

Colusa County 4-H News

September, 2013



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
 Colusa 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
 Maxwell 4-H – 1st Wednesday, 7:00pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
 Princeton 4-H – TBA
 Stonyford 4-H – TBA
 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)

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CALENDAR:**SEPTEMBER 2013**

- 1 Early bird registration due for State Leaders' Forum
- 2 Labor Day Holiday – Cooperative Extension closed
- 4 Maxwell 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 9 Arbuckle 4-H Club Enrollment Night, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary School
- 9 Colusa 4-H Club Meeting, 7pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 10 Due: NYSD 4-H Maps & Apps Request for Resources (see state updates section)
- 17 Williams 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 18 4-H Council meeting, 6:30 pm, CIP Conference Room
- 21 New Leader Orientation, 10-11:30am, UCCE Office workroom

OCTOBER 2013

- 1 New Leader Orientation, 6:30-8:00pm, CIP Conference Room
- 4-6 WHY Conference, Camp Tehama, (registration unavailable at press time)
- 6-12 National 4-H Week <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/>
- 12-13 4-H Archery Certification Training 2013, 9am, Ukiah Gun Club
- 9 National Youth Science Day, <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx>
- 26 Yolo Wool Mill's Annual Mill-in, 11am, Woodland

NOVEMBER 2013

- 1 Emerald Star applications due
- 2 Make it, Take it Craft Expo, 9:00-3:00, Festival Hall at the fairgrounds
- 8-10 State Leaders Forum, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento
- 18 New Leader Orientation, 6:30-8:00pm, CIP Conference Room

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

IMPORTANT: On December 1st all those not enrolled are dropped from our mailing list and computer records. Also on December 1st 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 21st at 10-11:30am, UCCE Office workroom
- Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30-8pm, CIP Conference Room
- Monday, November 18th 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.

PRINCETON 4-H FAMILIES

Recently the Community Club Leaders of the Princeton 4-H Club resigned and no one came forward to replace them. Without this leadership Princeton 4-H Club is suspended. K-12 grade youth and parents may join a nearby club to become members and leaders. Because this community is located in Colusa County but served by Glenn County Office of Education families may choose a club either in Colusa County or Glenn County. If a community club leader is appointed the Princeton 4-H Club will be reinstated.

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS AVAILABLE

All members and leaders in countywide projects must list them on their online enrollment. Members must confirm their spot with the project leader. Project Leader must get list from county office to insure all enrollment is complete.

Hi 4-H – Cristy Edwards, Maxwell: 586-0717. Cristy invites any high school members in Colusa County and is flexible with their schedules. Once everyone is enrolled 3-4 activities will be planned. This is a really good project for high school age members who are willing to focus on community service as well as have a lot of flexibility and be with their own age group in their project.

Miniature Horses – Dale Martini, Williams (10 members maximum). Enroll by mid-September so the project may begin earlier.

Welding – Cindy Rohde, Arbuckle

Quilting, Crocheting & Knitting – Toni Pearson, Maxwell

Theater Arts – Jeanie Kessinger, Colusa (see attached flyer)

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 6-12, 2013. All clubs are encouraged to have a window display inviting new members and volunteers to their club. Displaying what their club offers with contact and meeting information will aid new families learn more about 4-H. Council offers awards for window displays. Criteria for judging: window displays the National 4-H Week theme, invites new families, gives club meeting information and projects offered.

Members may also make presentations in their classes during this week, wear the 4-H uniform to church, invite a friend to a meeting and write an article for the local newspaper to promote the program and note it in their record book.



SEPTEMBER 18TH COUNCIL MEETING

Begins at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. On the agenda: reports on Camp, Home Ec Tour, county record book and star judging, SLC, Futures Task Force, Council audit,. Planning events, Thrive, Healthy Living.

CRAFT EXPO

The Colusa County arts & craft leaders along with the 4-H Council will once again be sponsoring the "Make It and Take It" Craft Expo. The craft expo is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 2, 2013, starting at 9:00 am and continuing until 3:00 pm. It is six hours, enough hours to count as a completed project. The craft expo will be held at The Colusa County Fairgrounds, Festival Hall. This is a one day event where you can complete many projects at cost.



Projects range from \$.50 to \$10.00. You will find projects for all age groups. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and relatives to join you in a fun day of craft making. Some projects include spin art T-shirts, frames, candles, Christmas ornaments and decorations, magnets and jewelry.

4-H sign-ups are now. Don't be afraid to be an arts & craft leader. Just send your members to the Craft Expo. Remember, six hours is all they need for a completed project and the Craft Expo just happens to be six hours.

If interested in helping or donating craft items please call the Colusa County 4-H office at 458-0570 or Dawn Brown of Maxwell 4-H.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Booth volunteers are needed, even if you don't bring a craft project to teach.

YOLO WOOL MILL'S ANNUAL MILL-IN

Where: Yolo Wool Mill, 41501 County Road 27, Woodland, CA 95776

Date: October 26, 2013

Hours: 11:00 am

Description: An educational event demonstrating how wool from the backs of sheep (and other fiber animals) becomes the sweater on your back. Lots of hands-on activities are offered for everyone.

Starts 11:00 a.m.; Barbecue 1:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Adults - Children 6 and under free

Barbecue \$15.00 - Veggie/Kids Meal \$7.50

Activities & Events:

- Mill Tours

- Shearing Demonstrations

- Kids' Activities

- Vendors (space available)

- Knitting, Spinning, Weaving, Dyeing & Felting Demonstrations

- Fiber Animals Display and petting zoo

Audience: Students or Youth Family

Cost: \$5.00 Adults - Children 6 and under free

Contact: Jane Deamer

Phone: 530-666-1473 or 530-383-4471

<http://www.learnaboutag.org/eventcalendar/index.php?q=view&id=1518>

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each year, usually during National 4-H Week, members and leaders receive incentives and recognition for the previous year's work. NEW THIS YEAR the achievement awards will be held at each club for families' convenience. Watch your club's announcements for the date and time of this event. All Star Caitlyn Murphy may be invited by each club to speak and present awards if the club chooses as it fits her schedule. Liz Dawley will not be attending. Please notify the 4-H office of your club's achievement awards ceremony to make arrangements to pick up awards and if you would like Ms. Murphy to speak.

EMERALD STAR

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



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.

LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

July 15-19, 2014 for 4-H'ers entering grades 7-9.

For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H'ers, Leadership Washington Focus.

Middle school 4-H delegates will:

- Build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action
- Practice effective communication and public speaking
- Works with others to create and accomplish goals
- Develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C.

Cost is \$565 per participant and registration due by January 10, 2014. Check out www.4HLWF.org for more details and to register.

NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE CENTER

Now is the perfect time to book for fall and spring trips. National 4-H Youth Conference Center is your educational partner in the Washington, D.C. area. The center is offered to individuals, families, groups at very reasonable rates with three delicious meals a day.

Your group will enjoy features like:

- Minutes from D.C.'s museums and memorials
- Youth-friendly hotel with 4 beds in each room
- Café with all-you-can-eat dining buffet
- Workshops/educational programs
- Guided tours of D.C.
- Evening activities

Let us create a memorable trip for your group. Call Christa Priesing at 301-961-2893 or email at cpriesing@4hcenter.org to reserve your experience.

CLOTHES DRIVE

Hi-4H is starting their clothes drive for the Yuba/Sutter mental health facility. Adult sizes for men and women are needed. Many of these people rely solely on donations to clothe themselves. If you have any questions, please contact cowgirl_kaily@hotmail.com. The drop off locations are: Colusa 4-H Office and Louis Cairos.

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. See the workshop descriptions and schedule on the SLF website. Your 'tool box' of methods, ideas, and links will be refreshed and understanding gained when you participate in these workshops.

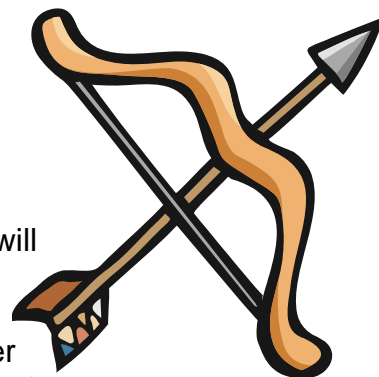
Through the educational, social, and celebratory experiences at **SLF 2013**, CA 4-H has the opportunity to bring people together for collaboration, inspiration, and sheer joy, and send them out to share the incredible treasures of 4-H, and promote the 4-H mission. Registration information is found at: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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

• ALLIE WILLS • AUDREY GIFFIN • COLT FRY • EMILY PEARSON • ETHEN RYAN • GRACE WADDELL • LANDON CARTER • NATALIE WILSON • OWEN RYAN • ASHLYN FERREIRA • ALEXIS ERICKSON • ALYSON GESSFORD • JUSTIN CHARTER • KARINA ASCENCION • KARLIE TALBOT • LIAM COOPER • SAMANTHA HACKNEY • SID CHARTER • SOPHIA STOCKS • TIFFANY JENKINS • TONY MOLDONADO • ZECHARIAH DAFOE •

4-H ARCHERY CERTIFICATION TRAINING 2013

Ukiah Gun club, Mendocino County
Saturday, October 12th from 9am-5pm
Sunday, October 13th from 9am-12pm



A 4-H Archery Certification Training for volunteers and junior/teen leaders will be offered Saturday, October 12th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 13th, 9 a.m.- 12 noon, at the Ukiah Gun Club 2300 Vichy Springs Road, Ukiah in Mendocino County. You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$20 per person to include a resource binder and lunch on Saturday.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf>, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form with a \$20 check payable to “Mendocino County 4-H Council” and mail to Linda Edgington, 890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, CA 95482 **Registration is due Friday October 4th and space is limited.** For more information contact Linda Edgington at 707-463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu

AUTODESK 123D DESIGN CHALLENGE

Know of any youth (ages 13-18) who might design the next amazing product? Inspire them to enter the Autodesk® 123D® Design Challenge and win cool prizes! Youth will need to reimagine an existing product or design a new one that can take the world by storm. Using the powerful Autodesk® 123D® Design app, they can model their innovation, then show off their skills by creating an Instructables® project at www.autodesk.com/123ddesignchallenge.

STEPS

- 1) Get the Autodesk 123D Design app for free! (<http://www.123dapp.com/design>).
- 2) Learn how to use the app (tutorials available).
- 3) Create your amazing product idea or enhancement with the Autodesk 123D Design app.
- 4) Post a step-by-step photo or video Instructable that explains how you made your product come to life by using the 123D Design app.

Prizes include a MakerBot® Replicator® 2 Desktop 3D printer, a 123D Design Premium Account Membership, a free 3D print of your design, e-patches, and the right to have your work showcased on the Autodesk® Facebook and Community pages.

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/>

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 ~ September 2013

The sixth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) will be held nationally on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 during National 4-H Week. This year, the National Science Experiment will be – **4-H Maps & Apps!** Activities will turn young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey. More information is available at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/>

California 4-H to Host NYSD Events

The 4-H National Youth Science Experiment is the perfect opportunity to promote 4-H to the community while sparking the interest of youth in learning more about 4-H science, engineering, and technology activities. 4-H Clubs and countywide 4-H projects/groups are encouraged to host a 4-H NYSD event. This could be at an existing community festival or a 4-H meeting. The event may be planned by the County 4-H Office, a 4-H Club, group of 4-H volunteers and members, an All Star team, or as an Emerald Star project.



California 4-H Resource Availability Due September 10, 2013

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11250>

With funding made available by Toyota through the National 4-H Council, 4-H staff, volunteers, and members may submit a proposal to obtain NYSD kits. To request these resources, 4-H staff, volunteers, or youth must complete the online form by September 10, 2013. An order will be placed for kits on September 11 and shipped directly to the County 4-H Office of each group.

Limits: Available resources include 125 experiment kits total (each kit serves 10 youth and retails for \$24.95/each). A **maximum of 3 kits** may be requested for any one group (4-H Club/project). Kits will be provided on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Additional kits may be purchased directly at <http://www.4-hmall.org/Product/educationalresources/2013-4-h-national-youth-science-experiment-kit/NYSD5.aspx>. The youth and facilitator guides may be downloaded in electronic PDF at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experiments-projects/geographic-information-systems-4-h-maps-and-apps/>.

As part of receiving resources, groups are required to:

1. Host at least one 4-H NYSD event in October-November 2013 involving at least 10 youth (*preferred dates during National 4-H Week: October 6 to 12*).
2. Register the event at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experiments-projects/plan-science-day-event/register-event/>
3. Submit a brief final report with photographs no later than December 31, 2013 to the State 4-H Office, including details on your event, the number of participants, and describing outcomes (what did youth learn?).

Please address questions to: Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu or at 530-754-8519.

- **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>
- **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. 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 for projects aimed promoting the nexus of engaged learning, civic engagement, and psychosocial well-being among college and university students. Types of grants include: 1) \$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; 2) 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/13eltv>
- **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 for up to \$1,000 and \$3,000. 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. More info: <http://bit.ly/y1tPpz>
- **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, March 15, 2014 & May 15, 2014.

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) who will review your application prior to submission to ensure that it is as strong as possible.

- **ABC Summer of Service Awards ~ Deadline: September 1**
ABC, in partnership with YSA, is calling on young change-makers to apply for an ABC Summer of Service Award. The ABC Summer of Service Awards recognize young people who are creating positive change through volunteering and service. Winners receive a \$1,000 award to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Young change-makers, ages 5-18, who live in and around ABC-affiliate communities are eligible to apply by midnight on September 1, 2013. Visit: www.YSA.org/ABC
- **Harris Wofford Youth Award ~ Deadline: September 8**
YSA's Harris Wofford Youth Award honors young people doing extraordinary work towards achieving Senator Wofford's vision of "making service and service-learning the common expectation and common experience of every young person in America." The award will be given to a young person (age 5 -25) who is based in the U.S. and demonstrates exemplary commitment and action to involve his or her peers in service, youth voice, service-learning or civic engagement activities. More info: www.YSA.org/grants/harris-wofford-award-youth
- **Save the Date for the 2013 State Horse Field Day, November 16th in the Chino Hills**
This year's field day will be filled with workshops, demonstrations and tours as we travel to multiple ranches in the Chino Hills. Chino Hills is filled with equestrian centers that are side by side and within walking distance of each other. San Bernardino is the host county and is taking the lead in planning this event. More information and registration is coming soon!

- **2014 State Field Day, May 31, 2014**

Want to help plan and implement the 2014 State Field Day?

Sign up here to join the 2014 State Field Day planning committee:

<http://ucanr.edu/sfdpt2014>

Committee members will help plan the overall event and can specialize and help with one main contest. The committee will be 50% youth or more. This is a chance for youth to be involved in the biggest California 4-H event in the State! We will be having monthly conference calls/Adobe Connect meetings to plan the 2014 State Field Day. Conference Calls are set for the 2nd Wednesday of over month from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Applications are due by October 31, 2013

Committee members will be notified by November 7, 2013



- **4-H Online Record Book (ORB) Opportunities**

ORB Support Team is Now Taking Applications

Use of the 4-H Online Record Book has grown rapidly over this past program year. With over 6,000 ORB users across every California county, the need for greater resources for the 4-H Online Record Book is imperative. The ORB Support Team is a statewide project of Adult Volunteers and Youth Members who desire to further the development and support of the 4-H Online Record Book. This team functions as a statewide project meeting virtually each month between October and May. Members of this team assist in developing ORB Help instructions through text, video and presentation. Opportunities may exist throughout the year for team members to provide training to others at local, county, regional and state levels. Interested members are encouraged to review the position description below and apply using the link below. <http://ucanr.edu/p/43129>

Applications will be accepted through **September 15, 2013**. Team Members will be announced the following week. If you have questions, you can contact Scott Mautte at the state office at scmautte@ucanr.edu.

- **Save the Date! California Camping Conference**

The next California Camping Conference will be held **March 21 – 23, 2014**, at the YMCA's Camp Campbell the in Santa Cruz Mountains. The Camping Conference provides 4-H teen leaders and adult camp administrators the opportunity to network and attend sessions to develop their local camp program. The early bird registration fee will be \$140 by **February 1st** and \$150 after that date. More information will follow.

- **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 for nomination information and an application. Applications must be postmarked or emailed by **Tuesday, September 3rd 5:00pm EST**.

- **Farm to Fork Festival ~ Saturday, September 28th 11:00am to 5:00pm**

Capitol Mall Sacramento is becoming the Farm to Fork Capitol of America! 4-H has been invited to attend! 4-H needs your help to display animal science and healthy living projects! Bring your animal and healthy living projects and display boards! RSVP to Sarah Watkins at spwatkins@ucanr.edu or 530-752-5644 if you'd like to showcase your project and spread the word about California 4-H.

More info: <http://farmtoforkcapital.com/festival-info/>

- **State Record Book Competition**

It's that time of year again! Youth who are planning to submit a 2013-14 Record Book to state competition must complete the Record Book Quick Start Course by **October 15, 2013** (The cover sheet says October 1st; we are granting a 15 grace period this first year). All of the information needed to submit a Record Book to state competition, including the Quick Start Course, is found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/> The course is completed online and takes about 25 minutes to view. After the course members take a short quiz which will take about another 7 minutes to complete. The quiz is how we will verify that a member took the course—it is important that they don't skip that step!

In addition to helping youth prepare to submit a Record Book to state competition, the course is open to anyone who would like some additional guidance on completing a record book.

Individuals wishing to be 2013 Record Book judge need to complete and submit the Judge's Application by **October 1, 2013** by following the link to the application by survey.

- **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 and please share this announcement with others.
- **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/
- **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.
September 7, 2013 Visalia, CA (for returning master trainers only)
September 14-15, 2013 Anaheim, CA
- **How Kids Learn III Conference – Play, Creativity, Tinkering, and the Arts**
October 23, 2013, 8:00AM - 4:30PM, Mission Bay Conference Center, San Francisco, CA
<http://www.howkidslearn.org/>
Join us at How Kids Learn III as we hear from leading experts in the fields of neuroscience and the new science of learning on the importance of play and creativity. Learn how the Maker Movement is right for afterschool and learn from those who are using innovative learning strategies in their work with children and adolescents.
- **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.

Chris Greer
County Director

Liz Dawley
4-H Program Representative



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Colusa County 4-H County Wide Project

The Stagehands Colusa Co Civic Organization

Colusa County 4-H Members can sign-up now for a Theatre Arts project scheduled to begin casting the late part of September 2013.

The Stagehands Civic Theatre group and the 4-H Theatre Arts program will be incorporated into production.

Cast call: Open to all members of the community in accordance with the guidelines of The Stagehands, a Colusa County Civic Organization

Place: The Stagehands Theatre
Fairgrounds – Ninth Street Entrance
Colusa, CA 95932

Instructors: 4-H Project Leader - Jeanie Allen Kessinger
Susan Gibbs – The Stagehands Director

Playwright: A student playwright from Meridian who has just completed his first play and has submitted it to Stagehands for production.

Beginning Dates: Mid to Late Sept 2013

Play dates: First part of November 2013 – 5 production dates

Commitment:

Actors: Two times per week or more towards production date, a dress rehearsal (Wednesday night), Tech Rehearsal Sunday before production, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon production and a Friday and Saturday production the following week.
Stagehands:

Wardrobe: Clothing design/alteration/modification of costumes

Props: Collection, inventory and return of props to appropriate donors or resource

Make-up: Assist with applying theatre make-up at Dress, Tech and production dates

House Manager: Prepare building for production, complimentary refreshments, clean-up before and after production.

Stage Managers: Left and Right Stage Managers

Parent Participation encouraged and welcomed

And many more....