas of responsibilities;

(3) Except as specifically authorized by the above-named organizations for use within the respective geographic boundaries specified (club or group, county, area, State) and as provided for in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers, retailers, purchasers or others cannot manufacture, sell, or distribute materials bearing the 4-H Club Name or Emblem.

(4) Any proposal for distribution on an interstate, regional, or nationwide basis of materials, supplies, and similar items bearing the 4-H Club Name or Emblem which originates with an organization or individual not affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Service shall be brought to the attention of the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.
§ 8.8 Use by public informational services.

(a) In any advertisement, display, exhibit, visual and audio-visual material, news release, publication in any form, radio and television program devoted in whole or in part to 4-H, the 4-H message or salute must be distinctly set apart from any commercial product message or reference.

(b) Advertisements, news releases, publications in any form, visuals and audio-visuals, or displays in any form must not include actual or implied testimonials or endorsements of business firms, commercial products or services, either by 4-H Clubs, other 4-H organizations and affiliated groups, 4-H youth participants, volunteer 4-H leaders, the Cooperative Extension Services, the land-grant institutions, USDA, or by any employees associated with any of the foregoing. Statements that a product is used or preferred to the exclusion of similar products are not permitted.

(c) The granting of an authorization to a non-Extension affiliated agency, organization or individual, for production of films, visual and audio-visual materials, books, publications in any form, etc., is contingent upon approval of the initial proposal and subject to review of the script of the visual or audio-visual or draft of the publication when the draft is in the final working form.

§ 8.9 Use in 4-H fund raising.

(a) Fund-raising programs using the 4-H Name or Emblem may be carried out for specific educational purposes. Such fund-raising programs and use of the 4-H name and emblem, on, or associated with, products, and services for such purposes must have the approval of appropriate Cooperative Extension office, as follows:

(1) Approval of the County Cooperative Extension Service, or the appropriate land-grant institution, if the fund-raising program is confined to the area served by the County Cooperative Extension Service.

(2) Approval of the State Cooperative Extension Service, or the appropriate land-grant institution, if the fund-raising program is multi-county or State-wide.

(3) Approval of the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, or a designee, if the fund-raising program is multi-State or Nationwide.

(b) When used to promote 4-H educational programs, the 4-H Club name and emblem, subject to obtaining authorization as provided in these regulations, may be used on or associated with products and services sold in connection with 4-H fund-raising programs so long as no endorsement or the appearance of an endorsement of a commercial firm, product or service is either intended or effected. Tributes to 4-H contained on or associated with commercial products or services, when such products or services are used for the fund-raising activities, are subject to the requirements of this paragraph. All moneys received from 4-H fund-raising programs, except those necessary to pay reasonable expenses, must be expended to further the 4-H educational programs.

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