



## 4-H Money

Education and character-building are the basis of the 4-H Program. Federal, State and County tax funds are the major sources of support. Some 4-H educational efforts cannot be fully supported by tax dollars alone and fundraising by 4-H groups has always been a part of 4-H programs.

In seeking private support for 4-H programs (like Weld County CWF) through fundraising, Extension Agents must insure that the funds are given and used according to Federal Regulations including the following:

- Fundraising and use of the 4-H Name and Emblem must have the approval of Extension Agents.
- All moneys received from 4-H fundraising, except those necessary to pay reasonable expenses must be used to further 4-H educational programs.
- The privilege of using the name and emblem of 4-H carries the responsibility of being accountable for its use and any funds that are used in its name.

The misuse or theft of 4-H funds will be dealt with through law enforcement. It is in everyone's interest to have safeguards and controls to prevent the opportunity for the misuse of 4-H funds.

While members, leaders and parents in your 4-H club or group raise funds to support the educational efforts of the CWF group, *the money is not yours.*

It is considered public money because it is raised on behalf of 4-H. This means that you must be legally accountable and responsible in handling 4-H funds.