

Colusa County 4-H News

December, 2013



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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
 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:**DECEMBER 2013**

- 1 4hOnline system closed – Enroll NOW!
- 1 Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- 4 Maxwell Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Maxwell Elementary
- 6 Christmas Tyme in Colusa, "Santa's Toyland Christmas"
- 8 Food Basket set-up, 2pm, Main Exhibit Building, Fairgrounds
- 9 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 9 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 17 No club meeting in December for the Williams 4-H Club
- 24-1 Christmas & New Year's Holidays – Cooperative Extension closed
- 31 Early registration price ends for Western Region Leaders' Forum

JANUARY 2014

- 2 Cooperative Extension office reopens after the Holidays
- 4-5 Pistol Discipline Shooting Sports Workshop, Fresno
- 10 Deadline to register for Citizenship Washington Focus
- 11-12 Rifle Discipline Shooting Sports Workshop, Alturas
- 15 Council meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 15 Application deadline for Revolution of Responsibility
- 15 State Fashion Revue Cover Contest entries due
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Cooperative Extension closed
- 24-26 LCORT, Fresno County
- 31 Colusa County Presentation Day forms due to 4-H Office



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

PLEASE NOTE:

- To make project enrollment changes to your 4hOline profile (for both members and leaders) you must go through your club's key leader. They will forward that information to the project leaders and then to the 4-H Office. This will make all project leaders aware of any additions/subtractions to their project groups.
- December 1 and later, parents must call for an appointment at the Cooperative Extension office, 458-0570 to enroll a member or themselves.

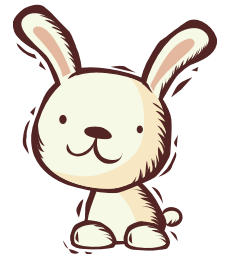
SAVE THE DATE:

- Presentation Day – Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Colusa High School, 9:00 a.m.
- Home Ec Review – Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Maxwell Elementary, 9:00 a.m.
- Western Regional Leaders' Forum – March 27-30, 2014, Billings, Montana
- California Focus – June 13-17, 2014, location TBD

LIVESTOCK ENTRY DATES

Livestock entry deadline is before pre-weigh-in.

- Steers: entry deadline – February 4th, Pre-weigh-in date: February 9th 8-10 a.m.
- Sheep, hogs, goats: entry deadline – April 5th, pre-weigh-n date: April 7th, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Rabbits, poultry: entry deadline – May 4th, pre-weigh-in date: May 5th, 3:30-5:00 p.m.



COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

Registration forms are due 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 31st.

Start thinking and planning NOW about giving a presentation for 4-H Presentation Day in February. First, find a subject in which you are very interested or your main project prepare your poster, write your talk, practice once or twice, then put it away until after the holidays. Bring it out after New Year's for a lot of practice and you'll be ready for County Presentation Day, February 8, 2014 at Colusa High School, Colusa, 9:00am. Presentation Day form at the end of this newsletter. If you need information on giving presentations download the State 4-H Presentation Manual from <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/index.asp>. Also the 4-H Office has helpful printed information as well.

NOTE: Gold medal winners at county proceed to Sectional then State. Give your presentation to five different audiences, including County Presentation Day and win a Super Presenter award.

HOME EC REVIEW

Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Maxwell Elementary School, Maxwell

Members may enter a table setting and a stand-alone entry in the same project. Remember members must be enrolled in the project to exhibit in the category. Information and registration packets will be available at the January Council meeting for all non-livestock project leaders.

ONLINE RECORD BOOK

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this lifeskill in our daily lives. In 4-H, young people have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book. In addition to record keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals, and develop plans to meet those goals.

Why have 4-H record books?

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work. They document their skill development and their learning experiences in a written report. 4-H members measure their achievements and growth in their total years in 4-H.

4-H Record Books encourage members to set goals, pursue strategies to meet those goals, and to shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles. Completion of the Personal Development Report awards 4-H members for participation in 4-H activities, which provides an incentive for participation, learning, and achievement.

Completing a 4-H Record Book is a process where 4-H members record project and club work. Records management (RM) is a competency skill to identify, create, classify, archive, and preserve records. The 4-H Record Book teaches 4-H members these skills through a standard format.

Not Required for 4-H Membership

4-H Record Books are not required for membership or for participation in 4-H activities such as club events and activities, or for attending 4-H camps or conferences. 4-H Record Books may be required by project leaders or clubs or to receive participation awards (such as star ranking, medals or pins based on 4-H Record Book achievements).

Online Record Book at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hbook/>

Need help logging on? Read this document: [ORB Log-In Help Sheet](#)

Online Record Book Guide can be found here: [Online Record Book Guide v1](#)

Enrolled 4-H members and adult volunteer leaders may access the Online Record Book. The system uses 4hOnline enrollment data to pre-fill in club and project information.

The system will export the forms needed for submitting a hardcopy Record Book at the end of the year. So use the 4-H Online Record Book!

The 4-H Online Record Book: Has a social connection! It extends opportunities to stay connected to other club members and leaders online. Is a fun and interactive way to log 4-H activities and events. Is a more efficient way to keep Record Book information. No more worries about lost pages or misplaced work.



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 Cairo's.

4-H/FFA/JUNIOR GRANGE MEMBERSHIP CLARIFIED

When a member maintains projects in 4-H, FFA and Junior Grange, the projects may not be in the same kind of livestock or crop. A member of an FFA chapter, Junior Grange or 4-H club may transfer projects from one organization to another only ONCE during a calendar year. To be able to show a project at a fair or show, it must be under the supervision of the organization under which it will be shown for at least 60 days prior to the fair or show (120 days for a market beef.) The complete agreement is available at the 4-H Office.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP – RIFLE DISCIPLINE

Alturas, CA

Saturday, January 11, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 12, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Alturas Rifle and Pistol Club, County Road 54, near Alturas, California. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle volunteer and can lead a rifle project at the club or county level. Cost for the course is \$35.00 per person. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Susie Stokke, Modoc County 4-H Program Representative, at (530) 233-6400 or ststokke@ucdavis.edu. (This course is available on a first come-first serve basis – you will not be considered registered until all the necessary registration documents have been received). This course is not open to leaders from Santa Cruz County.

FRIENDS OF OUR TROOPS

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

OFF TO A HOPPING START!

By: Chaena Laux

The Colusa 4-H Rabbit Club held their first meeting on November 5th at the residence of the Project Leader, Jeff Critchfield. There were 5 kids that attended the meeting and we all listened and carefully took notes. We learned about meeting dates, caring for a rabbit, housing a rabbit, fair activities, 4-H requirements and the 4-H uniform. We were able to ask questions about rabbits and were excited that we will be able to bring our bunnies to the meetings in the future. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at Jeff's house. If you're taking a rabbit project, don't miss it!

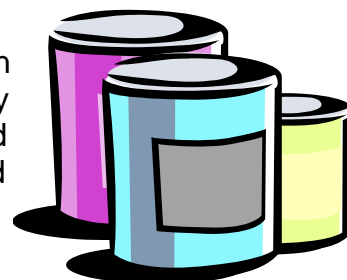
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

• AUBRIANNA KEELER • CAMERON TELFORD • CARLOS GUERRERO • COLE STASSI • DIEGO CERVANTEZ • DYLAN WIGGIN • ELIZABETH RAMIREZ • ERIC LOPEZ • GUILLERMO JAUREGUI • GUS DOHERTY • HANNAH DOHERTY • IAIN KALFSBEEK • JESSICA CROXSON • JUSTIN MATHEWS • KATLYN NICKELL • KYLE HOWELL • LAYNEE HAYWOOD • LUKE MYERS • MARY MARSH • MOLLY DOHERTY • REBEKAH MCPEEK • RILEY GRIFFITH • SAMMY MARTINEZ • SIERRA MURPHY • SYDNEE WILSON • TATUM CARRERE • VAUGHN MYERS •

CANNED FOOD DRIVE & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Colusa County Food Basket Association is once again asking community groups to conduct a canned food drive to assist with the holiday food basket giveaway.

Each year approximately 450 Colusa County families receive a food basket in December for the holiday season. County schools, churches and community organizations collect canned goods and donate them to be placed in the food baskets. Along with the canned goods, monetary donations are given and with these funds milk, eggs, bread, ham, potatoes, oatmeal, sugar, flour and butter are purchased and placed in the basket as well.



We are asking each community 4-H club to collect a couple of canned goods from each of their members during the month of November and bring them to the Main Exhibit Hall on Sunday, Dec 8th at 2:00 p.m. or Monday, December 9th between 8-10am. Last year many of the clubs did a canned food structure and donated those canned goods to the food basket program, which helped tremendously. So once again we are reaching out to the clubs and ask that if at all possible they have this community service activity and help us out.

Help setting up for the Food Basket will take place on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm in the Main Exhibit Building at the fairgrounds. Clubs may bring their dry goods collections that day and help set up the building. This counts as a community service credit.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT SERIES

The National Youth Summit Series brings together high school students from around the country to focus on specific issues. The three STEM and healthy living conference are held annually in Washington, D.C. for high school students, grades 9 through 12.

We believe that young people can change the world. When students learn to use impactful, transforming Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and gain skills around healthy living, they become part of the solution.

Healthy Living: January 9-12, 2014, Agri-Science: January 16-20, 2014, Robotics: February 13-17, 2014

Register now at: www.nationalyouthsummit.org



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.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Citizenship Washington Focus is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19.

CWF provides opportunities for young people to:

- Strengthen communication, leadership and other citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds

Delegates will visit: the Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Presidential and War Memorials, and Smithsonian Museums.

CWF 2014 Dates

Week #1: June 1 - 7

Week #2: June 8 - 14

Week #3: June 15 - 21

~~Week #4: June 22 - 28 - SOLD OUT~~

Week #5: June 29 - July 5

Week #6: July 6 - 12

\$745.00 plus tax per person when registration and 25% deposit received by Nov. 25, 2013

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Registration Deadline is January 10, 2014

Check out www.4HCWF.org for more details and to register.



NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE CENTER

Now is the perfect time to book for winter and sprint trips – they are offering 20% off hotel rooms for 4-H clubs from December 1 – April 30. Enjoy features such as:

Youth-friendly hotel with 4 beds in each room, minutes from D.C.'s museums and memorials, café with all-you-can-eat dining buffet, workshops and fun evening activities, guided tours of D.C.

Contact Christa Priesing for more information and restrictions at cpriesing@4hcenter.org or (301)961-2893.

YOUTH LENDING PROGRAM

Colusa-Glenn Farm Credit offers financing programs for 4-H livestock projects. If you are interested, contact Katie Grutter at 530-458-2163 or kgrutter@cgfc.net.

ED & JOSIE MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

Ed and Josie Mattingly were 4-H Leaders in Butte County for many years while 7 of their 9 children were in the Biggs 4-H Club. Both have since passed away and their family and friends would like to memorialize them by helping 4-Hers in livestock projects. In this spirit their family would like to help 4-Hers who would have difficulty financing a livestock project without a loan. **The deadline to apply for this loan is March 8th.** For further information please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570.



JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherer of Arbuckle established the Joel Sherer Memorial Fund in 1965 to memorialize their son Joel, who was “an energetic 4-Her during his lifetime”, and to assist 4-H members in establishing a degree of independence by allowing them the opportunity to finance their livestock projects. **The deadline to apply for this loan is March 8th.** For further information please contact the 4-H Office.

COLUSA COUNTY FAIR

June 5-8, 2014 – “Country Roots and Cowboy Boots”

Logo contest entries are due in January – check with the Fair Office (458-2641) for details.

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>

Event: Saturday, February 8, 2014 – 9am – 1pm
Colusa High School, 901 Colus Ave, Colusa

Entries are due to
the 4-H Office on
January 31st.

Name _____ Club _____ Ph# _____ Grade _____
Name _____ Club _____ Ph# _____ Grade _____
Email _____ Email _____

This information must be provided for each member participating in the presentation. If additional space is needed, use additional paper. Also, if you need additional entry forms please copy or call the 4-H office.

Is this a team presentation? (for Creed Speaking select No) _____ Yes _____ No

PRESENTATION CATEGORIES (SELECT ONE):

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated/Illustrated Talk | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Demonstration & Illustrated Talk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepared Speech | <input type="checkbox"/> Impromptu Speech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share the Fun | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual Presentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Display | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creed Speaking (no teams) | |

Will you be using a live animal? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, what? _____

Presentation Topic/Title: _____

Rules and Regulations

1. A 4-H member may participate in only ONE presentation at the County Presentation Day.
2. Team demonstrations may be composed of two members as long as each member participates equally.
3. Presentations shall be 3-15 minutes in length and topic appropriate for all ages. Three minutes for an individual primary presentation to 15 minutes for a senior individual or team presentation.
4. Members are not required to wear a 4-H uniform, but should be neatly dressed.
5. Prepared speeches are 2-5 minutes talks on topics of your choice but may extend up to 10 minutes based on age or experience. Judges do not see script. Topic should be appropriate for all ages. Jr. Division: 7 & 8th grade, Sr. Division: high school.
6. Impromptu speeches are for Sr. Division only. Presentation must be 2-5 minutes. Contestants draw three topics, quickly select one of them, prepare speech in 3 minutes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name of Project Leader you've
notified about your presentation

HELP NEEDED – PLEASE VOLUNTEER

High School age: ☐ Judge ☐ MC
Adult: ☐ Judge ☐ Room Coordinator

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____



WRLF

March 27-30

BILLINGS . MONTANA

PLAN YOUR TRIP TODAY!

Join Montana 4-H as they welcome the Western Region Leaders' Forum to Billings in March 2014. Agents, staff and volunteers are hard at work planning a conference that will help you to "Discover the Past . Present . Possibilities of 4-H". Participants will enjoy a first class conference facility and hotel accommodations, national speakers, local entertainment and over 60 informational workshops.

WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future.

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1!

Come experience all of the treasures Montana has to offer.

EARLY REGISTRATION \$255

November 1—December 31, 2013

REGULAR REGISTRATION \$305

January 1— February 15, 2014

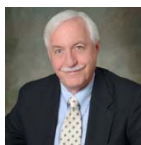
LATE REGISTRATION \$355

February 16—February 28, 2014

Registration will be online at www.wrlf2014.com.

WORKSHOPS

There are over 60 different workshops to choose from. Workshops are hands on and interactive covering a variety of topics for Volunteers, Extension staff and teen leaders. Workshops will be selected on first come first serve basis during event registration. Some workshops may have a small fee. Fees will be applied and paid during the registration process. [Find complete workshop descriptions on the website.](#)



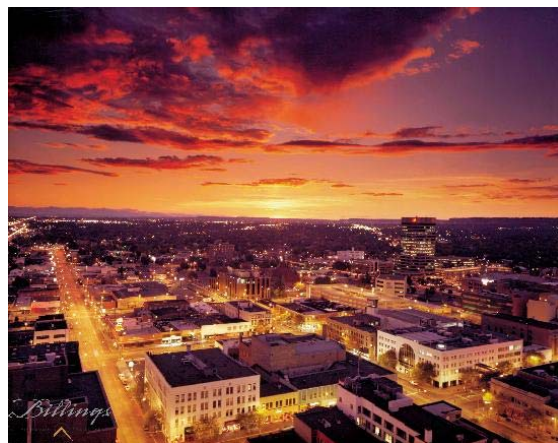
KEYNOTE SPEAKER SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2014

Richard M. Lerner is the Director of the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University. Lerner and his team have been working for over a decade on the **4-H Study of Positive Youth Development**. He is also well known for his research about the relations between adolescents and their peers, families, schools, and communities .



CAPNOTE SPEAKER SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2014

Dr. Martha Couch followed her calling into 4-H and youth development as Associate Director for 4-H and Youth Development in Texas. Under her leadership, Texas 4-H reached over one million members. She instituted Youth Protection Standards, created a Character Education Program that reached 100,000 youth annually and established county youth boards to gain quality input from youth. [Read Dr. Couch's full bio at www.wrlf2014.com](#)



LODGING

The conference hotel for the 2014 WRLF event will be the Crowne Plaza located in downtown Billings, MT. 27 North 27th Street . Billings, MT 59101

Rooms will be available for booking **May 1, 2013**
\$83.00 Conference Rate for double room

Call 1-877-270-1393

Reference Code YCE

www.crowneplaza.com/Billings

Visit our website for up to date event information · www.wrlf2014.com or 406.994.3501

2014 CALIFORNIA CAMPING CONFERENCE, “KEEPIN’ IT GREEN”

March 21 – 23, 2014

Boulder Creek, CA

The California Camping Conference inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. Sponsored by the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, the weekend offers staff, volunteers and youth opportunities to develop their capacity as leaders in their local camp programs.

You will...

- Add new, fun, educational activities to your program
- Better understand how to work with campers, teen staff and adult volunteers
- Learn how to market and recruit campers and teen staff
- Network with others who share your passion for camp
- Come away with practical tools to increase the safety, fun and growth for campers and staff

Conference workshops include:

- Understanding and dealing with difficult behaviors
- New science, engineering and technology (SET) activities for camp: shelter building, first aid and safety, creating cookouts and overnight adventures
- Working with chaperones and other adult volunteers
- Project Learning Tree and more “green” ideas
- Our campers Thrive activities
- Important steps for camp health and safety compliance
- Archery certification
- And more!

Registration fee by February 1st is \$140 per person (\$150 by March 7th) and includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, ending just before lunch on Sunday. Suggested participants include camp directors, youth leadership team, camp volunteers and 4-H staff members. Archery Certification is an additional \$35 and the 12-hour course and precludes other workshop sessions.

For a copy of the brochure or to register online,

Visit: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Conference/>

4-H E-News Updates ~ December 2013

Starbucks Youth Action Grants - Deadline: December 15

The Starbucks Foundation is interested in supporting organizations that equip young people ages 15 to 24 years old - especially those not engaged in employment, education, or training - in business savvy, social conscience, and collaborative communication. They will consider grants between \$10,000 and \$30,000. More info: <http://bit.ly/1bKhGlz>

Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants - Deadline: January 31

Do you know where your next meal is coming from? One in five children in America don't. But this is a problem that can be solved, and kids are a part of the solution. Funding of up to \$500 is available for youth that live in the U.S. to lead projects focused on ending childhood hunger in their communities. Find out how you can help end childhood hunger: www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth

Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship - Deadline: December 5

Through scholarship awards, Sodexo Foundation recognizes and rewards students, ages 5-25, who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models and solutions to eliminate hunger across the country. The scholarship recipients each receive \$5,000 for their education as well as a \$5,000 grant for the hunger-related charity of their choice. Learn more and apply at www.SodexoFoundation.org.

MADD Power of You(th) Video Contest - Deadline: December 20

Enter MADD's Power of You(th) Video Contest by answering the question, "If You Don't Drink Alcohol Today, What Could Your Tomorrow Be?" with a 15-second Instagram video. The contest winner and the school with the most submissions will EACH win \$1,500! Entrants must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 13 and 18. More info: <http://bit.ly/Ag2znC>

2014 C-SPAN StudentCam Competition - Deadline: January 20

StudentCam is an annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation, sponsored by C-SPAN. StudentCam's theme for 2014 is: "A Message to the U.S. Congress: What's the most important issue the U.S. Congress should consider in 2014?" Maximum award: \$5,000, plus \$750 to spend on digital video equipment for his/her school. Eligibility: students grades 6-12, individually or in teams. More info: <http://cs.pn/wo6O3b>

2014 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

Each year the Foundation sponsors an essay writing contest for active (fees paid) members of 4-H clubs across the country. There are cash prizes for the national winners: 1st Place - \$750.00; 2nd Place - \$500.00; 3rd Place - \$250.00. National and state winners receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. All essays must be submitted electronically to Eric Mussen, ecmussen@ucdavis.edu, and are due on or before **February 15, 2014**. More info and rules: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/176473.pdf>

Hosting a Qualifying show?

Register your show here: <http://ucanr.edu/qualifying-shows> for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2014 California Horse Classic.

Criteria for a Qualifying Show:

- Show verified by county
- Up to 3 shows per county
- Each horse show must be registered
- The Horse Show must offer the same classes that are offered at the State 4-H Classic (they may offer more if they choose too)
- Show must be before June 3rd, 2014
- Management of each show is required to send show results to Sarah Watkins at the State 4-H Office

Results can be sent via email to spwatkins@ucanr.edu.

Looking for a Qualifying Horse show for the 2014 California 4-H Horse Classic?

Visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/Horse_Classic/Equine_Qualifier_Events/ to find a Horse Show near you!

Save the Date - State Field Day on May 31, 2014

UC Davis Campus. Find more information here <http://ucanr.edu/4hstatefieldday>

California State Fashion Revue is May 31, 2014 at Olson Hall on the UC Davis campus. This year our SFR community service projects are Drawstring Bags for Foster Kids and Walker Bags for Seniors. We are working on these projects all year and look forward to having a lot of support from all of our counties.

Drawstring Bag Pattern: Free Online Pattern at

<http://oces.okstate.edu/creek/family-and-consumer-sciences/patterns/Pattern%204-H%20Laundry%20Bag.pdf>

Walker Bag Patterns: Free Online Pattern at <http://www.bucketsgonewild.com/free-walker-tote.htm>. There are also commercially produced patterns available for purchase at fabric stores including Simplicity 2822 and 2382.

Check out the State 4-H website for information about the State Fashion Revue categories and get an early start on your projects for your county fashion revue submissions: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>

Save the date! California Focus is June 13-17, 2014

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California.

State Leadership Conference August 14-17, 2014 U.C. Santa Cruz

"Raiders of the Lost Leadership"

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. **Check our website, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for updates and exciting announcements!**

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

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Support/RofR/>

2013/2014 Revolution of Responsibility Application Deadlines:

January 15, 2014, March 15, 2014, May 15, 2014, July 15, 2014, September 15, 2014,
November 15, 2014



The Real World Design Challenge <http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/>

Challenge issued October 10, team registration due December 20.

An annual aviation design competition for teams of high school students. The Challenge is FREE for students and teachers. And each teacher that signs up a team will receive professional engineering software as well as access to mentors from industry, government, and academia. The top team in each state will win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC.

Agricultural Innovation Prize <http://www.agprize.org>. Submission deadline is February 28th, 2014.

The contest was developed to encourage cutting-edge technology in agricultural and food systems. It strives to connect various sectors and disciplines in an effort to better address the challenges of the 21st century. These challenges include bringing our food, climate and social systems within a safe operating space. It hopes to identify ways to achieve food security while keeping us within sound environmental boundaries. The Ag Prize seeks students who are interested in transforming global food systems into one that facilitates sufficiency and resilience. This transformation will occur with the increased awareness and attention of the next generation of leaders, unbridled by any number of constraints. The Agricultural Innovation Prize is run in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture.

4-H Million Trees <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>

The Eco-Company TV show segment on the 4-H Million Trees Project / Woodside High School Green Academy tree planting event at Huddart Park was aired nationally. It is now available to view online at <http://www.eco-company.tv/video/planting-redwoods>

New National 4-H Curricula: Exploring Beef Health and Husbandry

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Product/4-hcurriculum-beef/exploring-cattle-health-and-husbandry/08455.aspx>

Grades 5 – 8. This curriculum is designed as the guide for a project facilitator. 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.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Pistol Discipline

Saturday, January 4, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fresno County Peace Officer Range – 7633 N. Weber, Fresno CA

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the pistol discipline will be held at the Fresno County Peace Officer Range, 7633 N. Weber, Fresno, Ca. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a level 1 pistol instructor and can lead a pistol project. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder each participant will receive. Participants will need to bring their own eye and ear protection and are encouraged to bring their own .22 rim fire pistol and/or own air pistols if they have them. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Sammy Ashworth at sdashworth@gmail.com or (559) 707-0755. (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County). Please fill out and bring the document listed below. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fresno-County-Peace-Officers-Association/101825493227619>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-Shooting-Sports/359716147438695>

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>

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/

State Fashion Revue Cover Contest

The State Fashion Revue committee is seeking entries to design the program cover for the event. Your design should reflect the theme: California Grown, California Sewn. Contest rules are:

- One design per member. Any 4-H youth member may participate, regardless of projects.
- The design can be digital or hand drawn.
- It should be no larger than 4.5" wide x 7.5" tall, to fit on a folded letter size page.
- You may use any medium (colored pencil, marker, paint, digital) you wish.
- Be sure to include the words "2014 State Fashion Revue" and the date "May 31, 2014".
- Use the 4-H clover appropriately in your design.
- Please keep your original artwork and go to this link to submit your entry.

Entries are due by January 15, 2014. <http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest>

For more information email mvemails@yahoo.com.

We look forward to receiving your designs! Have fun and good luck!

LCORT: Leadership Conference of Regional Teens - January 24-26, 2014

LCORT is the South Central Section's Leadership Conference for members in grades 7-9. The heart of the conference is a series of workshops presented by high school-age members from the leadership teams in the 12 member counties. This year's event will be held on **January 24-26, 2014** at Wonder Valley Conference Center in Sanger (Fresno County), CA. Workshop application materials have been sent to county staff and are available on the LCORT web page of the CA 4-H website. Registration packets, LCORT 2015 Youth Chair applications, and other materials are also available on the web. Please direct questions or comments to LCORT Coordinator Pauline Smoke at lcort.coordinator@yahoo.com.

4-H Archery Leader Certification

February 1, 2014 – 9am-5pm & February 2, 2014 – 9am-12pm

33 Browns Valley Road Corralitos, CA

The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, and Saturday breakfast & lunch and Sunday breakfast. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. If you are already a certified volunteer archery leader and would like to become a trainer, contact Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email mtlassenlover@gmail.com to discuss options.

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf> and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to "Santa Cruz County 4-H Council" and mail to UCCE, 1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076. **Registration is due Friday, January 17th and space is limited.** For more information call Stephanie at 831-763-8015 (Mondays & Wednesdays only) or email her at sfontana@ucanr.edu or contact Jeanne at the contact information above.

Merry Christmas

Chris Greer
County Director

Liz Dawley
4-H Program Representative



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