

## Colusa County 4-H News

August, 2013



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Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program

**MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:**

Arbuckle 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary  
 Colusa 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa  
 Maxwell 4-H – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room  
 Princeton 4-H – TBA  
 Stonyford 4-H – TBA  
 Williams 4-H – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room  
 4-H Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

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**CALENDAR:****AUGUST 2013**

- 3 County Record Book Judging, 9:00am, CIP Conference Room
- 5 Club records due to 4-H Office
- 8 Due: rsvp for Community Club Leader Dinner Meeting
- 8 Due: rsvp for Club Officer Training
- 10 Butte County 4-H Horse Show, 9:00am, Gridley Fairgrounds
- 15 Carcass Evaluation Dinner, 6:30pm, Community Center at the Fairgrounds
- 15 Community Club Leader Dinner Meeting, 6:00pm, CIP Conference Room
- 17 Club Officer Training, 10-12pm, CIP Conference Room, pizza lunch, rsvp required
- 19 Colusa 4-H Club Meeting and Enrollment Night, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 19 Maxwell 4-H Enrollment Night, 6:30pm, Computer Lab
- 20 Williams 4-H Enrollment Night, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 24-25 Thrive Master Training, UC Davis Conf. Center, pre-registration required
- 29 4-H Future's Task Force meeting, 5-9:00, CIP Conf. Rm., invitation only

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

- 1 Early bird registration due for State Leaders' Forum
- 2 Labor Day Holiday – Cooperative Extension closed
- 6-8 WHY Conference, N.E.E.D. Environmental Camp, Whiskey Town
- 9 Arbuckle 4-H Club Enrollment Night, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary School
- 18 4-H Council meeting, 6:30 pm, CIP Conference Room
- 21 New Leader Orientation, 10-11:30am, CIP Conference Room

**OCTOBER 2013**

- 1 New Leader Orientation, 6:30-8:00pm, CIP Conference Room
- 6 Achievement Awards Assembly (tentative)
- 6-12 National 4-H Week



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

## **COLUSA COUNTY 4-H FEES INCREASE**

The economic climate has continued to sustain fiscal challenges facing 4-H programmatic support.

Last year we shared that UC Cooperative Extension and 4-H at the state level is no longer able to absorb all costs and that fee increases were necessary to support our local programming.

The 2013-2014 program fees are \$12.00 per adult and \$45.00 per youth.

These program fees will be used to provide partial funding for direct local program support including critical 4-H staff that supports our local programs.

If it is a hardship families may request a fee waiver/reduction from their club. Clubs are reminded to use the form provided at last year's Council meeting.

The State 4-H Office gave this statement:

"The economic climate has created extreme economic challenges in continuing to provide strong volunteer and programmatic support for 4-H locally. For the past several years, in the face of declining funding from state and federal resources, UC Cooperative Extension and 4-H at the state level have tried to absorb budget shortfalls in order to keep from raising fees to our participants. Unfortunately we have reached the point where we are no longer able to absorb all costs and have realized that fee increases to support and grow our local programming are required. These program fees will be used to provide partial funding for direct local program costs including 4-H staff who support our local volunteers.

We encourage local staff and volunteer leadership to work with us to strategize together around the development of a local funding plan to keep 4-H strong and growing. The California 4-H Foundation is a valuable resource with who to partner in developing a local funding plan. The level of success of such coordinated local fundraising efforts is hoped to mitigate the need for future increases."

## **BEGINNING A NEW YEAR**

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 \$12.00 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.



**IMPORTANT: On December 1<sup>st</sup> all those not enrolled are dropped from our mailing list and computer records. Also on December 1<sup>st</sup> access to online enrollment is blocked. Those enrolling after this deadline must do so at the 4-H Office.**

## **NEW LEADER ORIENTATION DATES SET:**

- Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10-11:30am, CIP Conference Room
- Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30-8pm, CIP Conference Room
- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8pm, CIP Conference Room

These are the dates for the only three new leader orientations. New leaders need attend only one of these orientations, have fingerprint clearance, complete enrollment and pay \$12.00 in order to be a 4-H volunteer. Please rsvp to the 4-H office so we may gather useful information for you and your project.

## **A NEW MODEL FOR COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP**

By Marianne Bird, Sacramento 4-H YDP Advisor

Dynamic and well-functioning leadership is so important to a vibrant 4-H community. Participation in the Sacramento County 4-H Council indicates that this governing body is long overdue for a tune-up. So, it's time for a change...and not a tune-up, but an over-haul.

Council meetings are marked by limited attendance, difficulty in recruiting officers, and an uncertainty around authority and purpose. Often times the Council's work is on administrative and management issues—budget, bylaws, and the like—with little emphasis on planning and program development. And its focus is generally on 4-H clubs and not the entire 4-H program. Perhaps most importantly, young people do not often enthusiastically participate.

Our 4-H program deserves a leadership structure that is engaging and empowering, one that supports leaders to envision our program's future, and set a path forward.

Both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara (and now Sacramento) 4-H communities have inspiring stories of new leadership and management structures that have transformed their organizations. Staff and volunteers report new events and programs, increased membership, a rise in volunteers, greater community involvement, and an increase in revenue. And they report that energy — that hard to measure intangible —is abundant.

Sacramento County (has) convene(d) a 4-H Futures Task Force to set in place a new, similar leadership structure. We see the rebuilding of our leadership team as an opportunity to:

Revitalize or expand the use of adult volunteers and young people as program managers

Develop an integrated and coordinated program delivery model

- Attract new high-performing volunteers to 4-H
- Engage more youth as equal partners in 4-H program development, management, and evaluation
- Expand 4-H's reach to touch the lives of more young people
- Vision all that 4-H can be in our community, and to create a plan to make it happen.

The above letter to Sacramento County 4-H families is applicable, in part, to Colusa County 4-H. At its May meeting the Colusa County 4-H Council was given a report on Volunteer Middle Management and approved 4-H Staff to proceed with its development. The first step is to study the current and future youth development needs of Colusa County by forming a Futures Task Force.

Task Force members have been invited by letter and the first 4-H Futures Task Force meeting will take place in August. The work is scheduled to be completed by October and reported at the November Council meeting. Know that we're moving forward, and in a very positive direction.

## **CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**

All Club Officer and Community Club Leaders are invited to a training to be held Saturday, August 17, 2013, in the CIP Conference Room, 10-12:00. **Rsvp's are due by Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.** A pizza lunch sponsored by Council will be served.

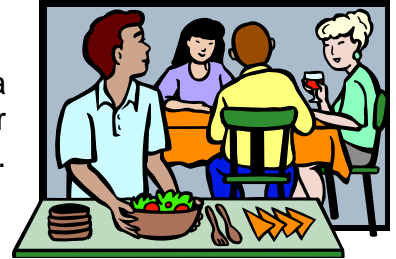
## CARCASS EVALUATION DINNER

August 15, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Community Building at the Colusa County Fairgrounds.

You're invited to the annual Carcass Evaluation Dinner sponsored by Dan & Barbara O'Connell. The Carcass Contest Awards are sponsored by Colusa Glenn Cattlemen's Association with judging and reasons presentation by Josh Davy, UC Farm Advisor. Please rsvp with the number attending to [info@colusacountyfair.com](mailto:info@colusacountyfair.com).

## KEY LEADER DINNER MEETING

New and returning Key Leaders will enjoy a home cooked meal and a boxful of resources and training to prepare for the 2013-14 program year on Thursday, August 15, 2013, 6:00pm in the CIP Conference Room. **RSVP by Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.**



## 2013 HOME EC TOUR

On Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the 2012-13 Home Ec Tour Award Winners and Martha Vann Award Winners were invited to visit Turtle Bay with its "Art of the Brick: Lego Building", "Math Midway Monday", "Rock Penjing" and more.

### Martha Vann Winners – Automatically eligible for Home Ec Tour

Michael Grimmer – Sewing

Gabe Grimmer – Foods

Cody Pearson – Home Furnishings

### Home Ec Tour Winners

Scrapbooking – Jillian Wilson & Hollie Azevedo

Foods – Cody Murphy, Ellen Carlsen & Jillian Wilson

Sewing – Jillian Wilson (Ellen Carlsen – Alternate)

Photography – Hannah Azevedo & Jillian Wilson (Hollie Azevedo – Alternate)

Jewelry – Hannah Azevedo

Cake Decoration – Hannah Azevedo

Welding – Oscar Valencia

Mini Gardens – Oscar Valencia

## EXTEND THE IMPACT OF 4-H

### State Leaders' Forum 2013, November 8-10. Early bird registration (form and fees) due Sept. 1.

As you are aware 4-H members, volunteers, and staff are engaged broadly in local, regional, and national work. They are recognized as exceptional teachers, mentors, and helpers, who contribute widely to many fields of learning, and as participants in a wide variety of communities. 4-H has embraced the changing world around us, and we are leaders in those changes as we teach, learn, discover, create, and build.

The California State 4-H Leaders' Forum 2013 will showcase many of these incredible people as we continue making the connections that extend the impact of their expertise. The Sacramento Crowne Plaza Hotel is the place. **November 8 – 10, 2013** are the dates. Join your fellow 4-H friends and make use of the many opportunities to continue forging the connections that extend the impact of the workshops. The list of workshops will be available next month. Your 'tool box' of methods, ideas, and links will be refreshed and understanding gained when you participate in these workshops.

Through the educational, social, and celebratory experiences at **SLF 2013**, CA 4-H has the opportunity to bring people together for collaboration, inspiration, and sheer joy, and send them out to share the incredible treasures of 4-H, and promote the 4-H mission. Registration information is found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>.



## SUMMER 4-H CAMP 2013, “BARNYARD BUST OUT!”

Over sixty teen and adult staff and campers enjoyed 4-5 days of cooler weather with blue skies at Camp Tehama June 20-24, 2013. The barnyard theme was carried out in cabin decorations, camp t-shirts, and dress up days! Other fun activities included a day at Lassen Park, dance and movie night, skits, talent show, archery, fishing, crafts, recreation, ice cream in a can, hike and s'mores!

Many thanks to our camp director Patty Hickel, nurse Barbara Hankins, cooks

Rick Gobel and Tina Morris and adult staff: Jeanne Beck, Charles Denny, Ralph Minto, Brooke & Nick Reading, Shannon Laux, Corey & Sarah Regnani, Carlos Quintero and Terry Bressler.

The counselors were: Caitlyn Murphy, Gabe Grimmer, Sarah Driver, Molly Doherty, Jessica Croxson, Sarah Marsh, Kendall Wilson, Janea Cameron, Mary Marsh, Ashleigh Ehrke, Hannah Cutter, Elias Denny, Drex Minto, and Sarah McCabe.

Campers were: Ellen Carlsen, Hailey & Bethany Regnani, Hudson Bair, Carlyn & Jack Marsh, Justin Hankins, Branden & Hayden Morris, Frances Peterson, Kaylie Gwinnup, Courtney Wycoff, Emily Pingrey, Todd Reading, Jacob Lambirth, Abby Dunlap, Ashlyn Wooldridge, Mia Critchfield, Ashley Hickel, Natalie Wilson, Cameron Telford, Valiria Burns, Drew & Grant Hartill, Charlie & Chaena Laux, Alexis Erickson, Emily Hathaway, Hannah Doherty, Logan Amsler, and Sophia Stocks.

Lost and Found items from camp need to be claimed at the 4-H Office:

2 bath towels, soap container, wash cloth,  
Fishing poles, Tote bag



## HOW DOES 4-H BENEFIT US?

The State 4-H Office is asking 4-H families how 4-H benefits their members and the community. Please fill out this survey. Here is the URL to the public values information and survey: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/4HPublicValues/>. Please help us determine the public value of 4-H by filling out the survey and sending the link to other 4-H families.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

• ABBY MYERS • AIYANA GARCIA • ALEC BAILEY • ALYSHA ROBLEDO • ANNELEISE JARRETT • ANTHONY BAUTISTA • AVANELLE DENNIS • BETHANY REGNANI • CADE BRACKETT • DANIEL MEZA • DESIREE GARCIA • ETHAN RAKELA • IRMA PEREZ • JACOB ABEL • JACOB AMSLER • JOSEPH HAMILTON • KEITH GRIMMER • KOREY WAYMAN-GOBEL • LUCAS WINTERS • MADISON FLOWERS • MATTHEW GESSFORD • MELISSA RAMIREZ • MIA COLLINS • MICHELLE LEMUS • TREVOR DENNIS • VALENTINO SERAFINI •

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

• ABIGAIL CROSS • PRISCILA ALEXANDRA MORALES • ARIANA GONZALEZ • BAILEY MORRELL • BRANDEN MORRIS • BROOK GALLAGHER • CADEN MCALPIN • CAMERON MCALPIN • CARLOS MICHEL • CARLYN MARSH • CHELSEA SAVAGE • DREX MINTO • DYANNA SANTANA • EMILY MYERS • EMMA DOHERTY • EMMA HOFHENKE • FRANCES PETERSON • HELENA WESTON • JASMINE SAVAGE • JESSICA GODINEZ • JOHN BOEGER • JONATHON MUNOZ • JORDAN SAVAGE • JOSEPH DIAZ • JOSEPH HITT • JOSUE BANUELOS • JUSTIN HANKINS • KELLY BURGESS • KORY PARSONS • KYLER STASSI • LANCELOT KASZA • LINCOLN FORRY • LOGAN AMSLER • MACKENZIE WILLS • MADISON GONZALEZ-SALAZAR • MARCUS SANCHEZ • MATTHEW WILLIAMS • MAX MYERS • MEGAN DUNLAP • NATHAN VANLANINGHAM • ALLESSANDRO BANUELOS •

### **iThrive for Jr. & Teen Leaders**

*Thrive Master Training, UC Davis Conference Center, August 24 & 25. Each club is strongly encouraged to send a team of at least 2 adults and a youth.*

Are you looking for ways to continue to develop your Jr. & Teen Leaders in effective leadership skills? iThrive takes the principles of positive youth development and organizes them in a fun and engaging way to develop the leadership skills of our 4-H youth. The accompanying iChampion Adult Volunteer Leader Guide provides an easy to follow resource to make project leaders successful in using this curriculum. Using the experiential learning cycle, iThrive provides opportunities for youth to realize their true and full potential and shows them how they can help their peers do the same. The curriculum is free and available to any project leader of a Jr. & Teen Leadership Project. To find out more about Thrive, check out the state website at <http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/>. If you are interested in bringing Thrive into your Jr. & Teen Leadership Project for the 2013-2014 program year, contact your county office to find out how you can get started.

### **COUNTYWIDE ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**

Achievement Awards this year will celebrate the California 4-H Centennial and kick off National 4-H Week, October 6-13 and will be held Sunday, October 6, 2013 at the Colusa County Fairgrounds at 3:00 p.m. Snow cones will be the treat this year and prizes available. All leaders and members are invited to receive their 2012-13 year pin and stripe. Every member attending will receive a ticket and special award winners will receive additional tickets. Each club is requested to provide at least one child's gift (or gift basket) for these prizes.

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFE

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to be encouraged and encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing encouraging and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: <http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/>

### CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC RESULTS

Jessica Croxson (Arbuckle 4-H) and Kory Parsons (Williams 4-H) both placed in the top ten! Kory, who is 11 years old, also took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Jr. Public Speaking with "The Kiger Mustang". Congratulations to both and thank you for representing Colusa County 4-H!

## 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>

CA 4-H has a Facebook page. Like us at: <http://www.facebook.com/california4H>

## 4-H E-News Updates ~ August 2013

Looking for educational resources and materials for 4-H? Want to share your resources with others? Have you wondered why there isn't a central hub of 4-H curricula and other resources? If you answered yes...

It's time to share, discuss and learn about my4-H! Next Generation my4-H ([www.4-H.org/my4-H](http://www.4-H.org/my4-H)) debuted in March. To date, nearly 1000 resources are available on the site. The new my4-H serves as a central and collaborative source for more of the 4-H resources you want – including the National Directory of 4-H Materials. 4-H professionals, volunteers and even youth leaders, from anywhere, can now upload, download, comment, even rank local, state and nationally produced 4-H resources. Whether it's training staff at a statewide event or supporting volunteers with project materials, my4-H is the tool for effectively engaging an audience around resources important to them, and to you.

*If you have local resources that you've developed for your projects and programs, marketing and promotion, volunteer and professional development, or evaluation please take a moment to upload them to this site so everyone in 4-H can benefit from what you've produced.*

To upload or download resources you will need to sign-up for an account. To do this go to <http://www.4-h.org/my4h> and click on the Log in | Sign Up tab.

- **Home Depot Community Impact Grants**

**Deadline: August 13**

Grants, up to \$5,000, are available for using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of a community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Priority will be given to volunteer projects that serve veterans and their families. More info: <http://bit.ly/Me5GzA>

- **Open Meadows Foundation Grants**

**Deadline: August 15**

The Open Meadows Foundation offers grants up to \$2,000 to projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls, reflect the diversity of the community served, promote building community power, promote racial, social, economic and environmental justice, and have limited financial access, or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. (Organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000.) More info: <http://bit.ly/1a99Tk3>



- **Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program**

**Deadline: September 13**

Proposals should align with the Foundation's broad interests in social justice, environmental justice and sustainable food systems. The process starts with the Letter of Interest (LOI). They fund organizations with budgets of \$500,000 or less. Grant awards are up to \$20,000 for a one-year period. More info: <http://bit.ly/14iYptI>

- **Campus Engagement, Civic Development Project Grants**

**Deadline: September 15**

Bringing Theory to Practice Project is accepting proposals from universities and colleges in the United States for projects aimed promoting the nexus of engaged learning, civic engagement, and psychosocial well-being among college and university students. Types of grants include:

A) Seminar grants of up to \$1,000 for projects that bring together diverse members of the campus community to discuss the civic mission of the institution and how that mission can be achieved.

B) Program Development grants of up to \$10,000 to enhance or extend a program that promotes engaged learning, civic engagement, and the psychosocial well-being of students. More info: <http://bit.ly/13eltnv>

- **Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! Grants**

**Deadline: September 30**

Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, a forest improvement project, a streamside restoration plan, a recycling program, or energy conservation project for your students? Need funds to implement it? Apply for a Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! grant. Grants are available in two award levels: 1) the popular and traditional GreenWorks! grants up to a maximum of \$1,000 and 2) GreenWorks! grants up to \$3,000 for registered PLT GreenSchools! (free online registration). More info: <http://bit.ly/13BDBHt>

- **Captain Planet Foundation Grants**

**Deadline: September 30**

Grants are made for activities that promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Preferential consideration is given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. More info: <http://bit.ly/y1tPpz>

- **DoSomething.org Seed Grants**

**Deadline: Rolling** A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people just like YOU!

These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact. More info: <http://bit.ly/PQYfTr>

- **California 4-H \$1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects**

2013 Revolution of Responsibility - <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/>

2013 Application Deadlines:

September 15, 2013

November 15, 2013

*Please note: University policy requires an Advisor or County Director to submit all grant applications and fulfill the requirements of UC ANR Contracts & Grants. If you plan to apply for any of the following opportunities, please notify the California 4-H Foundation ([aleeland@ucanr.edu](mailto:aleeland@ucanr.edu)) who will review your application prior to submission to ensure that it is as strong as possible.*

- **\$5,000 Safe Driving Scholarship**

**Deadline: August 2**

Tell your friends about the dangers of texting and driving to enter to win a \$5,000 scholarship. After entering, we'll send you a free pair of "thumb socks" - a physical reminder to stop texting and driving. Send us a picture of you with your thumb socks and you'll double your chance of winning the \$5,000 scholarship. [Get started today.](#)

- **\$4,000 Heart Health Education Scholarship**

**Deadline: August 16**

Head to your local drug store and get your dad's blood pressure tested and you'll be automatically entered to win this \$4,000 scholarship. Make dad proud by checking his blood pressure and you'll enter to win a scholarship. Submit pictures of you and dad getting his blood pressure taken and you could win \$4,000 for school. No minimum GPA. No essays required. [Learn More and Apply.](#)



- **Become a National 4-H Council Board of Trustees**  
Two youth seats will be available this fall. Must have at least 5 years of past involvement in 4-H and be between the ages of 16-23. Visit [www.4-h.org/youth-trustees](http://www.4-h.org/youth-trustees) for nomination information and an application.
- **Gift cards, pins and new iPad Mini!**  
4-H Thrive is awarding \$20 gift cards (iTunes, Target or WalMart) and a Centennial hat pin (youth) or Centennial commemorative pin (adults) to every 4-H volunteer and member that completes all SPARKS Score Questions and adult observation tools in the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB). **Hurry – surveys close on August 31, 2013.**  
  
Sparks Score Questions appear twice a year; you must complete both time points to be eligible for these incentives. In addition, these same individuals will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a new iPad Mini. The second set of Sparks Score Questions will appear in ORB beginning May 1st and they must be completed by **August 31, 2013** to be eligible for the incentives.
- **Win a FREE Dutch Oven & Curriculum!** – For all 4-H Camp Programs. Have your adult camp director, youth camp director, and one other camp adult fill out the 13 short camp surveys at the link below (under Assessment Areas) **before August 31, 2013.** Once 3 complete surveys of all the assessment areas are entered, your county will be on the list to receive a Dutch Oven with Curriculum, compliments of the State 4-H Camping Advisory Committee. Ovens will be awarded at the State 4-H Camping Conference in the spring of 2014. If you have any questions contact John Borba, [jaborba@ucanr.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucanr.edu). Access the survey here: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/CampToolkit/>
- **New National 4-H Curriculum: Theatre Arts Curriculum**  
This curriculum opens the world of theatre to youth in grades 5-8 (can be adapted for younger and older youth). Revised and new, these materials offer extended activities in communication, improvisation, pantomime, script writing, cultural and historical influences, stage design, and costume design. Life skills and workforce development concepts are woven throughout the curriculum, as youth master more sophisticated theatre techniques and ideas. This curriculum includes three books, each for the facilitator of a group in beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.
- **Teens take on Health**  
  
We are excited to announce that 4-H has partnered with Molina Healthcare to bring a national campaign *Teens take on Health* to California. As part of this campaign, 4-H California youth will host a Town Hall event for teens and other stakeholders to discuss their solutions to the current health issues of our nation. The Teens take on Health Town Hall Meeting will be on October 12th 2013 in Sacramento. We are currently soliciting teen leaders to participate in the planning of the Town Hall. If you are an interested teen please contact Renata Atayeva at [renata.atayeva@gmail.com](mailto:renata.atayeva@gmail.com).
- **Host an international high school exchange student** and help us spread the word about hosting!  
The U.S. Department of State invites you to make a difference by hosting an international high school exchange student in your home starting this fall. Approximately 2,000 Department of State-sponsored exchange students from over 50 countries, all of whom have undergone a competitive, merit-based selection process, will spend the 2013-14 academic year in communities across the United States. Learn more or submit an interest form at [hosting.state.gov](http://hosting.state.gov) and please share this announcement with others.
- **2013 4-H National Youth Science Experiment**  
*Maps & Apps* [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD)  
4-H Maps & Apps will introduce youth to the power of geospatial technologies and their unique ability to help us understand and improve our communities. Participation in 4-H National Youth Science Day is meant to help spark an early passion for STEM education and to encourage young people to consider these paths of study and future careers. The 2013 National Science Experiment kit will be available for pre-sale beginning on Wednesday, **June 26th** on the 4-H Mall website, [www.4-HMall.org](http://www.4-HMall.org).
- **Earth Science Week, October 13-19, 2013**  
"Mapping Our World"  
<http://www.earthsciweek.org/>  
Take part in Earth Science Week 2013! ESW 2013 will promote awareness of the many exciting uses of maps and mapping technologies in the geosciences.



- **iDevelop Virtual Training Site**

A new online training center for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth leaders is available now. The purpose of the site is to provide online access to high-quality trainings around positive youth development:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H\\_Thrive\\_Resources/4-H\\_Thrive\\_Virtual\\_Trainings/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Thrive_Resources/4-H_Thrive_Virtual_Trainings/)

- **Technovation: Engage Girls in Technology**

<http://iridescentlearning.org/programs/technovation-challenge/>

Are you looking for curriculum to engage girls in technology? Technovation teaches girls how to code and design apps, using a simple visual language called App Inventor. We provide all the curriculum you need, as well as trained volunteers who can teach your students everything from programming concepts to how to write a business plan and take their app to market. Technovation is run by a 501(c)3 nonprofit and there is no cost to participate. Email [annalise@iridescentlearning.org](mailto:annalise@iridescentlearning.org) for details!

- **2013 Thrive Professional Development Opportunities – Save-the-Date:**

- **4-H Thrive Master Trainer, Train-the-Trainer Workshops**

This year we will be offering 3 professional development opportunities for Thrive Leadership Development Projects. The full details and registration information will be coming shortly. The travel and development expenses are fully covered for each county to send up to five (5) people. Each county will determine the best configuration of the team. For example, it may be that County XYZ decides that their local program is best served by sending one Program Representative and one Key Leader. At the same time County ABC may decide that one Key Leader plus another volunteer and two youth are the best team.

August 24-25, 2013

Davis, CA

September 7, 2013

Visalia, CA (for returning master trainers only)

September 14-15, 2013

Anaheim, CA

- **Bay Area Science Festival**

**November 2, 2013, ATT Park**

<http://www.bayareascience.org>

Our mission is to celebrate the Bay Area's scientific wonders, resources, and opportunities by exploring the role of science, engineering, and technology locally & in the world.

- **New National 4-H Curriculum: [Exploring Beef Health and Husbandry Curriculum](#)**

This curriculum is designed as the guide for a project facilitator (grades 5-8). The activities and background information in this curriculum will help youth develop the requisite knowledge and skills associated with raising and showing beef cattle. Activities are youth centered and include opportunities for the application of knowledge and skills at three different levels of experience: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

- **National 4-H offers [camp curriculum bundle](#)**

This Curriculum Bundle contains every book from the Entomology, Amphibian, and Butterfly Curricula for an amazing learning experience that covers a variety of subjects in an in depth way! Great for ages 8-16 although programming can be modified to accompany older and younger youth.

Want to learn more about citizens science in 4-H contexts? List to the following webinar:

<http://CitizenScience.org/contexts/youth-development/4-h/webinars>

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