

San Joaquin County 4-H Cap Etiquette

1. The green hat is worn by grade school 4-H members and the white hat is worn by 4-H members when entering high school. Service stripes are sewn on behind and in line with the 4-H emblem. Use white stripes for green hats and green stripes for white hats. Pins are fastened at the top of the service stripes in order with the first year nearest the clover. Gold stripes in lieu of green or white stripes are worn to show a completed year as a junior or teen leader and a completed year of club work.
2. The star of the highest rank (bronze, gold, All Star) is worn on the left front.
3. The Emerald Star is placed to the right of the highest rank.
4. The Hi 4-H emblem is to the right of the star if you are a Hi 4-H member.
5. Wear the junior or teen leader emblem as long as you are a junior or teen leader. If you drop the project, you remove the emblem but leave on the gold leadership stripes which you earned. This emblem is worn to the right of the Hi 4-H emblem or the star.
6. Wear county medals (national award medals, judging medals, demonstration medals, guide dog medals, etc.) on the left rear side. **DO NOT** wear celluloid pins, ribbons, convention badges or other similar regalia on your cap. Keep these in a scrap book.

FOR GIRLS: Regard the 4-H cap as another hat that a girl might wear. It may be worn at club meeting, public gatherings, and in church.

FOR BOYS: The cap should not be worn in church, at meals, or at any other time that a hat would not be appropriate. The cap should be removed at memorial services, indoors or outdoors, unless the boy is serving as a color guard.

Boys serving as color guards wear caps until the flags have been placed and they have been seated.

In saluting the American flag, the cap is removed and held in the right hand over the heart.

