# **Colusa County 4-H News**

## **January**, 2014





## **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, 7:00pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room Stonyford 4-H - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 4:00pm, City Hall Williams 4-H - 3rd 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)

# **CALENDAR:**

### **JANUARY 2014**

- 1 Maxwell Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Maxwell Elementary
- 2 Cooperative Extension office reopens after the holidays
- Pistol Discipline Shooting Sports Workshop, Fresno 4-5
- Deadline to register for Citizenship Washington Focus 10
- 11-12 Rifle Discipline Shooting Sports Workshop, Alturas
- Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, City Hall 12
- 13 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 13 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- Council meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room 15
- Application and deposit due for Citizenship Washington Focus 15
- 15 Application deadline for Revolution of Responsibility
- State Fashion Revue Cover Contest entries due 15
- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Cooperative Extension closed 20
- Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary 21
- 25 CSUChico Annual Swine Educational Day, 9:00am
- 24-26 LCORT, Fresno County

## **FEBRUARY 2014**

- Livestock entry deadline for Steers 4
- 8 CSUChico Sheep and Meat Goat Educational Day, 9:30 - 11:30am
- Colusa County Presentation Day Postponed until March 8th, Maxwell 8
- 9 Steer pre-weigh-in, 8-10am
- 14 DUE: Presentation Day and Home Ec Review entry forms to 4-H Office
- Presidents Day Cooperative Extension closed 17

FOR STATE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES GO TO: http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calend

# **NEW DATE, TIME AND PLACE!**

# COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY & HOME EC REVIEW COMBINED

County Presentation Day place, date and time has moved because of a conflict time with CSUChico Field Day. It will be on the same day as Home Ec Review. Livestock and Home Ec leaders and parents are needed to help in order to make this day a success. All presenters must pre-register. Registration forms for Presentation Day are available at <u>http://cecolusa.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/Forms/</u>. Home Ec Review registration forms will be available on January 15, 2014. Both are due on February 14<sup>th</sup> to the 4-H Office.

When: Saturday, March 8, 2014 Where: Maxwell Elementary

Schedule:	
9:00 a.m.	Check in for Home Ec Review
9:30	Opening Assembly for Home Ec Review
9:45-11:00	Judging of Home Ec exhibits and Home Ec Field Day Judging
11:30	Lunch
12:00	Home Ec Review Awards and Check in for Presentation Day
12:30-1:30	Presentations given and judged
2:00	Presentation Awards

**Presentation Day:** If you need information on giving presentations download the State 4-H Presentation Manual from <a href="http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/index.asp">http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/index.asp</a>. Also the 4-H Office has helpful printed information as well.

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:** 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.

**Sectional Presentation Day** will be held on Saturday, March 29 at Sutter Union High School (2665 Acacia Ave, Sutter, CA 95982). Check in will start at 9am. Registration forms and more specific information will be available in February.

# LIVESTOCK ENTRY DATES

### Livestock entry deadline is before pre-weigh-in.

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

Important: online entries close the day BEFORE pre-weigh-in. Ear tags will be issued the week AFTER weigh-in.

# 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 – 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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fresno-County-Peace-Officers-Association/101825493227619">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fresno-County-Peace-Officers-Association/101825493227619</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-Shooting-Sports/359716147438695">https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-Shooting-Sports/359716147438695</a>

## **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP – RIFLE DISCIPLINE**

Saturday, January 11, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 12, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon Alturas, CA

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 <u>ststokke@ucdavis.edu</u>. (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.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

• AMEILA LAGRANDE • ASA VANN • ASHLYN WOOLDRIDGE • BAILEE HAYWOOD • BARRETT LANGLOIS • BRAIDEN CARTER • CAIDYNCE LOPEZ • CESAR LOPEZ • CHANTAL CRUZ • DANIEL GONZALEZ • ELEANOR JEWETT • EMILIE SCHAEFER • ERIN WALSH • HANNAH CUTTER • JAYCEE BRACKET • JAYDYN TREMAYNE• JOSE GONZALEZ • KATIE WILLIAMS • KHLOEY WAYMAN GOBEL • KYLIE BURGESS • LIAM DEWIT • MAKAYLA MOORE • MARIELENA CASTRO • MITCHELL KLEY • MONROE MILLER • OWEN BRIAN • PHILLIP SASO • SARAH DRIVER • TODD READING •

# **CLUBS REVIEW PLANS**

January is midyear for the 4-H club program. This month club officers and leaders (your executive team) review your club's planning guide and ask themselves, "Are we on the right track? Are we on schedule? Do we need to adjust our club goals?" This review can be reported at the January or February club meeting and the March Council meeting. This planning and reviewing strengthens your club and involves your membership in making the best better.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Colusa County 4-H Council will be Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. All certified leaders and all approved members are voting members of the council. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Agenda items are due by noon the day before. Remaining council meetings for the year are: March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **CSU CHICO ANNUAL SWINE EDUCATIONAL DAY**

Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 9am

Located at the CSU Chico Farm Pavilion, Swine Unit, 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane, Chico CA 95928. Youth swine project members can learn about various aspects of their project! Topics will include nutrition, fitting and grooming, showmanship and selection. There is a \$5/person charge, those under 9 are free. Contact Mr. Clay Carlson at <u>ccarlson2@csuchico.edu</u> for more information or visit their website at: <u>www.thepigpage.com/chicostate</u>.

## **CSU CHICO SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT EDUCATIONAL DAY**

February 8, 2014

There are various workshops all lasting about 20 minutes each and will start every 30 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Educational participants can pick 4 workshops to attend. Youth lamb and meat goat project members can learn about various aspects of their project! Topics will include nutrition, fitting and grooming, showmanship and selection. There is a \$5/person charge, those under 9 are free. Concession lunch will be provided by the Northern California Meat Goat Association Youth members. All paid participants in the Sheep & Goat Educational day will receive 2 raffle tickets for a raffle ewe. Additionally, if you need a project lamb or goat kid for May/June fairs, there is a sale of about 60 lambs and 15 goats that afternoon!

http://www.chicostatesheepgoat.com/events.html

# **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

# **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.

## **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.

## **LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS**

### July 15-19, 2014 \$1.599.00

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from

the Washington, D.C. border. 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, LWF. Middle school 4-H delegates will:



- Build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action
- Practice effective communication with others through group discussion and public speaking
- Work 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'ersfrom across the nation.
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C.

Participants are immersed in the culture and history of our nation through on-site workshops at D.C.'s most spectacular sights.

### Destinations include, but are not limited to:

- White House and Lafayette Park
- Ford's Theatre
- National Archives
- Presidential and war monuments and memorials
- Smithsonian museums
- and more!

Contact Trip Coordinator Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu

# 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 <u>cpriesing@4hcenter.org</u> or (301)961-2893.

# **CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS**

Citizenship Washington Focus, an educational conference offered at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders.



Through tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply their enhanced leadership and citizenship skills to issues in their own community.

Delegates have the option of traveling to Washington, D.C., and participating in Heritage Trail which is a 7 day program hosted by the National 4-H Conference Center. Delegates may extend their travel 3 additional days through the *Global Journey* program which includes visits to Gettysburg, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

### Dates for the 2014 program include:

**Heritage Trail CWF only \$2,799:** June 22 to June 28, 2014 The seven day program to Washington, D.C.

Road to Democracy \$3,449: June 22 to July 1, 2014

The ten day program to Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Philadelphia and Baltimore!

Citizenship Washington Focus is a year-long program, beginning with registration in December and online orientation in March. County delegations are expected to complete a study guide and prepare thoroughly for their Citizenship Washington Focus program. During their participation in the program, all county delegations develop and carry out a service-learning plan of action to address a current issue in their community. A final report on their service project is due September 15 of the year they travel.

### Registration Deadline is January 15, 2014. Deposit of \$ 1200 is due at time of registration.

To register go to: <u>http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/WF/</u> Contact Jenna Colburn, Program Coordinator at <u>jcolburn@ucanr.edu</u>

Price includes airfare (excludes baggage fees), busing, conference registration fees, lodging and some meals.

# **EMERALD STAR PROJECT**

### Submitted by: Hannah Azevedo

My name is Hannah Azevedo and I am currently in the 8th grade at Maxwell Jr. High. I would like to tell you about my Emerald Star project. I am making "blessing bags" to spread throughout the county. I will be collecting travel size hygiene products like: mouthwash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner and hand sanitizer. These items will be placed in bags and distributed to all county schools, some churches, impact store and individuals willing to participate, will be giving bags to keep in their cars to hand out to those in need. I will be attending all town 4h meetings to help with donations for my project. I would like to finish my project collections by March 2014 and distribute the bags by April. Thank you.

# 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 8<sup>th</sup>.** For further information please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570.

# **JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN**

STOCK LOAN



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 8<sup>th</sup>.** For further information please contact the 4-H Office.

# **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 <u>mtlassenlover@gmail.com</u> to discuss options.

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at <u>http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf</u> 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 17**<sup>th</sup> **and space is limited**. For more information call Stephanie at 831-763-8015 (Mondays & Wednesdays only) or email her at <u>sfontana@ucanr.edu</u> or contact Jeanne at the contact information above.

# **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP – RIFLE DISCIPLINE**

### Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. & Sunday, March 16, 2014 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Auburn, CA

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held near Auburn CA, official location TBD. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a volunteer and can lead a rifle project at the club level. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder that each participant will receive as well as lunch on Saturday. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. Participants should bring their own eye and ear protection of desired. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Eric Vander Linden at evl@cebridge.net or 916 257-4796 (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County). Please fill out and bring the documents listed below. The training request form will need to be signed by your county staff prior to participating in the training.

http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf, http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4758.pdf, http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf Registration is due Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and space is limited.



# **4-H INFORMATIONAL LINKS:**

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

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 <u>http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/kids-health</u>

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

# 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**

### 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: <a href="https://www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth">www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth</a>

#### 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: <a href="http://cs.pn/wo6O3b">http://cs.pn/wo6O3b</a>

#### 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. National and state winners receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. All essays must be submitted electronically to Eric Mussen, <u>ecmussen@ucdavis.edu</u>, and are due on or before **February 15, 2014**. More info and rules: <u>http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/176473.pdf</u>

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

Criteria for a Qualifying Show:

- Show verified by county
- o Up to 3 shows per county
- o 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 <u>spwatkins@ucanr.edu</u>.

#### 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!

**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/

#### 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

#### 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.

#### 4-H Million Trees <a href="http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/">http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/</a>

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 <a href="http://www.eco-company.tv/video/planting-redwoods">http://www.eco-company.tv/video/planting-redwoods</a>

#### 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.

#### 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 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.

**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: <a href="http://bit.ly/PQYfTr">http://bit.ly/PQYfTr</a>

#### 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:

- o One design per member. Any 4-H youth member may participate, regardless of projects.
- The design can be digital or hand drawn.
- o 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.
- o 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 <u>mvemails@yahoo.com</u>. 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 <u>lcort.coordinator@yahoo.com</u>.

Chris Greer County Director Liz Dawley 4-H Program Representative



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