



4-H Calendar of Events

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December

17.....9am Wreaths Across America - Wreath Placement Ukiah, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley
 26.....UCCE Office closed

January

1-31.....#4-HGo— Fall 2016 Spark Survey in ORB
 7.....County Council Meeting in Ukiah
 9.....2017-18 State Ambassador Team Application Due
 21.....Record Book Training for Youth & Adults (not appropriate for Cloverbuds) Ukiah Office, Time—TBA
 27.....Mid-Year Reviews Due of Financials

Incentives and Recognition Committee Meetings:

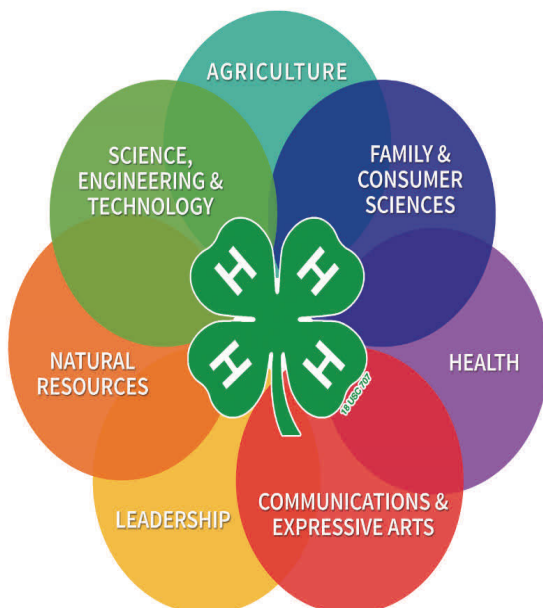
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20

Executive Board Meetings: All 6p-8p

Dec 30, Mar 8, Jun 14, Sept 13

County Council Meetings: All 9a-2p

Jan 7, Apr 1, (July 15 Coast Office), Oct 7



National 4-H Week Article

October 2nd-8th is National 4-H Week, and because the Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Club is participating in it, I wanted to contribute some information about local 4-H. As a current member of 4-H, I'm always interested in hearing what 4-H means to others, including other 4-H members, leaders, and parents. I asked a few of my 4-H community members to tell me what 4-H meant to them, and I found the responses interesting.

7-year 4-H member Ella Nelson says, "To me, 4-H means learning responsibility, because in 4-H you make a lot of commitments that you must uphold."

Shannon Whetzel, who has been a member for 9 years and is now at college, says, "4-H means community and friendship, but it also means leadership." Shannon is the perfect example of this: she has been President of the Ukiah Shamrocks Club, among other officer positions. She also was the recipient of a 4-H scholarship for college.

"What I appreciate about 4-H is that it's an opportunity for young people to practice and learn selflessness as well as public speaking and the value of commitment," says Cassandra Mortier, mother of two 4-Hers.

Nadine Boer, past 4-H member and leader, says "The 4-H program puts youth and adults together in mentoring situations. As a youth member, I gained many skills with my hands, but most importantly I learned the value of working together as a club for the benefit of our little community. Even though my membership was many years ago, I remember the dedicated work our leaders put forward for the life of our club. "As an adult, I joined 4-H again so I could honor those adults who gave me so much when I was a youth member. I expected that I would teach my project members a skill, which I was able to do, but the unexpected part has been all that these 4-H'ers have taught me. I have had the most amazing experience with my project group as well as my club work, beyond my expectations. The 4-H'ers grew in both their skills and in their confidence and I too gained so much from these young people. I feel so fortunate to have been associated with 4-H, first as a youth member and then as an adult. 4-H has truly changed my life."

If you're a 5-18 year old and you're not a 4-H member, I would truly encourage you to think about it. 4-H really does teach so many skills and talents, and contrary to popular belief, it's not all about animals! There are other, equally as important projects that you can take in 4-H. Next August, when the time comes to sign up, I hope to see you there.

NATHAN HAYES' VIDEO LINK FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Check out Nathan Hayes' YouTube video link! It shows how our local 4-Hers are involved each year with placing wreaths on Our Nations Honored Veterans headstones in Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley Cemeteries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLESk1bE8Os>

RV/Cal 4H Club Scribe—Lily Lewis

Hello 4H families! At our **October** meeting Duncan Cline came and made a presentation for the National Youth Science Day and about the county wide STEM project. Kyle talked about Wreaths Across America and that we had a float in the pumpkin fest parade and encourage all member to attend. We also discussed the fudge fundraiser that we are starting in November.

At our **November** meeting we handed out the Fudge Fundraiser order forms. Order Forms are due on 11/28/16 several drop off locations available, the fudge will be ready to pickup at our December 13th general meeting. We also discussed the cloverbud field day and announced that our December meeting will be our annual awards ceremony and potluck. Kyle also gave an update about the Wreaths Across America and encouraging kids to attend the ceremony in December. Our next meeting will be on December 13, 2016 at the Redwood Valley Grange.

SCRIBE'S ARTICLES

Hello 4-H Families

Not a whole lot going on in the 4-H world. Everyone is just getting up and going on meetings. So I don't have a lot to report on. The Spooktacular Cloverbud Field Day was a blast, in our group we did Greasy Grimmy Gopher Guts! A lot of kids were there and a lot of them did our booth. There were a ton of other booths set up and going really well. A lot of the kids were in their Halloween costumes and they were all very cute. I saw a couple of our 4-H kids there and most of them were in their costumes too. Everybody was so helpful to us and all the other booths. I would like to give a big thank to all the 4-H parents who showed up and helped out! We couldn't have done it without you!

This month our group will be donating 4 Thanksgiving Baskets of food to 4 families in our community that are in need. Geigers Long Valley Market will be donating 2 turkeys and two 4-H families will be donating 2 other turkeys, all of our 4-H families will be donating food to go into these baskets, this is very heart warming.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving! I know I will!

Hailey Musgrave
Long Valley 4-H

Mendocino Spartan's Report

Hello again! I am here to tell you a little bit more Boonville Fair 2016. The Mendocino Spartans had two small groups of people show their animals at the fair: the Goat Project members and the Poultry Project members. The members who showed their poultry this year were Ariel Anton and Jacob Welter. The members who showed their goats this year included Elisha Yager, Joya Yager, Gavin Evans, Rose Parker, Mealii Parker, Joey Beak, and Hardy Beak. Both project members worked very hard on keeping their stalls and cages very neat and tidy. The constant care and cleaning resulted in the Goat Project and the Poultry Project receiving the Clean Stall Awards this year. Animals mean a lot to our club, and we will try our hardest to keep it that way.

County Wide STEM Project -Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

January 21, 2017

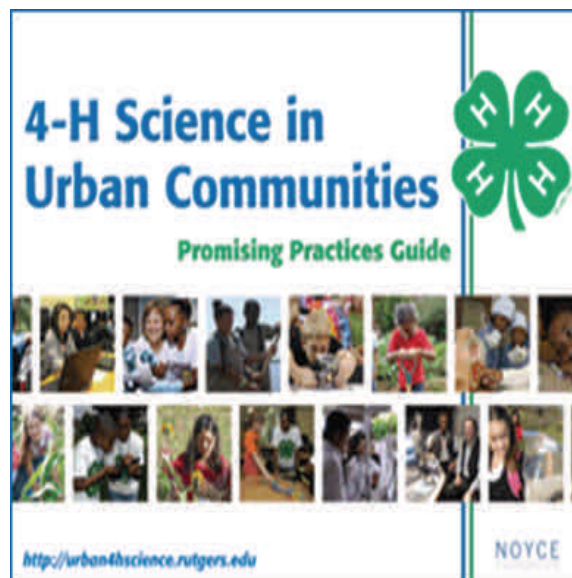
Mobile Movie-Making movies
with your phone (bring your
phone)

February 11, 2017 App
Workshop (being a lap top or
notebook computer if you have
one)

March 11, 2017 Science
Blast

County 4H office (in Ukiah)
10 am to 12:30 pm. Ages 10+

***Please sign up for the Drone Discovery
and / or the county STEM Project



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ARTICLE

The Ukiah Cemetery is an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location and will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 1,000 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day. This year's date is Saturday December 17th at 9am. Coordinated and led by local 4-H clubs and volunteers, this annual event seeks to further the WAA mission of Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

A dedicated group of 4-H teenagers representing the Ukiah Shamrocks and the Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H Clubs are planning the third Wreaths Across America event for the Ukiah Cemetery. A few of us researched stories about a veteran buried in the Ukiah Cemetery by talking to their families. We'd love for you to come out to the event at the cemetery, but if you cannot, enjoy this article written by 4-H member Ella Nelson of the Ukiah Shamrock Club.

The veteran I have chosen to write a story on is Ernest Eriksen. He is my great, great uncle. He is also the uncle of the man who helped me write this story, Floyd Eriksen. He was the first boy born to Jonas and Ida Eriksen. Ernest was born on June 26, 1892 and died on April 18, 1968. He lived to be 76 years old. He had 5 brothers and 2 sisters and 2 of his brothers were in WWI. There was a 15 year difference between him and his youngest brother Theodore. He went to war at age 20 and he returned 2 or 3 years later. When he left he was leaving his father who was a rancher in Ukiah. He trained at Fort Lewis in Washington. He fought in World War I in France at the Battle of the Black Forest. He was injured, but not shot. Ernest operated artillery in the army. When he was leaving France, he actually ran into his brother William who was going into the war. When he returned home he had 3 kids, 2 boys and a girl, with his wife Leta Eriksen. He also became a lumberjack. My grandpa explained to me how Ernest didn't talk much about the war. He also told me how hard Ernest worked. In 1938, he moved to Laytonville. Even after he moved my grandpa still saw him quite often. When Ernest Eriksen returned from France there were only 4,000 people living in Ukiah. The number of people in Ukiah is four times that now. One day I hope to be as hardworking as my great great uncle Ernest Emerson Eriksen.

We are continuing to seek donations for wreaths. There are over 2,000 veteran graves at the Ukiah Cemetery. Wreaths are \$15 each. If you'd like to donate money for a wreath for this incredible event, you can by contacting Nadine Boer 707 463-0411 (Ukiah Location Coordinator). And you can request a wreath being placed at a specific grave, if you are not able to attend the ceremony. This program also supports our clubs as for each wreath purchased \$5 comes back to our clubs for our programs. Thank you.

Ava Mortier – Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Club Member



4-H Summer Camp Committee Updates

4-H Summer Camp will be July 2-6, 2017 at the Mendocino Woodlands Camp. Check out the website for our new [to us] facility at <http://mendocinowoodlands.org>. The camp is a National Historic Landmark near town of Mendocino.

We are encouraging teens to apply for the **4 Dean and 2 Director positions**. Please refer to the applications for the new structure and position requirements at <http://ucanr.edu/campteenstaff>. Applications are **due December 1**. Interviews for the Deans and Directors will be **December 8** at 6 pm at the Ukiah 4-H office. For more information contact Tascha Whetzel, Teen Staff Coordinator, at twhetzel@pacific.net.

We are encouraging adults to apply for the **Executive Director and Program Director** positions. For an application and more information, please visit <http://ucanr.edu/campsteeringcommittee>. If you are interested in joining our team, or sharing your ideas, the next meeting will be **November 30 at 6:30 pm** at the Ukiah 4-H office. Please join us to help

The 1st Annual Young Archer Essay Contest to benefit St. Jude Children Research Hospital is now in full swing and is open to all kids 8-18.

While it will be a perfect way for us to gather enough stories for the 2017 magazine season, it became obvious that it could also be a great fundraiser. We contacted St. Jude's and all proceeds from the \$5 entry fee will now go directly to them.

Whats in it for the kids?

It is a fun way for them to share their experiences and not only will some of the stories make the magazine, we have over \$6000.00 worth of prizes to give away. Top prize being a 4 Day archery hunt in Illinois.

How you can help?

If you could please help us out and forward this email to the kids in your states program, we would be so very grateful.

Here is a link to the contest <http://www.theyoungarcher.com/essaycontest/>

Thank you for all you do to help the kids in your care.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Shotgun Discipline Visalia, CA

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the shotgun discipline will be held at Tulare County Trap Club, 7394 Ave 328, Visalia. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as shotgun volunteer and can lead a shotgun project at the club level. Cost for the course is \$15. Fee includes all training material, Saturday lunch and coffee each morning. To register for the course complete the 4-H Training Request and Registration Form, <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf>, 4-H Medical Release form, <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210815.pdf>, and a check made payable to Tulare County 4-H Leader's Council. Mail registration forms and payment to Tulare County 4-H, ATTN: Shotgun Training, 4437-B S. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274. To receive more information contact Don O'Dell 559-972-4771 or donald.odell@farmcreditwest.com

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Rifle Discipline

Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu

State 4-H Updates

Scholarship Guide— Hispanic and Latino Students New Scholarship [guide](#) available specifically for Hispanic and Latino students. Also see listing of useful [scholarship and financial resources](#).

Diamond Clover Award—The California Diamond Clover is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member is recognized. All youth members who achieve the requirements are eligible to receive this award. Awardees receive the California Diamond Clover Pin or Necklace Charm, a certificate and a recognition letter from the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are accepted year-round. Applications are reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awarded quarterly. Find more information [here](#).

2017 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest—*“How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?”*

Eligibility: Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H’ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the National level are NOT eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter. Students must write on the designated subject only. There will be NO exceptions.

For more details and an overview of the contest rules you can [click here!](#)

Please submit an **electronic copy** to Elina L. Niño at elnino@ucdavis.edu or contact her for questions at 530-500-APIS.

Awards:

First Prize:	\$750.00
Second Prize:	\$500.00
Third Prize:	\$250.00

State 4-H Updates

State Fashion Revue 2017, “The Road to Fashion”

The State Fashion Revue committee is excited to announce the five categories for 2017! Returning categories are Traditional and Upcycled for members in the Clothing & Textiles project (no change in rules). Consumer Science Purchased, \$40 limit is open to all 4-H members; the category criteria have been updated. The first challenge is the Knit Challenge, open to any 4-H member to make a garment out of knit fabric. The second is the Stripe/Print/Plaid Challenge, open to members in the Clothing & Textiles project – choose 2 of the 3 designs to include in a sewn garment or outfit. Look for the 2017 service project announcement next month and event details as they are finalized. Please see the [SFR website](#) for information on the categories and joining the committee.

California Focus

Join us ! June 16-20, 2017 in Sacramento CA. Find more information [here](#).

Want to be a District leader at CA Focus?

Applications are opening the week of October 25th, see details [here](#) .

LEADERSHIP!

[State Ambassador Applications](#) are OPEN!!

We Need YOUR Input!

On November 21st all 4-H adult volunteers in California will be invited via email to complete a quick survey about their views of 4-H participation. Your feedback will inform local county and state 4-H staff about your how you view your role in expanding participation in the 4-H program. This type of information promotes the creation of new trainings and curriculum to help improve the program.

The survey will come to you from **noreply@qemailserver.com**--it’s not junk mail—it’s from us!

State Updates

2017 UC Davis, CA&ES Field Day

The UC Davis, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Field Day will take place **March 3-4, 2017** at UC Davis. This field day is open to both FFA and 4-H members. 4-H members may compete in any of the [contests](#) offered. Please note that the Livestock Judging, the Poultry Judging and the Dairy Judging contests are considered State qualifiers to attend the National events.

Registration Deadlines

- **December 2nd** - Online Registration opens.
- **February 3rd** - Online Registration Deadline - Payments must be postmarked by this date. A \$25 late fee for payments postmarked after this date will be enforced.
- **February 10th** - Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due.
- **February 10th** - Online registration closed - Late registrations will no longer be accepted.

To register your team, please follow the instruction included in the attached letter.

For more information about the event, please visit: <http://www.caes.ucdavis.edu/connect/events/field-day>



State Updates

California 4-H Foundation News – November 29,
Save the Date!!

We all know that 4-H is the recipe for success.

Blend together committed adult staff, volunteers and parents like you, engaging teen leaders and eager 4-H youth; stir in hands-on projects such as cooking, rocketry and caring for animals; add community service and civic engagement; and what do you have? Young people who are scientifically literate, and have the confidence, critical thinking skills, and leadership skills to ensure their success in college, the workplace and in life.

We will once again be participating in #GivingTuesday, the global day for giving back. This year, thanks to the generous support of the California 4-H Foundation Board and an anonymous donor, up to \$20,000 in gifts received on this day through online giving will be matched. All counties are encouraged to participate and gifts will be matched in the order they come in, until we reach \$20,000. Stay tuned for more details and resources you can use to recruit others to get involved and to give!

After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving back. This November 29, join 4-H in giving life skills to our youth. #4HRecipe4Success

SAVE THE DATE!



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Cooperative Extension—Mendocino County
890 N. Bush Street
Ukiah, CA 95482



«Family Name»
«Street Address»
«City» «State» «Zipcode»

**“Roundup”
MENDOCINO COUNTY 4-H
November 2016**

Web Sites

National 4-H Council
www.4-h.org

California State 4-H Website:
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/>

Record Book forms, officer manuals, Policy Handbook,
opportunities for youth and leaders, etc. Click on **Resources**
for links to electronic 4-H forms, policies, and opportunities.

Like us on Facebook @ Mendocino County 4-H

Yahoo Groups for Community Club Leaders
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4h-ccl/>

Valuable site for discussing issues, sharing information and
resources for curriculum, materials and project ideas.

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