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COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

OCTOBER, 2010



MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
Colusa 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
Maxwell 4-H – 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
Princeton 4-H – 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room
Stonyford 4-H – 2nd Sunday, time TBA, Town Hall
Williams 4-H – 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall (9th & C Street)
4-H Council – 3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

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CALENDAR:

OCTOBER 2010

- 5 New Leader Orientation, 6:30-8pm, 4-H Office Workroom
- 6 Maxwell Club Meeting & Achievement Night, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose room
- 9 4-H2O World of Water; 10:30-3pm, San Mateo
- 10 Stonyford Club Meeting & Achievement Night, Town Hall
- 11 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 11 Colusa Club Meeting & Achievement Night, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 11 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton High School Multipurpose room
- 12 Home Ec Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 19 Williams Club Meeting & Achievement Night, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 20 Livestock Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 23-24 Shotgun Shooting Sports Training Course, 8am-5pm, Ukiah

NOVEMBER 2010

- 3 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose room
- 6 Craft Expo, 9-3:00pm, Festival Hall
- 8 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 8 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 8 Princeton Club Meeting & Achievement Night, 6:30pm, Princeton HS Multipurpose room
- 14 Stonyford Club Meeting, Town Hall
- 15 Scholarship Workshop, 7-8:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 16 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 16 New Leader Orientation, 6:30-8pm, CIP Conference Room

FOR STATE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES GO TO: <http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calendar/>

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT NIGHTS:

Achievement Awards will be held at each club in October or November. These events are to recognize Leader and Member accomplishments for the 2009-10 program year. New families will learn of opportunities for which they can set goals. As you can see everyone benefits from this program and parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to attend. The majority of clubs combine Achievement Awards with their regular meeting so be sure to join us.

- **Arbuckle 4-H** - TBA
- **Colusa 4-H** – Monday, October 11, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes multipurpose room
- **Maxwell 4-H** – Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m., Maxwell Elementary School multipurpose room
- **Princeton 4-H** – Monday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., Princeton High School multipurpose room
- **Stonyford 4-H** – Sunday, October 10, 4:00 p.m., Stonyford Town Hall
- **Williams 4-H** – Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., Veteran's Hall

CRAFT EXPO

Colusa County 4-H Arts & Crafts leaders in conjunction with the County 4-H Council have scheduled a "Make it and Take it Craft Day". This event will take place at the Colusa County Fairgrounds Festival Hall, Saturday Nov. 6, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This will be a fun filled day where anyone can come and make craft items at cost. We currently have 18 different projects scheduled for the day. There will be craft projects for all ages. This is a great way to get your hours for your project.

Anyone wishing to help or donate craft items please contact Dawn Brown at 438-2396 or the Colusa County Extension office at 458-0580.

HOME EC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room the annual Home Ec Committee will be held. **This meeting is for all Jr/Teen Leaders and adult leaders in non-livestock projects.** On the agenda is: Organizing the Home Ec Review, reviewing Home Ec Judging displays, finalizing plans for the Crafts Expo, creating a list of judges to recommend for Atwood Hall at the Fair. Additional agenda items must be submitted by Monday, October 11.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

The 4-H Livestock Committee will meet Wednesday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. **This meeting is for all Jr/Teen Leaders and adult leaders in livestock projects.** On the agenda is: Recommendations from Fair Board Director Bob Vierra, Livestock Field/Judging Days and Hi 4-H service project of Showmanship Workshop. Additional agenda items must be submitted by Tuesday, October 19.

ENROLLMENT NOTE:

If your email address has not changed in the online system it is most likely because your family information needs to be updated. The website is: <https://california.4honline.com>. Log on to your profile with your old email address and the password you created and click Edit Family. Update all information and click Continue. If you have questions, please feel free to call your Key Leader or the 4-H Office.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Believe it or not some members have not cashed their checks from the Fair! The Fair Office has contacted each of you personally and has now asked us to remind you to do it immediately. Do what needs to be done to take care of the matter so the Fair Office can close their books.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION DATES:

- Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30-8pm
- Monday, November 15th at 6:30-8pm

These are the only remaining dates for the new leader orientations. The October meeting will be held in the 4-H Office workroom and the November meeting will be held in the CIP Conference Room. New leaders need attend only one of these orientations, have fingerprint clearance, complete enrollment and pay \$6.00 in order to be a 4-H volunteer. **Those who RSVP by the day before the meeting will have project related materials to take home, ie., Clover Safe Notes, proficiency and**

EMERALD STAR

It's time to start planning Emerald Star projects. The Emerald Star is an optional award between Gold and All Stars. The member obtains a Personal Development Report (PDR) form from the Colusa 4-H Office. In order to achieve the Emerald Star the member does a community service project in addition to performing PDR requirements from the Emerald Star column. Note: the PDR form from the state 4-H site does not work for this star award. Emerald Star Project Plans are due in the 4-H Office on November 1st.

CARCD SPEAK-OFF CONTEST

Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00pm

CIP Conference Room

2010 Topic: "How Can RCD's Assist Schools With Natural Resource Education?"

Rules & qualifications:

- Must be in 9th – 12th grade, in June prior to State Conference in November
- Not a previous 1st place winner at the state level
- Have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment
- Speech must be at least three minutes and not more than five, including the salutation and title

- Notes will be allowed (however not advised) at district and regional levels but NOT at the state level
- No props, costumes or visual aids at any level

For application and more information (including example of judging sheet) contact Patti Turner at the Colusa County RCD Office colusarcd@hotmail.com or 530-458-2931 Ext. 101. **The application is due to Colusa County RCD by 4pm on September 29th.**

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 3-9, 2010

Any 4-H club or group that plans to have a window display or activity during National 4-H Week needs to contact the 4-H Office in order to be judged. The theme this year is "Taking the Lead". The 2010 National 4-H Week materials can be found at: <http://4-h.org/brandnetwork/4-H-week-2010-toolkit.html>

The judges for window display judging will be looking for the following:

- Theme: "Taking the Lead"
- Invitation to join your club w/ mtg. info.
- What your club has to offer
- Creativity
- Display done by the members



SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Are you a senior (or junior) and need money for college? Donna Green, a "scholarship hunter" will share her secrets for success on Monday, November 15th at 7:00-8:30pm in the CIP Conference room. Pre-register by Nov. 10th to reserve your scholarship materials. This is a free workshop for 4-H members (the cost is \$10-15 for non-members depending on the date registered by). Seating is limited and is on a first come, first served basis, so contact the 4-H Office right away to register.

2010-11 PRINCETON CLUB OFFICERS

President: Jacob Chrestensen
Vice President: Kyle Wills
Secretary: Rachael Robledo
Treasurer: Amanda Britt
Reporter: Emily Watson
Srgt at Arms: Hernan Rodriguez
Recreation: Kyle Wills
Refreshment: Joey Wills

SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING WORKSHOP

Rifle Discipline – Ukiah, CA

Saturday, Nov 6, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 7, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the rifle shooting sports discipline. They will be certified as Volunteer Leaders and be eligible to serve as club or camp rifle project leader. There is a \$20 fee for the course. To get more information contact Program Rep. Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495. To register for the class you must complete the *Training Request and Registration Form* found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4785.doc> and have it signed by your county 4-H staff person. Mail this form along with a check for \$20 made payable to *Mendocino County 4-H* to:

Rifle Class

890 N. Bush Street

Ukiah, CA 95482

This class is not open to leaders from Santa Cruz County or Ventura County.

SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER TRAINER COURSE

Shotgun Discipline

2300 Vichey Springs Rd., Ukiah, CA 95482

Sat, October 23, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sun, October 24, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified trainers in the shooting sports discipline of shotgun. They will be certified as trainers and be eligible to serve as a trainer for other shooting sports leaders in shotgun. There is a \$30 fee for the course. To get more information or register for the class

contact Linda Edgington, UCCE Ukiah Office, at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495.

4-H₂O WOW – WORLD OF WATER

Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 10:30am - 3pm

San Mateo County Event Center

Basic Experiential Learning Tools about Water Quality and Water Conservation. This seminar is open to youth 13 and older and adults interested in water quality and water conservation. For questions contact Mary Meyer (650)726-9059 ext. 106 or mgmeyer@ucdavis.edu. Register by Tuesday, October 5th at ucanr.org/4h20.wow.

FRIENDS OF OUR TROOPS

If you really want to support our troops, do it the old fashioned way – with cards and letters! Friends of Our Troops is an independent, nonprofit morale program serving the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard at more than 1,000 places across the U.S. and around the world. Supporting our troops is not an empty slogan but has been reality for more than four decades, since the founding of Vietnam Mail Call in 1965. For more information, contact the 4-H Office or go online to www.FanMailForTroops.net.

WHY CONFERENCE

From our county we had nine 4-H members and two adult chaperones attend WHY Conference. They were:

Youth Participants

Drex Minto

Caitlyn Murphy

Cody Murphy

Samantha Murphy

Weston Leighty

Madison Leighty

Julio Quijano

Brandon Carlsen

Sarah Marsh

Adult Chaperones

Serena Carlsen

Adrian Murphy

Thank you for representing our county!

ART & SCIENCE OF BUBBLES

Ever wonder why bubbles pop or if you can make a square one? This section includes bubble recipes, magic and much more:

http://www.cleaninginstitute.org/clean_living/art_science_of_bubbles.aspx

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

• ADAM CUTTER • ALYSSA RIOS •
• BRANDON CARLSEN • CODY PEARSON •
• DEVIN LEE • JULES KING • KASSIDY
• TALBOT • LUKE VOORHEES • MAUREEN
• LAGRANDE • NILAH PEARONS • SAMANTHA
• MURPHY • SARAH MARSH • TARRA
• EDWARDS • THERESA LAGRANDE • AUSTIN
• ALVERNAZ • CAITLYN VACA • GEORGIA
• ENGLISH • JESSICA HICKEL • KAYLA
• BERNARD • LANE WORLEY • MACY REAMER
• MARIAH CORONA • OSCAR COLSA-
• VALENCIA • RYLEE CODER • SAUL
• CARRILLO •

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT

The 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of California is committed to providing a safe environment for young people involved in Cooperative Extension activities. All volunteer leaders are required to enroll online (each year), be fingerprinted for a background check and attend an orientation meeting one time only, (unless there is a break in service.) If a volunteer plans to take a year off they are encouraged to enroll and pay the \$6.00 fee so they do not need to re-do orientation and fingerprinting the following year. Any adult chaperoning an event (camp, SLC, etc.) must sign up as a 4-H leader and go through the process prior to the event.

We are asking each of you to recruit one new leader. We know everyone is busy so encourage them to take the team approach. Two or three leaders can share the six hour minimum project requirement, making their time commitment for a project not as demanding. Without our volunteer leaders, the projects available will decrease and so will our enrollment. Let's all help to keep our youth in

Colusa County involved in this worthwhile program.

STATE LEADERS FORUM

"Upgrade! S.E.T. Your System! Go!"

November 5-7, 2010

Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove

Portions of the forum will focus on sharing ideas about the various ways that 4-H educates its members in all aspects of the 4-H Youth Development Program, facilitated by volunteers and staff. **Priority Registration Due October 1, 2010.** \$45 per person before Oct 1. \$50 per person after Oct 1. Talk with the 4-H leaders, staff and parents in your club and county, form a group, and come to experience "Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!" at the 2010 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum! The South Section Forum Committee has been working hard to create an event that will be fun, stimulating, and educational. For information, registration forms, housing information on and off grounds, and a full list of educational workshops, visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>



READY, SET, GO! GO! GO!

Submitted by: Maureen LaGrande

Maxwell 4-H Club exploded into the new 2010-2011 4-H year with a good turnout of new and old members at our September 1st meeting. Excited members raised their hands, anxious to get involved and volunteer for the National 4-H Week, Phone Tree, and Football Clean-Up Committees. We discussed the upcoming All Colusa County 4-H Craft Expo to be held on Saturday, November 6th, at the Fairgrounds. Craft supply donations would be greatly appreciated and are necessary to help make the Expo a success. Quiet picks were made and prizes given out at the end of the meeting. Let's all remember to be respectful of each other and try our best to listen during the meetings. See you at our next meeting which is also Achievement Night. REMINDER: We changed our meeting start time to 6:30 pm.

INFORMATION FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE:

Cooking with Kids website contains video segments, recipes, and classroom materials. The program shows how easy it is for kids to prepare snacks and meals that taste good and that are good for them – using the five food groups as a platform for nutrition messages. Each segment of “Cooking With Kids” was developed with a registered dietician.

"Cooking With Kids" is designed to address the following issues:

- 1) Kids don't cook and have become accustomed to fast or snack foods.
- 2) Parents should cook more with their kids to educate and facilitate good communication.
- 3) Kid-friendly, good tasting and easy to prepare recipes and meals are hard to find.

Click here for more information: <http://cookingwithkids.org>

California and Washington Focus say they enhance these very skills as they engage in one of the citizenship study/travel programs and carry out a plan of action to address an issue in their school or community. The dates for the 2011 programs are:

California Focus

June 17 – 21 in Sacramento

Washington Focus #1

June 26 – July 4, Road to Democracy - Washington, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/ Yorktown

June 26 – July 2, Heritage Trail I – Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus #2

July 10 – 19, Global Journey - Washington, D.C, Philadelphia, & New York.

July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.

Financial assistance will be available. Applications and information will be up on the web by October 1. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/> or with Pat English, pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

California's 4-H International Exchange Program will host students from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway as well as send delegates outbound to Australia. Norway is a new opportunity for California 4-H. The hosting programs are all about sharing your summer time lifestyle with a teen from another culture. Come and be part of the excitement of learning about another culture and developing a friend in another country. Would you like to talk with someone who has hosted with the program in the past? Contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu. Or check the web site for information at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/>.

4-H Youth Training Babysitting Course

The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for Youth 12-17.

Location: Solano County 4-H Office

October 23- 9:30-4:00 & October 24- 9:00-12:00

This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. The youth will receive Child/Infant CPR training on the second day of the training. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. Bring a doll for fun! For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

Fashion cents, the 2011 Challenge category will be the \$15 Challenge. Members are challenged to coordinate and purchase an entire outfit for \$15 or less, not counting shoes. Additional categories for 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, and Wearable Art-Embellished. In CS-Purchased, the limit has been reduced to \$100 for everything showing. The Recycled rules have been rewritten to differentiate between recycling an old garment into a new one and alterations. In WA-Embellished, the rules clarify that the original garment must be purchased. The SFR committee welcomes your participation in planning and presenting this state event. To join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com. For event information, the Challenge flyer, and 2010 photos, see the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The committee is looking for historic photos and stories about 4-H Dress Revue and SFR when it was part of State Leadership Conference. If you have any to share, please contact Sue Moore at samoore@ucdavis.edu.

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program** is currently seeking applications to nominate and recognize 4-H members in grades 5-12 for their volunteer activities in the last year. 4-H participants may apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Top high school and middle level volunteers will receive silver medallions, \$1,000 awards and a trip to Washington, D.C. All applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to your county 4-H office by **November 1, 2010**.

4-H Record Books are due to your UCCE county office 4-H staff by **October 22, 2010**. Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/> for Record Book resources.

Update on the 2010 4-H National Youth Science Day: October 3-9, 2010!

The 4-H National Youth Science Day, started in 2008, is an opportunity to promote 4-H to the community while sparking the interest of youth in learning more about 4-H science, engineering, and technology activities. The **2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H2O**, will focus on water quality and climate change. Using a three-tiered experiment model, the experiment engages youth of all ages to learn at the simplest level how carbon dioxide can affect aquatic animals, plants and other living organisms in lakes, streams, rivers and oceans.

- **California 4-H NYSD Events:** Find events taking place in your county at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/2010_4-H_NYSD/ Submit your county's events for the webpage to Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu
- **Spanish Language:** Download translated versions of the 4-H2O experiment facilitator and youth experiment guides online at <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>.
- **Event Map:** To view the locations of different 4-H NYSD activities in an interactive map, go to <http://www.4-h.org/NYSD/event-map.php>

The **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP)** training is being held on **October 16, 2010** at the Cache Creek Nature Center in Woodland, California from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The program teaches fish and wildlife management, habitat requirements, and various scientific inquiry tools to better understand and investigate the environment. The California 4-H WHEP includes experiential activities for participants of all ages, from primary to senior. Registration is online at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/EE/WHEP/> and due by **October 6**. The workshop costs \$20. Contact Mary Engebret with questions at maryengebret@comcast.net or (707) 996-2981.



The **California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference** is at Shell Beach, California from **November 5 – 6, 2010**. The conference will explore the cutting edge of agriculture through guest speakers, workshops, field trips, and hands-on demonstrations. For online registration and more information, please visit <http://www.cfaitc.org/conference/>.

Planning for the new 4-H Club year? A wide variety of **4-H SET-Ready curricula** can help you plan your project! Free, online, downloadable curricula are available in rabbits, veterinary medicine, filmmaking, water quality testing, environmental education, agriculture, and primary member (K-3rd grade) activities. Download these curricula at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Curriculum/> Other curricula are available for purchase from the National 4-H Council at <http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/4-hcurriculum.aspx>.

TechXcite is an engineering curriculum, developed by Duke University and sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), to engage youth in after school, camp and club settings in rich and vibrant exploration of engineering, mathematics, science and technology. 4-H staff, volunteers, and afterschool partners in Butte, Merced, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Los Angeles Counties participate in this project. The spring 2010 units included bionic arm and solar oven cooking - and provided kits of materials and supplies to conduct the activities with youth. The fall 2010 units will include Your TV Remote and Quest for Speed. More information about California's participation is available by contacting Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu. More information about TechXcite and samples of the curriculum are available at <http://techxcite.pratt.duke.edu/>

Tools of the Trade II Inspiring Young Minds to be SET Ready for Life! is a 4-H guidebook to assist afterschool programmers with the incorporation of science, engineering, and technology into their activities. Adults and teenagers working with youth can use this resource to incorporate hands-on, inquiry-based activities to engage youth in SET learning. Outcome data showed statistically significant improvement in participant's understanding and confidence in applying inquiry and experiential learning. For more information on the different tools available in this book or to order a copy of your Tools of the Trade II guidebook, please go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Initiative/ToTII/>.

The **USA Science & Engineering Festival** will be held from **October 10 – 24**, with the Expo on the National Mall held **October 23 – 24** from 10 am to 5:30 pm. This free event features over 1,500 hands-on science and engineering activities and over 50 stage shows. More details at <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/2010festival/expo>.

4-H SET-Ready curricula are available for free electronic (PDF) download in the online library! Curriculum includes "It Came From Planted Earth", "Nature's Partners: Pollinator Protection", "Pond Mapping", "Quick 4-H SET Activities", and "Veterinary Science". Visit the library at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Curriculum/>

NASA is sponsoring Basics of Rocketry Workshops throughout the country to promote rocketry as a means of engaging youth in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics. These hands-on workshops introduce educators to the basic concepts of rocketry, prepare them to teach these topics to their students, and assist them in building their own rocket! For additional information, contact Dr. Wendy Holforty at Wendy.L.Holforty@nasa.gov or visit <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/teachingfromspace/educators/rocketry-workshops.html>.

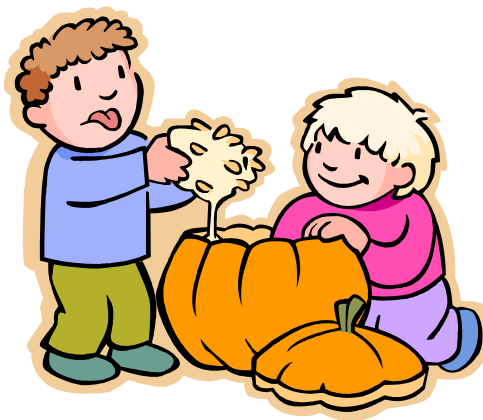
Reserve the date – February 5, 2011 – for the 3rd annual statewide 4-H science, engineering, and technology workshops! Workshops will take place in multiple locations across the state. The locations and the curricula are still being planned. If you have suggestions, please send them to Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.

The Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9 – 12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Each year, student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts our nation's leading industries. Students will utilize professional engineering software to develop their solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. More information is available at <http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/index.html>

The **UnitedHealth HEROES grants** are an opportunity for individuals to create interactive programs that are focused on fighting childhood obesity in their own community. If you would like to receive up to \$1,000 in funding to support your service-learning project that focuses on eliminating childhood obesity, visit <http://www.YSA.org/HEROES>. The deadline to apply is **October 22, 2010**.

4-H members with an interest in clothing and textile projects may be interested in entering the **California Make it With Wool contest**. The program has provided scholarships and prizes to sewing and knitting enthusiasts since the 1940's. If you would like to enter, visit <http://www.sheepusa.org>. The entry deadline for the District Photo Contest is **October 15**, and the Direct entries to the State contest deadline is **October 31**, 2010. You may contact Julie Castillo at Calif.wool@gmail.com for more questions.

Applications are currently being accepted for the **2011 National 4-H Conference**, to be held on **April 2-9th**. Applications are due by **October 1, 2010**. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. More information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/> or please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong: 530-752-5644.



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