



COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary (except this month!)
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 – See article for monthly dates, Town Hall
Williams 4-H – 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room
4-H Council – 3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

CALENDAR:

APRIL 2012

- 1 Due: Registrations for Poultry Fun Day to Cody Murphy
- 3 Mandatory Camp Staff Meeting, 5:30pm, CIP Conf. Room
- 4 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary
- 7 Poultry Fun Day, 9:00am – 2:00pm, Fairgrounds
- 9 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton High School
- 14-15 Shooting Sports Workshop – Rifle, Tulare
- 15 Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- 15 Due: Scholarship, Merit Award & All Star applications
- 16 **DATE CHANGE:** Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 16 **DATE CHANGE:** Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 17 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary
- 17 Sheep, Swine & Goat Weigh In, 3:30-6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 21-22 Solano Co. Junior Horse Show, 8:30am
- 25 DUE: 4-H Still Exhibit entries to Fair Office
- 25 Jr. Livestock Committee, 7:00pm, Fair Board room
- 28 4-H₂O WOW - World of Water, San Mateo Co.
- 28-29 Shooting Sports Conference, Oakdale Sportsmen's Club
- 29 Colusa County Horse Show, 9:00am, TK Marshall Pavilion, Fairgrounds

MAY 2012

- 5 Fair Awards sponsorships are due to the 4-H Office
- 7 Rabbits & Avian Weigh In, 3:30-5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 16 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 19 Siskiyou County 4-H Dog Field Day
- 24-28 Sacramento County Fair Junior Horse Show
- 30 DUE: Camp registrations



FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS—2012

- June 7-11, 2012 – Colusa County Fair, “Stars, Stripes and Fair Delights”
- June 30 – July 3, 2012 – 4-H Summer Camp, Camp Tehama
- July 18-22, 2012— California State 4-H Horse Classic, Elk Grove, CA <http://www.california-equestrian-center.com>

LIVESTOCK WEIGH IN/ENTRY DATES

- Sheep, Swine & Goats – April 17, 2012 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Rabbits & Avian – May 7, 2012 from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Entries are accepted at the Fair office during regular office hours 8-12, 1-5 M-F before your deadline day.

New for 2012: Ear tags must be in the animal's right ear, with the numbers visible from the top/backside of the ear (except cattle). All old tags must be removed, except scrapie tags. All items/pictures are required with entry from and fees or disqualification will occur. Pictures must be on 8"x10" on regular printer paper and labeled with the exhibitor's name.

Market animal exhibitors are reminded to monitor animal weight closely and practice good feeding practices. Overweight animals are not good practice and self-monitoring is better than rules being imposed by the fair management.

The buyers' luncheon at the Colusa County Fair this year is chaired by Colusa 4-H Club and Colusa FFA.

FAIR NEWS – ATWOOD HALL STILL EXHIBITS

New changes for 4-H Still Exhibits have been made. Be sure to read the premium book carefully and thoroughly.

- Still exhibit entry forms are due Wednesday, April 25, 2012 to the Fair Office. Be wise, do them before April 25th.
- New instructions for entering: enter online, download form, member/parent signs and turns into fair office. Fair office puts hard copies in 1 binder/club by May 9th. 4-H Staff reviews entries May 9th for age/project enrollment and award ordering needs. Project leaders review May 9-23, sign or disqualify entries. Leaders notify Fair staff of disqualifications.
- Best of Show will be awarded in each category (not division) with a ribbon and \$5 premium. All other places will be awarded a sticker to be exchanged for a ribbon if the exhibitor chooses. No entry fees will be charged.
- Open judging will be done in Atwood. Judges will give oral reasons, not written. Members may watch and listen to reasons from judges. The Fair office will provide tape recorders to the judges in order to accommodate members not able to attend. The 4-H office will transcribe tapes and provide hard copy to the Fair Office.
- Still exhibits except food and horticulture will be accepted Sunday, June 3, 2012, noon-6:00 p.m.
- Those exhibits will be judged Monday, June 4, 2012 in the morning, time TBA in premium book.
- Food and horticulture exhibits will be accepted Thursday morning, time TBA in premium book.
- Food and horticulture exhibits will be judged Thursday.
- All still exhibits will be released Monday, June 11th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
- 4-H Country Store and CANstruction will continue again this year in Atwood Hall.

4-H CANSTRUCTION

In order to benefit the hungry of Colusa County, the Colusa County 4-H program is sponsoring the CANstruction Competition. Structures are made entirely out of canned food within a 10'x10'x8' space. The final structure must be in place by 6:00 p.m. Tuesday 4-H still exhibits are due at Colusa County Fairgrounds.

There will be no entry fee for entering this competition since all canned goods will be donated. Your cost will be time and materials. Two classes of entries are available: Self-funded and Sweat Equity. If a CANstruction Sweat Equity Loan is needed the application process is simple. If the entry is self-funded steps 4, 6 and 7 do not apply.



For more photos from past competitions go to:
<http://www.canstruction.org/photo-gallery/canstruction-photo-archives>

Sweat Equity Loan Process

1. Draw up your CANstruction plans
2. Estimate the amount of cans needed.
3. Figure building cost of building supplies (canned goods) using current market costs.
4. Decide amount needed in CANstruction Sweat Equity Loan: 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%. Size and color of cans may be recommended by builder. Square footage needed of canned goods provided by loan is required.
5. Turn in entry forms by due date. Due date: same date as 4-H still exhibits.
6. Notification of loan awarded will be by the end of the following week after entries are due.
7. Loans will be in the form of canned goods delivered to building site in the amount of the loan awarded. Size and color of cans will be at the discretion of the loan provider.

Building Process

1. Teamwork is recommended and encouraged.
2. Gathering of cans may be done throughout the year (expiration dates must be by 12/31 of current year of Fair, ex: June 2011 Fair, expiration date 12/31/11 minimum.)
3. Gallon size cans (#10) may be used for interior of structure.
4. CANstructions following theme of Fair will be considered for special award.
5. Materials other than cans may only consist of less than 5% of the structure.
6. CANstruction ends on the Tuesday 4-H still exhibits are due at Atwood Hall.
7. Dismantling will be done by Monday noon after the close of Fair.

Rewards and Benefits Gained

1. Head: Managing- a wise use of resources, keeping records and due dates, planning/organizing, setting goals. Thinking- service learning, critical thinking, problem solving, decision making.
2. Heart: Caring – **concern for others**, empathy, sharing, nurturing relationships. Relating – accepting differences, conflict resolution, social skills, cooperation, communication.
3. Hands: Giving – **community service volunteering, leadership, responsible citizenship**, contributions to group effort. Working – marketable skills, teamwork, self-motivation
4. Health: Being – **self-esteem**, self-responsibility, character, managing feelings, self-discipline. Living – healthy lifestyle choices, stress management, disease prevention, personal safety
5. The feeling of doing so much good for someone who is hungry – priceless.

Bold items in Rewards and Benefits Gained section denotes areas related to record book sections. Additionally other areas may qualify if the following applies:

- Created under the direction of a project such as Leadership Development or Citizenship – **Project Skill Activities**.
- Deeper investigation and learning occurs about the food closet services, the hunger situation in Colusa County, etc. then **service learning** has been a part of the exhibit.
- The team creates a display board or writes an article about the exhibit. The person(s) doing the work may credit **presentation or publicity** in their record book. (See Presentation Manual for guidelines on display board presentations.)
- The exhibit receives Best of Show the team members get Honors and Recognition credit.

THE COLUSA FAIR 4-H COUNTRY STORE

The 4-H Country Store will be located in Atwood Hall and will be open from 5-11pm on Thursday and Friday and from 12-11pm on Saturday and Sunday during the fair.

All 4-Hers are eligible to prepare home baked and other items they wish to sell at this store to make money for themselves. There is no limit per child regarding items that they can sell. If you were enrolled in a crafts, sewing, gardening or foods project (this year or previously), you can sell items you have made and **keep the money earned!** The items sold do not have to be made in the project (you just need to have learned the skills in a 4-H project so you have the proper training for health and safety).

You must sign up to work one shift (2 hours) at the Colusa Fair 4-H Country Store. Primary members (and anyone needing help making change) must have an adult with them. You need to wear your 4-H uniform or a 4-H tee-shirt to make it clear that the products were made by 4-H kids.

Two weeks prior to the fair, pick up sales tags and inventory sheets from the 4-H Office. Each item must have a sales tag attached to it and be listed on an inventory sheet. Items will NOT be sold if this is not done.

Food items: cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, cupcakes, jam, etc. – you must also attach your own label with the name of the item and all the ingredients. Each item must be individually wrapped to keep it from being touched directly. It is helpful to display similar items in a basket or other container.

Crafts: let your imagination run wild! Anything appropriate for 4-H is fine.

Plants: must be in a tray or something to contain the overflow when watered.

Bring items to sell **EARLY EACH DAY** of the Fair.

For questions call or email: Tonya Terwilliger at 476-3004 / tinkscrafts@me.com or Adrian Murphy at 476-0933 / arbucklemurphy@frontiernet.net.

SUMMER 4-H CAMP – SAVE THE DATE

Camper dates: Saturday, June 30 - Tuesday, July 3

Staff dates: Friday, June 29 - Tuesday, July 3

First staff meeting: April 3, 2012 5:30pm in the CIP Conference room. Bring your own dinner.

Important! New this year, all adults and teens attending camp are needed to attend the first staff meeting. Subcommittee assignment and meetings will be set at this time for planning camp activities.

Registration is due on May 30, 2012. For camp registration, go to: http://cecolusa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/.

FREE 4-H WHITES AT THE 4-H OFFICE

There is a good supply of white pants and shirts at no cost to members to use for the fair. If you've outgrown yours from last year we'd be happy to add them to the supply. Our office hours are 8-5:00, Monday-Friday.

2012 NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The 2012 National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop is scheduled for May 6 – 11 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City, Kansas. **Registration fees and postmarked deadlines as follows: EARLY BIRD April 15, 2012--\$250.00 per person; April 16– April 20, 2012--\$300.00 per person; NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 20.** Return completed application with full payment to your State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

In order for a participant to attend a National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop, he/she must meet the following guidelines:

1. Have state 4-H (Level 1) certification in the discipline in which they are enrolling & Understand that this is National 4-H (Level 2) instructor training with the expectation that the participant return to their respective state to become a member of their state teaching team where they will commit to assist in teaching one state workshop annually for 3 years.
 2. Have a minimum level of experience teaching in the discipline to be determined by each discipline instructor(s).
 3. Have interest in 4-H and youth development.
 4. Endorse the train-the trainer concept in basic shooting skills.
 5. A participant may only attend two (2) workshops within a five (5) year period with exception that a participant may attend a third workshop in the coordinators class.
 6. Must have previous experience teaching youth and/or adults in your respective state.
 7. Have current 4-H Volunteer status or Extension Faculty status in their state.
 8. Must be recommended by the respective State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.
- For more information please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570.

MERIT AWARD, ALL STAR & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

DUE: APRIL 15, 2011 – available online at http://cecolusa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/

Merit Award – applicants must be jr/teen leaders, 8th grade graduates by June 2012 or 14 years of age or older. A prime consideration in the selection will be how much work, assistance and cooperation the member has given to younger members, leaders, and the club program. The award is a full scholarship to the State 4-H Leadership Conference at UC Davis, July 28 - July 31, 2012.

All Star – applicants must be 15 years of age as of January 2012, have a Gold Star or are eligible to attain a Gold Star this year. Up to 4 members may be chosen to serve as All Stars. Duties include attending State 4-H Leadership Conference, present at Achievement Night, other countywide events, represent 4-H at public events and be a counselor at 4-H summer camp.

College Scholarship – Any graduating senior that is a 4-H member should complete the application and return it to the 4-H Office by April 15th.

There are 3 components to scholarship;

- 1) Enrollment award based on your years enrolled in 4-H
- 2) Merit award is based on your interview and record book
- 3) Renewable scholarship – for each scholarship awarded, Council will set aside \$1500. You can reapply for three additional years, and be awarded \$500 per year if you meet the requirements: verification of enrollment, full time student with passing grades, and your transcript from the previous year.

SOLANO COUNTY JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

April 21-22, 2012

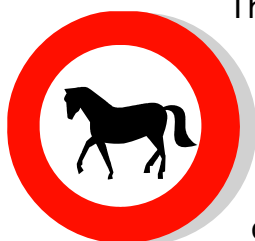
Howdy! The Dixon May Fair (Solano County) has opened up their Junior Horse Show to all counties this year! It is a 2 day event, to be held April 21-22, 2012 at the Dixon May Fairgrounds. Gates open at 6am, classes start 8:30 am sharp. Open to all 4-H/FFA and independent youth. Sat., April 21st is English/Western & Trail - Sun. April 22nd is Gymkana events and Queen horsemastership classes. Divisions are walk/trot junior & senior. The awards are engraved halters, trophies, girth belt buckles and other donated items. High point overall, high point & reserve to walk/trot, Jr., Sr., Novice and Cowboy awards will be given. We run 2 arenas. Any information can be found online Dixon May Fair Junior Horse Show or call 707-678-5529. This show qualifies for Ca. 4-H Classic and for the State Fair.

4-H₂O WOW – WORLD OF WATER

April 28, 2012

Please register to attend by April 23, 2012 at: <http://ucanr.org/4h2o.wow>. Join the fun and participate in 4-H₂O WOW - World of Water from the San Mateo/San Francisco County 4-H Youth Development Program. The FREE seminar will be held at the San Mateo County Event Center from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm for the whole family to attend. Featuring hands-on, experiential learning activities and models about water conservation and water quality; the activities can be completed at home, in school, after school, even at a birthday party (the edible aquifer is a big hit) to teach youth and adults about the importance of water quality and water conservation. In the discussion groups, participants will look at the data collected from the 4-H National Youth Science Day and brainstorm local implementation strategies and practices for improving and preserving water quality and increasing water conservation.

COLUSA COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW



The Colusa County 4-H Horse Projects would like to invite all of our young horse lovers and their families to come join us at the 8th annual Colusa County Fair Horse Show. The show is scheduled to take place on April 29th at the TK Marshall Pavilion at the Fairgrounds starting at 9:00. There will be great goodie bags and prizes, as well as buckles/reserve awards in each of 11 divisions. Classes in all Western events, including 5 gymkhana events, will be offered. This is a great chance to compete in a fun and friendly family-centered horse event! This show is NOT limited to just 4-H members-it is also open to the general public for youth 18 & under in Colusa, Glenn, Butte, and Yuba-Sutter Counties. FFA riders are welcome to enter in open classes as well. This show will be a qualifier for both State Fair and 4-H State Classic this year. For more information or entry forms please contact Dale Martini at 680-2410. We can also always use sponsors to help support our great awards! Hope to see you there!

STONYFORD CLUB MEETINGS

Held at Town Hall:

Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 4:00pm

Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 4:00pm

Held at the fairgrounds camp area:

Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 10am

Stonyford Club Meeting dates are not on a standard schedule so be sure to check monthly

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP – TULARE, CA

Rifle Discipline

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties).

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://tcdsa.org/>

2012 CA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS' MEETING

April 28-29, 2012

Oakdale Sportsman's Club

The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program welcomes all current and/or potential 4-H Shooting Sports project leaders and teen leaders (high school aged 4-H members) to attend a two-day leaders meeting. Participants will receive project and curriculum updates in all disciplines. Participants will be able to experience hands-on learning through rotations in the following 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines: muzzle loading; archery; rifle; and shotgun.

There is no cost to attend this leaders meeting. All participants will be responsible for their own lodging. Camping will be allowed on site with prior approval. Please see the agenda for which meals will be provided on each day. For more information or additional questions, please contact John Borba, CA. 4-H Shooting Sports Chair at 661-868-6216 or by email at jaborba@ucdavis.edu

The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program provides instruction in the safe handling of firearms and archery equipment while developing self-confidence and leadership abilities in 4-H participants. As a youth development education program, 4-H shooting sports uses the skills and disciplines of shooting to assist young people and their leaders in attaining knowledge and developing essential life skills. The program follows a standardized format, lists program components, and identifies clearly intended learning outcomes. <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7810>

SISKIYOU COUNTY 4-H DOG FIELD DAY

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds ~ Hosted by Yreka 4-H

Yreka 4-H will hosting a Siskiyou County 4-H Dog Field Day, Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka, California. This event is open to all 4-H members; members do not have to be enrolled in a dog project to participate. There will be seven classes: Written Test, Presentation, Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Tricks, and Costume Class. Members are welcome to enter any or all of the classes. Primary member classes will not be judged.



The four levels for competition are Primary (5-8), Junior (9-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14-19). The entry fee is \$5.00 per dog. The Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds has RV and tent camping available for a reasonable fee, and numerous dog friendly motels are located near the fairgrounds.

We are offering "I survived the Siskiyou County 4-H Dog Field Day", t-shirts for \$10.00 each and a food concession will be available at the field day. We are inviting all 4-H members in northern California and Southern Oregon, and are hoping to make this a fun 4-H event.

COLUSA COUNTY HOLDS 4-H HOME EC REVIEW

Recently the Colusa County 4-H Council sponsored a countywide 4-H Home Ec Review to give members the opportunity to showcase their skills learned this year. It was held Sunday, March 4, 2012 at Arbuckle Elementary. Members developed their judging skills by ranking items best to least, exhibited their project items and created greeting cards and placemats for shut-ins.

Primary members exhibiting in Arts & Crafts were Connor Murphy and Ellen Carlsen of Arbuckle 4-H. Connor also exhibited in Foods & Nutrition. Both received Participation Awards.

In Scrapbooking and cake decorating Hannah Azevedo from Maxwell received a red ribbon. Hollie Azevedo received a white ribbon in cake decorating. Drex Minto won Best of Show for his leathercraft exhibit. Table setting awards given to Chaena Laux, red; Mary Marsh, white and Charlie Laux Best of Show.

For photography Hollie Azevedo and Jessica Croxson were awarded red ribbons. Trevor Dennis, Ashleigh Ehrke won golds and Hannah Azevedo won the Best of Show. In the Clothing & Textiles category Jillian Wilson and Cody Murphy won blue ribbons and Samantha Murphy received Best of Show. Oscar Valencia won Best of Show for his Mini Garden.



In Arts & Crafts Gillian Ayala received a red ribbon. Receiving gold medals were Emma Doherty, Michelle Lemus, Charlie Laux and Chaena Laux. Sarah Driver won the Best of Show in this category. For quilting Hollie Azevedo and Sarah Driver won red ribbons and Audrey Pearson won the Best of Show. In the jewelry category Maureen LaGrande won a gold medal and Audrey Pearson got the Best of Show.

In Foods & Nutrition those receiving red ribbons were: Ashleigh Ehrke, Sarah McCabe and Janea Cameron. Gold medals went to: Valiria Burns, Audrey Pearson, Jessica Croxson and Nilah Pearson. Winning commodity prizes were: Jessica Croxson for almonds, Audrey Pearson for walnuts and Nilah Pearson for rice.

This event was a success in large part to those giving their time to the members: Genia Colsa, Sharol Kuska, Ralph Minto, Anita McCabe, Doris Pearson, Dawn Brown, Tonya Terwilliger, Laurie Amsler, Julie and Katie Driver, Shannon Laux, Shane, Serena and Brandon Carlsen, Julio Quitano, Dale Martini, Trish Ayala, Nancy Cutter, Amy Doherty, Kim Croxson and Josh Brown, 2011-12 Colusa County All-Star. Thank you also to Arbuckle Elementary and Pierce Unified School District for loaning their facility free of charge.

NORTH SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY 2012 RESULTS

The North Sectional Presentation Day was held on March 17th at Willows Elementary school. From Arbuckle 4-H in the intermediate category Carlyn Marsh, Jessica Croxson, and Sarah Marsh each received a gold award. From Colusa 4-H in the intermediate category Charlie Laux received a gold award, and in the junior category Chaena Laux received a gold award. From Maxwell 4-H in the junior category Cody Pearson received a blue award. Well done Colusa County 4-Hers!



2012 STATE FASHION REVUE "BEHIND THE SEAMS"

Date: May 26, 2012

Location: Olson Hall, UC Davis

Entry Categories: Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased (\$100 limit), Wearable Art-Embellished Plus 2 Challenge entry categories: \$19.99 Challenge [\\$19.99 Challenge](#) and "Bag Up Fashion" Tote Bag Challenge [Bag up Fashion Challenge](#)

The Recycled category will not be offered at 2012 State Fashion Revue.

Two Service Projects

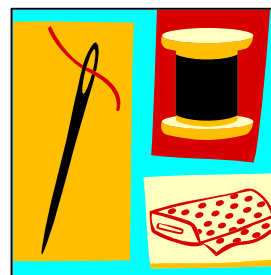
* Quilts for Wounded Warriors [Quilts for Wounded Warriors](#)

* Million Pillowcase Project [Million Pillowcase Project](#)

Sewing instructions for French (enclosed) seams go to <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/instructions/RollItUp.pdf>

Sewing instructions for zig zag finished seams, go to <http://utah4h.org/files/uploads/Resource%20Materials/Consumer%20and%20Family%20Sciences/Designer%20Pillowcase%20Update%202008.pdf>

[SFR Brochure 2012](#) 2-sided brochure to print about SFR categories & service projects. Print it for yourself, your club members and friends who might like to participate!



SFR Manual [SFR Manual 2012 smaller file](#), larger file, will take longer to download [SFR Manual 2012](#) SFR Manual version 2, revised for 2012. Counties, project leaders, members and families are encouraged to download and read the manual. It is not required for the manual to be adopted by county or sectional competitions, but it is recommended that it be used as the state-wide standard for 4-H Fashion Revues. Consistency will help 4-H members understand the requirements of their categories and methods of evaluation which will be used at each level of competition. The manual is a living document and will continue to be updated as needed. Hopefully it will help guide members and leaders in 4-H projects and competitions.

Registration survey will open April 1st. Final entry deadline is May 12, 2012

2012 CA 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

State 4-H Field Day – Hunt Hall, UC Davis on May 26, 2012

Regular 4-H Members ages 9-19 (enrollment in photography project not required). Limit two photographs per participant. Register at: <http://ucanr.org/4hphotocontest>. The deadline to register is May 4, 2012. For full contest details, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>. For questions, please contact John Trammell, CA 4-H Photography Contest Coordinator at techdude4h@gmail.com or 909-844-1747.

REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The ***Revolution of Responsibility*** Centennial Campaign celebrates the power of California 4-H youth taking action through an ambitious statewide program that is funding 1,000 service learning projects at \$1,000 each through the end of 2013. The California 4-H centennial is in 2013. It's an important milestone for an organization that is deeply connected to communities throughout California. Core to the 4-H experience is service learning, which takes the form of youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by leading, collaborating, and learning the importance of civic engagement by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities.

Do you see a need in your community?

Do you know 4-H members and volunteer leaders who work to improve their community?

JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility! \$1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups

Due April 15, 2012

<http://ucanr.org/join/>

To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

1. Identify an issue or problem in your community.
2. Find community organizations to collaborate with.
3. Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget
4. Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.
5. JOIN the revolution at <http://ucanr.org/join/>

A **toolkit** of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/Toolkit/>



Projects Funded in October 2011

- School Nutrition Education, Cottonwood 4-H Club, Yolo County
- Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party, Del Arroyo 4-H Club, Alameda County
- Robots in the Environment, Two Rock 4-H Club, Sonoma County
- Project Rabbit, Redwood 4-H Club, Alameda County
- Friends for Love, Felton 4-H Club, Santa Cruz County
- Goal Day, Santa Cruz County All Stars
- Service Learning, Westwind 4-H Club, Solano County
- Sutter County Flag Project, Sutter Buttes 4-H Club, Sutter County
- 4-H Million Trees Project, San Mateo Countywide Project

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT THE 2012 STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

California 4-H offers a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas:

- Science, Engineering and Technology (SET):
Renewable Energy
- Citizenship: Military Youth: "**Speak Out for Military Kids**"
- Healthy Living: **Healthy Foods**

Participants may only choose ONE focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the PRIMARY topic of the presentation. Youth must first qualify through

county and sectional events in order to present at the State 4-H Presentation Day. For details, visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities or see full page sheet at the end of this newsletter.



STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

• ALLISON WARD • ASHLEY DOWDEN • CALE KUSKA • CODY MOORE • COLE SCHREINER • COLTON CARRERE • ELIZABETH MYERS • EMILY EHRKE • ETHAN RUBENDALL • FAITH COOK • GARRETT GRIMMER • HANNA SCHNEIDER • JILLIANN WILSON • JUSTIN LEE • JUSTIN PINGREY • KENNIDY MOSS • KYLE WILLS • LILY WOODRING • LOGAN FORRY • LUKE WESTON • MADISON MILLER • MICHAEL HARRIS • MORGAN COTTER • NICHOLAS WILSON • NOE GUERRERO • OLIVIA JARRETT • SARAH MCCABE • SARAH MONK • TAYLOR PERRY • VINCENT FERRARA •

CA NORTH SECTIONAL 4-H/FFA HORSE EXPO

June 9-10, 2012

Lassen County Fairgrounds in Susanville

Saturday, June 9, 2012 – 10th Annual 4-H/FFA Horse Show

10:00am - English, Western, Trail, Bareback and much more

5:30pm – Gymkhana events: Bi-Rangle, Speed Barrels and more

Classes are \$4.50 each, Stalls are \$10 a night. All classes qualify for the California State Fair.

Sunday, June 10, 2012 – 1st Annual 4-H/FFA Horse Expo:

Horse Judging, Horse Hippology and Table Top Demonstrations

Hippology and Horse Judging are \$15 per person per entry. Demonstrations are \$10 per entry.

Rules and Premium books will be available in April, Entries are due by May 31st. Contact Sandy Raffelson at 530-310-4320 or sandy@ssrranch.com.

VOLUNTEER LEADER WEBSITE

The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu.

4-H SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

At State Field Day there will be a My Plate Challenge. Check out the details and see if this is for your members: <http://fruitsandveggies.challenge.gov/>. Mandi Bottoms, mlbottoms@ucdavis.edu Healthy Living Coordinator, encourages everyone to include the healthy living, S.E.T., Citizenship and service learning in their presentations at State Field Day. Last year they focused on injury prevention and they gave out 12 special recognition pins to the youth who participated. This year the focus is on healthy foods. There were handouts showing resources from state and national healthy living programs.

4-H INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

To view the 4-H State news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/StateOffice>

To view the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology news, go to:
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>.

To view the National 4-H news, go to <http://4-h.org/news/4hnews.php>

To view the National 4-H news Healthy Living Program, go to <http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/kids-health>

CLUB & PROJECT REPORTS

WILLIAMS 4-H SWINE GROUP ~ CHICO STATE SWINE DAY

By: Justin Charter

I went to swine day at Chico State. I learned how to groom my pig before I show it and how to show it when at the fair. I also learned how to choose a pig and how to start working with it from the ground up. They also taught us how to choose a good piece of meat at the market. I hope what I learned will help me at the fair this year. This will be my first year to show and sell.

By: Oscar Valencia

My family, friends and I went to Chico State Swine Day in January. There was a guest speaker and seven different classes to attend. The classes I went to were meat judging, finishing, health and nutrition and showmanship. The meat class showed us different meat cuts and how to determine a good cut from a bad one. We were asked to judge four pork chops and rate the quality based on color, fat, bone and amount of meat. The showmanship class gave us information on proper ways to show, what most judges are looking for when judging, also feeding, walking, and caring for our animals from start to finish.

MAXWELL ARTS & CRAFTS MEETING

By: Cody Pearson

On February 9th the Arts & Crafts group met at my house for a meeting. We talked about hot glue safety, spray painting and worked on a Valentine's Day project. We made vases using recycled glass jars, hot glue and spray paint. I used hot glue to make Star Wars symbols on the glass jar and then painted it with gray spray paint. After it dried I painted the raised portions different colors to add extra dimension to my project. I gave my glass vase to my dad as a Valentine's Day present.

NUTRENA FEED SEMINAR

By: Cody Pearson

On January 5th, I went to a Nutrena Feed Seminar at Carl's Feed in Willows. The speaker, Frank Ward, went over how to feed all the different types of large animals. I was especially interested in what he had to say about feeding sheep because I have a sheep project this year. I learned a lot and I plan to apply most of what I learned to my project. I was also very interested to learn the different nutritional needs between the animals. After the seminar Frank was available to answer questions and he gave really detailed answers to all of my questions, and I had a lot of questions. I would recommend everyone going that has an animal project. Thank you.

COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

By: Cody Pearson

On January 14th I went to the Colusa County Presentation Day. This year it was held in Williams at the Middle School. I gave my presentation on how to feed a lamb. I got a lot of the information from a feed seminar that I went to earlier in the month. I also got information from books and the internet. I was really nervous when I gave my presentation but I still received a gold medal. I am excited to be able to go on to the next level and give my presentation at Sectional Presentation Day in March. Everybody in my class did a really good job and our MC helped keep everybody calm and relaxed. My favorite presentation that I saw was given on the ancient Pharaoh Hatshepsut. I already knew who she was but I learned a lot more about her. I am looking forward to going again next year.

MAXWELL COOKING MEETING

By: Audrey Pearson

On February 21st we had a cooking meeting at Kim's Deli. We made Apple Brown Betty. The ingredients were butter, apples, brown sugar and wheat bread. It was really fun and simple to make this dessert.

SCRAPBOOKING MEETING

By: Audrey Pearson

On February 16th we had a scrapbooking meeting at my house. We all worked on different scrapbooking pages. Some worked on layouts for the Home Ec Review. Some worked on pages for themselves. I worked on finishing pages for the 4-H scrapbook.

MAXWELL CLUB REPORT

By: Wyatt Perry

On March 7th, Maxwell 4-H held our monthly meeting at the multipurpose room. We talked about our whites exchange, officer nominations for the 2012-13 year, and having a pizza party if everyone completes their presentations by the April meeting. Cody Pearson gave a presentation and I gave a report about my emerald star project. The club generously donated \$25 toward this project. After the meeting we held our annual bake walk and everyone went home with something.

EMERALD STAR PROJECT

By: Wyatt Perry

Hi, my name is Wyatt Perry. I am currently working on my Emerald Star Project. For this community service project I am restoring the Catherine Costa Memorial Area, which includes the benches, sign, and the greenery at the fairgrounds.

For those of you who may not know, Catherine Costa was a huge supporter of our community. She was a 4-H leader and key leader for Maxwell as well as a fair board member. I feel it is a privilege to restore her memorial area in honor of her.

Right now I am refinishing the benches and sign and as the weather changes I will plant flowers. At this time I have not decided on what flowers I will be purchasing and planting.

I have been recycling cans to help pay for this project. If anyone is interested in donating to my community service project to help with the purchase of flowers, I will gladly accept donations.

Thank you and make sure to check out my finished restoration of the Catherine Costa Memorial Area during the fair this year.

4-H E-News Updates ~ April 2012

National Volunteer Week is April 15 – 21, 2012

National 4-H Week was established in 1974 to inspire, recognize, and encourage people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. This year already, over 9,000 adults throughout California have contributed numerous hours to the 4-H Youth Development Program; helping young people thrive and strengthen their communities. In addition, over 6,200 youth have volunteered as officers, junior/teen leaders, and camp counselors to mentor and provide leadership to other youth enrolled in 4-H.

The State 4-H Office would like to thank each and every one of you for what you do for 4-H.

- Thank you for being a **Club Leader!** We appreciate you stepping up to this significant leadership role and for providing structure and a place for young people to belong.
- Thank you for being a **Project Leader** and for imparting upon youth the knowledge and skills that only you have.
- Thank you for stepping up to be a **Master Trainer** and for helping to disseminate and train other volunteers in 4-H Thrive – our approach to positive youth development.
- Thank you for being a **Council or VMO Officer** and helping to plan, promote, and carry out 4-H youth development work.
- Thank you for being a **Camp Director** and for organizing valuable outdoor educational opportunities for 4-H youth.
- Thank you for serving as a **Committee Member, Event/Activity Volunteer, Resource/Key Volunteer, or in another volunteer role** as you help to strengthen the program and provide opportunities for youth to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR TIME, TREASURES, AND TALENT!

DATES & DEADLINES

- **April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child,"** a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, California's Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, invites 4-H members to join us for the 2nd annual "Purple Up! For Military Kids." We are encouraging everyone across the nation and especially California to wear purple on Friday, April 13th, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue. Remember to send us your "Purple Up!" photos or post them on the California Operation: Military Kids Facebook Page, <http://www.facebook.com/CAOMK>, where military youth and families from across the state will see them.

- Win \$5,000 For Your County! - Enter the **Join the Revolution of Responsibility Video Contest** for a chance to win \$5,000 for your county 4-H program! This exciting contest launched today on our [Facebook page](#) encourages 4-H youth to submit their videos by April 30th, up to two minutes long, showing the world how they impacted their community. You changed your community - now share your 4-H story with the world!
- **Internships Available in Child Development, School-Age and Youth Development Programs**
Deadline to apply: March 30, 2012.
 The Military Extension Internship Program is an opportunity for college students to gain practical work experience in child development, school-age, and youth programs. Interns work on military installations around the world for 10 weeks to 6 months and receive a broad range of experiences, from working with children and youth and implementing programs, to learning about the management of child and youth centers. The Military Extension Internship Program is now accepting applications for Fall, 2012. More information and application materials can be found at <http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/military/>.
- **State Leadership Conference**
 - **4-H State Leadership Conference - Session Proposals**
Deadline extended until sessions are filled.
 The 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference needs presenters! If you would like to present a session on Friday, August 10th or Saturday, August 11th, please submit a workshop proposal form to the State 4-H Office. Workshop applications and additional information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.
 - **4-H State Leadership Conference – Financial Aid Applications**
 Applications will be released at the end of March and due at the end of April. Applications will be available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.
 - **4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration**
 Conference registration will be released mid-April and due in June. The complete registration packet will be posted at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.
- **4-H State Ambassador Applications, Deadline: March 31, 2012**
 The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H Program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service-learning project during their 14-month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2012-2013 State Ambassador team are available online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.
- **National Robotics Week is April 7-15, 2012.** The purpose of National Robotics Week is to educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, both now and in the future and inspire students of all ages to pursue careers in robotics and other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math-related fields. Learn more at <http://www.nationalroboticsweek.org/>.
- **California State Fair, Youth Art & Design Expo, Deadline: April 13, 2012**
 The Youth Art & Design Expo highlights the creative talents of California's youth. The competition is open to all California youth, ages 5-18. There are many categories to enter in four shows: Fine Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Fashion & Textiles, and Media. There are no prerequisites for entry. Send in an Entry Form, an Entry Fee of \$8, and an image of your artwork or craft on a CD. Winning entries are delivered or shipped to the fairgrounds and will be featured in a formal exhibit from July 12-29 during the California State Fair. All entry materials are available online at www.bigfun.org. For more information contact Michelle Johnson, Youth Programs Coordinator at 916.263.3189 or mejohanson@calexpo.com.

- **USA Science and Engineering Festival**

April 28 & 29, 2012

<http://www.usasciencefestival.org/>

The Science Festival is the nation's largest celebration of all things science & engineering and features over 2,000 hands-on activities and over 150 performances. There are satellite events hosted in California! Search for an event near you at <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/satellite-event-directory>.

- **Higher Education Scholarships**

Deadline: April 30, 2012

The California 4-H Youth Development Program, with help from donors, offers statewide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, room, and board. Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>.

- **Nordstrom Scholarship Program** - Apply now for a \$10,000 scholarship! Nordstrom is excited to award \$10,000 scholarships to 80 outstanding high school students and help them achieve their dreams of going to college. The Nordstrom Scholarship recognizes students across the country for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement. The Nordstrom Scholarship is open to high school juniors who:

- Have at least a 2.7 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) throughout high school.
- Volunteer or participate in community services or extracurricular activities.
- Plan on attending an accredited four-year college or university.
- Plan on applying for financial assistance in order to attend college.

Application deadline is May 1, 2012 - winners will be notified by the end of October 2012. For complete details and additional information, visit www.nordstrom.com/scholarship.

- **State 4-H Field Day – Registration deadlines**

- Exhibits and displays applications: April 2, 2012
- State 4-H Photography Contest: May 4, 2012
- State 4-H Film Festival: Videos must be postmarked May 4, 2012
- State 4-H Fashion Revue: May 12, 2012
- 4-H MyPlate Challenge: Pre-registration due May 16, 2012 (same day registration available)
- State 4-H Presentation Day (presenters): May 21, 2012
- State 4-H Presentation Day (judges and room hosts): May 21, 2012
- 4-H Interview Contest: pre-registration is recommended (limited same day registration is available)
- Logo Design contest: no pre-registration necessary

For detailed event information, please visit: www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/. All registration is available online. For questions, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **Registration for State Fashion Revue** is open April 1 to May 12 at <http://ucanr.org/sfr12>.

If you were selected as the County winner for Fashion Revue in Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased with \$100 limit, Wearable Art-Embellished, "Bag Up Fashion" Tote Bag Challenge or the \$19.99 Challenge then you are eligible to participate in State Fashion Revue. Congratulations! Each county may send one delegate per category and age group. Before you register, write out your commentary (60 words maximum), complete the information form for your category, choose a digital photograph showing your outfit and scan receipts for the purchased categories. Complete instructions are on the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>. Registration closes after May 12 and we will no longer accept applications. For registration assistance, contact Sue Moore at smoores@mlode.com or 209-743-2020.

- **State Fashion Revue is May 26, 2012** at UC Davis, as part of State Field Day. There are many morning activities open to the public in Olson Hall. For the Pattern Exchange, bring some and take some, limit 5. The American Sewing Guild Sacramento Chapter will offer make it-take it crafts. Try your hand at the judging classes. Bring your completed pillowcases for the Million Pillowcase Project, which will be donated to nursing homes, special needs camps, foster care organizations and shelters throughout California Bring red, white and blue quilt squares, quilt tops, or completed quilts for the Wounded Warriors service project. The quilts are given to injured soldiers while they are in transport and taken home upon their release as part of the healing process. We invite you to support your county delegates at the Fashion Show at 2:00 pm at Wellman Hall.

- **Call for Presentation for the 2013 Western Region Leader Forum in Waikiki, Hawaii**

Deadline: May 15, 2012

The goal of the Western Region 4-H Leaders' Forum 2013 is to provide training opportunities for adults and teens that serve 4-H youth in our communities. The planning committee is accepting workshop proposals. The dates for the 2013 forum are March 21-24, 2013. More information and a workshop proposal form can be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/139508.pdf>.

- **Robert Brownlee Science Award** for 4-H members and volunteers, **Deadline: May 31, 2012**

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>

Robert Brownlee (1942-1991) was a visionary, whose practical inventions were elegant solutions to complicated technical problems, and whose generosity continues to extend that vision to science education for young people. This category is awarded to a member and volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.

- **Golden Clover Awards, Deadline: May 31, 2012**

The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>.

- **Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee Applications, Deadline: Postmarked by May 31, 2012**

The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are accepting applications. If you are a 4-H member, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteer, 4-H YDP staff, or County 4-H YDP staff and have a desire to work in a collaborative team setting, we encourage you to apply. Statewide 4-H YDP Committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office. For more information, go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/.

- **Save-the-date! Regional 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Trainings and Updates** are scheduled for 2012. The Master Trainer Training is for volunteers who wish to become part of their county's training team.

Current Master Trainers who wish to extend their service an additional year will attend a one-day update training on Saturday. New Master Trainers will attend the whole weekend.

All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel, and lodging.

The Regional Training Dates are:

- o Central: August 25-26, 2012
- o Southern Valley: September 8-9, 2012
- o Southern: September 22-23, 2012
- o Far Northern: September 29-30, 2012

Registration information and more details are to come. Please contact Scott Mautte, scmautte@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

- The **2012 State Leaders Forum** is looking for exceptional workshop proposals. Do you teach an interesting project? Work with teens, new leaders, or experienced leaders? Have a new concept or fundraising plan to share? Go to <http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop> to submit a workshop proposal, due by June 30. Registration and lodging reservations will be available in April at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012>. Join the South Central Section at beautiful Asilomar Conference Center November 9-11 for "4-H in a Minute." Keynote speaker is Nancy Franz of Iowa State University. She focuses on demonstrating the value of 4-H to the "outside world," thus increasing our potential for community support. This and many other timely topics are sure to inspire! "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." ~ Benjamin Franklin

PROGRAM UPDATES

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- 4-H Thrive is the statewide approach to positive youth development for the California 4-H Youth Development Program. This intentional model will standardize how 4-H helps young people to reach their full potential. As we continue to move forward, it is our expectation that each county will have adopted and implemented the components of thriving in all of their programs. Support, coaching, and continuous training for volunteers and staff are being provided through a Monthly Newsletter entitled the Monthly Morning Memo and an online blog called [4-H Volunteer Café](#).
- More and more users are accessing and using the 4-H Online Record Book. Here are our latest statistics as of February 9, 2012: 2384 people statewide are currently using ORB, 1895 club meetings registered, 7041 Developmental Activities have been entered, 330 Presentations added, 1491 Photos uploaded, 472 Comments were made, and 1886 Promotions received.

We are currently in the process of creating a Statewide Team of youth and adults to help design and deliver practical, hands-on trainings of the ORB system, create help menus, and update and expand the 4-H Online Record Book User Manual. If you would like more information about this team or know of youth who would be interested, please check out the position description at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/134533.pdf>. Youth who participate on this team can use their involvement toward their Star Rank.

In March 2012, we began testing of the print feature for the Online Record Book which should be active in April of this year.

- The March 2012 newsletter of the National 4-H History Preservation program is now available. The newsletter includes updates of committee accomplishments and efforts; a historic look at 4-H calendars, international programs, and 4-H TV programs and films; and much more. You can view it online at: http://n4h.convio.net/site/MessageViewer/?dlv_id=11983&em_id=7741.0
- **CYFERnetSEARCH.org** is part of the CYFERnet Evaluation work that is funded through USDA/NIFA to support the Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk initiative. This site features interactive tools and vetted resources which are designed to build the evaluation capacity of program providers, practitioners, and evaluators who work with youth and families. Visit the new and improved website at: <https://cyfernetsearch.org/> to learn more.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- Just published: A Framework for K-12 Science Education outlines a broad set of expectations for students in science and engineering in grades K-12. These expectations will inform the development of new standards for K-12 science education and, subsequently, revisions to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for educators. This book identifies three dimensions that convey the core ideas and practices around which science and engineering education in these grades should be built. Download a free PDF or purchase a hardcopy at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13165.
- Just published: History of Science Education in the 4-H Youth Development Program. This 4-H CYD Monograph, authored by Steven Worker traces the long and proud history of 4-H science education. The focus of the monograph is to highlight the trends in the rationale, learning goals, pedagogies, and contexts of 4-H science education efforts over the hundred and ten year history of 4-H. Read the monograph at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/135384.pdf>.
- **Discover Engineering: TechXcite** is an after-school engineering curriculum that is being developed at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering as part of a National Science Foundation sponsored program. The curriculum will be utilized in 4-H supported after-school programs across the country. The TechXcite curriculum offers a rich and vibrant exploration of engineering, mathematics, science, and technology and is centered on seven themes. The last two training dates are open for 4-H staff and volunteers to participate. Paul Klenk, Duke University, will provide an overview of STEM education, how to create and deliver engineering challenges, and review the eight previous modules. To register, please contact the contact for the respective date below.
 - Monday, April 2, 2012, 9:00am - 4:00pm, Merced 4-H Office
Contact: Darlene McIntyre at dlmcintyre@ucdavis.edu or (209) 385-7418
 - Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 9:00am - 4:00pm, Butte County Office of Education
Contact: Matthew Portillo at mtportillo@ucdavis.edu or 530-538-7201

- The **2012 Western Region 4-H Science Academy** will be held March 26-28, 2012 at UC Davis. Funded by the Noyce Foundation, the Academy will bring together 4-H professional faculty and staff from the thirteen western states in a three-day summit. The goal of the Academy is to build the capacity of state and local 4-H faculty and staff to deliver high quality, sustainable, non-formal 4-H science education programs. The speakers will be live broadcasted and files will be posted on the conference website at <http://ucanr.org/sites/wregion4H/>
- **Wouldn't It Be Cool If** is a national campaign to get more youth thinking about science and math in a fun, innovative way through an ideation competition. **Wouldn't It Be Cool If...** challenges youth ages 10-15 to dream up the coolest thing to make their life, community or even the world more awesome, and then to think about how science and math could help bring those ideas to life. Beginning today through **March 28, 2012**, eligible youth can submit their ideas at www.wouldntitbecoolif.com.
- **4-H Science Webinars** - Upcoming Webinars: <http://www.4-h.org/professional-calendar/>
Archived Webinars: <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/webinar-archives/>
National 4-H Council hosts **4-H Science webinars** on a variety of topics including fundraising, curriculum development, evaluation, and others. Register to view a webinar or watch an archived webinar!
- **Participate in a San Mateo County Satellite Festival for the USA Science and Engineering Festival April 28, 2012** at the San Mateo County Event Center - <http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/>
On Saturday, April 28, 2012 San Mateo/San Francisco County 4-H is hosting the 4-H2O WOW - World of Water Seminar. This free seminar will be held at the San Mateo County Event Center featuring hands-on, experiential learning activities and models about water conservation and water quality, hydrology, and the effects of radiation on water and more. This is listed as a satellite event for the [USA Science and Engineering Festival](#).
- **Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team**, Applications due May 31, 2012
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/>
Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, biotech, engineering, and technology & society.
- **State 4-H Film Festival**, May 26, 2012 - http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/
Submit a film for the State 4-H Film Festival by May 4, 2012! The 4-H Film Festival theme for 2012 is "4-H Revolution of Responsibility." Are you or a 4-Her you know making a difference in the community? Share your story of leading positive change through multimedia. The Festival will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis.
- **State 4-H Photography Contest**, May 26, 2012 - <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>
Do you enjoy photography? The California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. The event will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis. Photographs must be submitted by May 4, 2012.

HEALTHY LIVING

- **Special Recognition at 2012 State Presentation Day** - A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on healthy living. This year's focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA's MyPlate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, food groups, nutrients, and more. Visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities for details.
- **4-H MyPlate Challenge at 2012 State Field Day** - The USDA recently unveiled the federal government's new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging you to show how you're making YOUR plate MyPlate. We invite 4-H members to submit a photograph illustrating how they're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. Visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge for details.
- **Online Grocery Shopping Videos** - Teach 4-H members how to shop for healthy foods on a budget! These free online videos called "Aisle By Aisle: Choosing Foods Wisely" take consumers through the grocery store and help shoppers understand simple tips to make better choices when buying food. Visit www.myeatsmartmovemore.com for more information.

- **Healthalicious Cooking Curriculum** - Are you a 4-H foods project leader? Are you looking for new, kid-friendly recipes and activities? Want to lead a foods project, but not sure how? This afterschool curriculum teaches food preparation skills while helping kids build good health skills that will last a lifetime. The 6-week, hands-on curriculum is designed to give 9- to 12-year-olds a fun introduction to preparing and eating healthy meals. **FREE** download available from anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/Search/healthalicious.aspx.
- **Teen Distracted Driving Community Engagement Guide** - This guide features the tools you need to advocate for distraction-free driving in your community. Project ideas highlighted in the guide would also make a great Revolution of Responsibility 1,000 for \$1,000 project. Visit <http://digital.turn-page.com/issue/45249/3> to view the guide.
- **Word Can Work: Bullying Prevention** - In this free, 90-minute webinar, teens and adults will learn more about what bullying is, including cyberbullying. The presenters use real-life stories to provide teachable moments. 4-H volunteers and teen leaders might find this training helpful for working with younger members and improving emotional safety at 4-H events. Visit <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p36382529/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal> to participate.
- **Dating Violence Common among Adolescents** - Federal statistics report that one in every three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner. A recent report issues recommendations for preventing teen dating violence, better coordination of prevention efforts, and more youth leadership on anti-violence work. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/7ay8vst>.
- **Students Faking ADHD to Get Drugs** - What would you do get an "A?" Recent trends show students taking Adderall to improve studies, but drug shortage could hurt those in need, and research does not support the theory that Adderall helps to improve grades. To read more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/8yf37c4>.

FUNDING UPDATES

Please note: University policy requires an Advisor or County Director to submit all grant applications and fulfill the requirements of UC ANR Contracts & Grants. For more information, please contact your local county 4-H office.

CALIFORNIA 4-H FOUNDATION

- **Picnic Day** - This year 4-H is having a booth at UC Davis Picnic Day, Saturday April 21st. The booth will be located in the Alumni Zone which is across from the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. Our booth will have 4-H information, activities and give-a-ways. **We would love to have people come and help.** The times are 10 am to 3 pm, and would greatly appreciate anyone who would be interested in coming out for a two hour shift beginning at 9 am. If you are interested please contact Amy McGuire at almcguire@ucdavis.edu or call 530-754-1523.
- **Donor Stewardship** - One of the most effective ways to cement your relationship with your donors is to give them the opportunity to see your program in action. This can be as simple as inviting them to an event (i.e. presentation competition, field day or community service project.) The CA 4-H Foundation can help you connect with and steward your donors, a critical step in retaining them as supporters and increasing their level of support. By sending us the dates and descriptions of events and activities that your club or project has scheduled and a contact person for that event, we can alert those donors in our database in your area of the opportunity to see their investments in action. Please forward your calendars of events including a contact person for each event to Annette Leeland at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.
- **Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion** - Tractor Supply Company stores across the nation have partnered with 4-H to raise local funds to support the 4-H program. Tractor Supply customers can support 4-H by purchasing a paper clover for \$1 when they make a purchase. Funds are distributed twice a year and several new stores have opened recently in California, check store list [here](#). A toolkit for local 4-H organizations with suggestions on how to develop a strong partnership with your local Tractor Supply Company store to maximize the amount of funds raised is available from the National 4-H Council (<http://www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/>). If you have additional questions about the TSC promotion or how your group can participate, please contact Annette Leeland at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.

- **Sacramento Kings 4-H Event** - Unfortunately we have had to postpone 4-H Day at the Sacramento Kings game until next season. Scheduling changes and the resultant increase in ticket prices for the designated game contributed to our decision to postpone our event for this season. We do intend to continue our partnership with the Kings and will keep you posted on future events.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** - The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2012 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron in honor of his mother, celebrates outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18. Each year, the Barron Prize honors inspiring young people who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Ten winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination **deadline is April 30**. For more information and to nominate, visit <http://bit.ly/edhiti>
- **State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants** - If your work and involvement in 4-H has contributed to service-learning that helps increase student achievement in your community, consider applying a State Farm YAB National Grant. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to Higher Education / Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy; Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness; Social Health & Wellness Issues; and Environmental Responsibility. The application deadline is **May 4, 2012**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/yMI7gZ>
- **Special Olympics Project Unify Grants** - The goal of Project UNIFY is to activate youth around the country to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity, and advocacy with and for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics. To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 12 to 20, or a current undergraduate student in college. A Special Olympics North America program is required to be your main partner organization. Projects must demonstrate the core essence of service-learning. Budgets for projects can range from \$100 to \$5,000. Submission deadline is through **May 31, 2012**. <http://bit.ly/wQUqjV>
- Are you between the ages of 5-25 (or know someone who is) and have demonstrated your commitment to service projects in your community? **The Everyday Young Hero Awards** are given out weekly to a young person who exemplifies commitment to service. The nominations for these awards are ongoing and there is no deadline. Visit <http://www.ysa.org/awards/hero> for more information on nominating a youth today!

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Colusa County Youth Poultry Fun Day

April 7, 2012 9:00-2:00
Colusa County Fairgrounds

Come join us for a day of fun activities, learn more about your poultry and win some great prizes! There will be many workshops to attend along with the following activities. Bring your chicken with a cage to keep it in. There will be a long day of activities and there are not cages provided on the facility for you to house your birds in. Please sign up ahead of time so we have the appropriate amount of materials. The day is open to any youth interested in poultry, not all activities require that you bring a bird there will be many activities. Registrations due by April 1, 2012 please mail to Cody Murphy, PO Box 903, Arbuckle, Ca 95912. Any questions call 530-476-0933 for Cody Murphy or Adrian Murphy. You must register!!!

- **Chicken Round Up**
- **Poultry Obstacle Course**
- **Poultry Judging Contest**
- **Breed ID Contest**
- **Breed and Egg Matching Contest**
- **Dress up Your Chicken Contest** (use your imagination dress your bird in anything)
- **Showmanship Clinic (Hands On)**
- **Quiz Bowl**
- **Photo Contest** (any size photo must be taken by you, limit 1 photo per youth)
- **Egg Craft Activities**
- **Many poultry related educational workshops**



Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **# of Lunches @ \$5.00** _____

Address: _____

A lunch including Hot dog, chips, drink and a cookie will be available for purchase for \$5.00. Proceeds benefiting the Arbuckle 4-H Poultry Project.