4-H Spirit



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

April 2018

Come Join the Fun at 4-H Camp Tweetv

June 30-July 2, 2018 will be 4-H Camp Tweety. Theme is 'Western'. This camp is for 4th-8th grade 4-H members and non-members in Mariposa and surrounding counties. Camp will be held at Camp Sugar Pine-Timber Mountain in Oakhurst. Limited space so get your registration in now. Activities will be canoeing, paddleboats, swimming, crafts, BB guns and archery will also take place. Bring a friend!

> Cost- Early bird by April 27 is \$140 for 4-Hers & \$165 for non-4-Hers After April 27 -fee will be \$160 for 4-Hers and \$190 for non-members (must be postmarked by May 25)

Registration forms are available at UCCE office, and on-line at http://cemariposa.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/ Camp Tweety/ For non-4-Hers call the office to have a form mailed. Payment arrangements can be arranged but fee must be paid by May 25 or sooner. This year we are taking credit card payments at http:// ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=23947.

Registration fee includes (2) nights lodging, (7) meals, materials, & souvenir. For more details, call Donna at 966-4829.

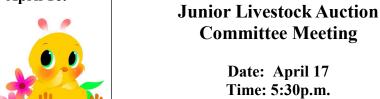


4-H members are invited on a one day trip to Yosemite Valley on Tuesday, June 12. Members ages 8 & up are invited to attend. *There is a group limit of 12 youth so first come, first serve.* Cost is \$45 which includes lunch. Program structure and content will vary because they are always customized to balance the organizations priorities in the areas of personal growth, teambuilding, academics, and stewardship. Specific destinations and activities will vary based on the season and weather, the organization's desired goals and outcomes, and the skills and abilities of the individual students. Lead teachers will be able to work closely with NatureBridge staff to create a highly-customized program that matches the needs of students, fulfills the

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requirements of schools, and meets grade-level science standards. If vou are interested please contact 4-H Staff at 966-4829 and pay fee by April 16.

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Where: Fairgrounds Boardroom-4-H reps will be Bear Metcalf & Debbie Lester along with Donna Wice, 4-H Coordinator.

MS Bike Ten Miles

Sunday April 29, 2018



Walkers and runners welcome! Register with your pledges at 8:30 am at the corner of Indian Gulch Road and HWY 140 in Cathey's Valley. The ride begins at 10:00 am and travels down Indian Gulch Road to the finish line at the Homitos Park where a barbeque and awards await.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE MS SOCIETY

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR A PLEDGE FORM CALL 209.382.7062

Sponsored by the 4-H Citizenship Project

4-H and Jackpot Livestock Shows

In 1997, the California 4-H Program adopted a policy regarding official 4-H participation in shows defined as "jackpot" shows.

A jackpot show is defined as one in which entry fees are charged and cash prizes or premiums are awarded from the accumulated entry fees or other matching funds.

4-H youth may participate as individuals in jackpot shows with their 4-H project animals. However, youth may not participate as 4-H members nor will their participation be recognized as a 4-H experience. (i.e. cannot be counted in the 4-H record book except as an "other than 4-H activity".) Coverage under the 4-H accident insurance program and protection under the University's liability program will not be in effect during participation in a jackpot show.

The reason for this decision was a growing concern that the project participation and entry requirements of some "jackpot' shows were not consistent with the California 4-H Youth Development Program's emphasis on learning and practicing animal project lessons.

Members, leaders, and parents should take care in reviewing the rules of a show to determine if it meets the definition of a jackpot show. Some shows that members have traditionally participated in do meet that definition and will not be considered as a 4-H experience.

All Applications will be Available April 27

2018-19 4-H Leadership Team App

Minimum age is 13 or completed 7th grade during year of application, completed at least 1 year of 4-H membership, demonstrated leadership skills & public speaking, achieved or working toward Bronze Star rank. **Please review the criteria for some is new.** Applications will be available on-line by April 27 or at the office. Applications due into the office by June 30 by 5p.

All-Star & Emerald Star Applications



For interested 4-H members 9th grade & up. Completed at least one year of 4-H membership and project experience. **All-Star applications** will be available at the office or on-line by April 27. Applications are due into the UCCE Office by June 30.

Emerald Star applications Must be currently enrolled in 4-H, What Star achieved or working towards?, in 7th grade or above, and have demonstrated leadership roles for at least one year can apply for the 2018-19 Emerald Star project. Start thinking about your great Emerald Star project. Talk with your leaders, parents, or contact Donna at the UCCE office to get some project ideas. These are also due June 30 by 5p.

All applications have criteria so please review. Applications will be on-line at http://cemariposa.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Mariposa_County_Project_Forms_and_more/by April 27 or at the office.

All applications due by June 30, 2018 by 5:00p.m.

True Leaders in Service -

Month of April Mark your calendars:



Saturday, April 28 is the 4-H National Day of Service. The whole month of April is True Leaders in Service month. Just like last year, USDA and National 4-H are tracking service projects during the month. Register your projects and let's make California one of the top states with projects this year!

Register your project at https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#!event-registration.





NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 15-21, 2018

4-H Volunteers

Somewhere between the sternness of a parent and the comradeship of a pal is that mysterious creature we call a 4-H Leader.

These leaders come in all shapes an sizes, and may be male or female. But they all have one thing in common-a glorious twinkle in their eyes!

4-H Leaders are found everywhere— at judging contest, fairs, square dances, and talent shows. They always are preparing for, sitting through, participating in, or recuperating from a meeting of some kind.

They are tireless consumers of muffins, expert at taking knots out of thread, peerless coaches, and spend hours on the telephone.

A 4-H Leader is many things—an artist making a float for the Fourth of July, a doctor prescribing for an underfed calf, a counselor at camp, a lawyer filling out reports, and a shoulder to cry on when that dress just won't fit. Nobody else is so early to rise and so late to get home at night. Nobody else has so much fun with so many boys and girls.

We sometimes forget them, but we can't do without them. They receive no salary, but we can never repay them.

They are angels in aprons, saints in straw hats. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. But when they look around them at the skills they've taught, and the youth they've built, there's an inner voice from somewhere that says, "Well done."

Author Unknown

Mariposa County 4-H YDP has about 50 volunteer leaders in our program. Members, please thank your project leaders for their generosity, for we wouldn't have a 4-H program without them!!



Hornitos 4-H Club April Meeting Time and Location Changed

Date- April 8
Time– 12:30p
Location- Mariposa Fairgrounds
Strathern Pavilion

Will take place before Junior Livestock

Day



Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 At 5:30-6:30 pm At Mariposa Lutheran Church

Please email bootjack49ers4h@gmail.com if you plan on attending this 1st committee meeting.

This is for anyone that would like to help the inaugural race

2nd Record Book Workshop

Saturday, April 21, 2018 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Topics will Cover
4-H Story
Correct Organization

Questions or RSVP to



4-H Judging Day Winners!

4-H Judging Day was held on Saturday, March 10 at New Life Christian Fellowship. A big 'Thank You' goes out to the Clover Pioneer 4-H Club for chairing this event. Also thank you to Monica Nielsen, Courtney Wagner, Melissa Takahashi and Laurel Wagner, All-Star for helping with tallying and presenting awards.

Thank you to MarLee Beaudoin, Beth Broomfield, and Raegan Broomfield, All-Star and others helping in the food booth.

Junior-

Livestock— gold— Liam Davis silver—Lia Tilton bronze— Carmelia Gonzalez 4th— Robyn Sharrar Home Ec— gold— Lia Tilton silver— Carmelia Gonzalez bronze— Liam Davis 4th— Robyn Sharrar General— gold— Liam Davis silver— Lia Tilton bronze— Carmelia Gonzalez 4th— Robyn Sharrar Overall Winner— Lia Tilton

Intermediate-

Livestock- gold- Dulcie McGrath silver- Nina Sharrar bronze- Kaitlyn Howell 4th- Addyson McCaig 5th-Alyssa Leventhal

Home Ec– gold– Dulcie McGrath **silver**– Emma Nielsen **bronze**– Kaitlyn Howell **4th**– Nina Sharrar **5th**– Westley Takahashi

General—gold—Shelby Graziose silver— Dulcie McGrath bronze— Addyson McCaig 4th— Nina Sharrar 5th— Alyssa Leventhal

Overall winner— Dulcie McGrath

Senior-

Livestock—gold—Laurel Wagner, Home Ec—gold—Laurel Wagner General-gold—Laurel Wagner Overall winner—Laurel Wagner

Adults-

Livestock—1st—Hilary Sharrar Home Ec—1st—Hilary Sharrar General—1st—Hilary Sharrar Overall winner—Hilary Sharrar



All Primary members participating— Gloria Sharrar and Bridget Sharrar

California 4-H Management Board Meeting

Open invitation: CA 4-H Management Board Meetings

Want to find out what is happening in 4-H? The California 4-H Management Board will be conducting their Quarterly meeting in Davis, CA at the UC ANR State 4-H Offices on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Please note that lunch will not be provided, and each member who attends is expected to bring their own lunch.

If you cannot attend the meeting you can join via Zoom teleconference. Here are the call details:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://ucanr.zoom.us/my/ca4hmb

Or Telephone:

Dial: +1 408 638 0968

Meeting ID: 715 538 1374



RANGE CAMP 2018

34rd ANNUAL RANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP JUNE 17-22, 2018 - HALF MOON BAY, CA

Presented by the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management To give 10-12th grade students the opportunity to explore the science and management of our natural resources with experienced professionals and university faculty.

Sessions and Activities include:

- Riparian Habitats
- Rangeland Ecology
- Wildlife Management
- Soils
- Forestry
- Plant Identification

RESOURCE



- Recreation
- Private & Public Lands
- Watershed Hydrology
- GPS / GIS Technology Applications
- Tour of Working Ranch
- Team Project Planning Competition

Cost: \$450

"Top Camper" Contest: Plant ID test, subject matter exam & staff evaluation

Top three placing students* given opportunity to represent California-Pacific Section, SRM at the Society for Range Management's High School Youth Forum, in Minneapolis, MN Feb 10-14, 2019 (all expenses paid for top two students). All participants receive t-shirts and camp completion certificates.

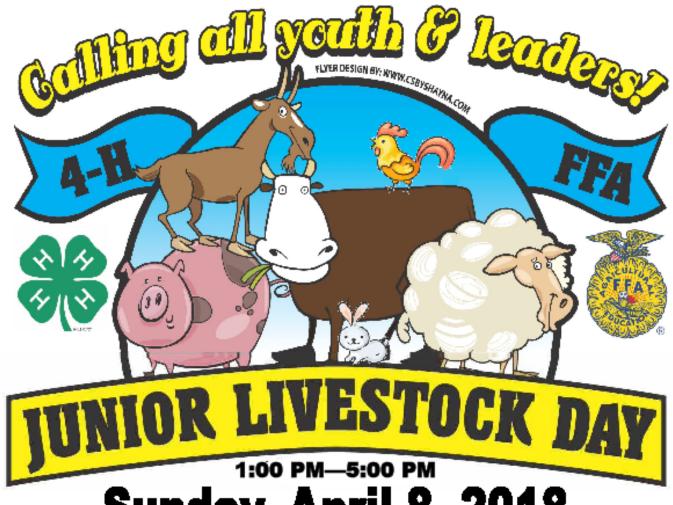
*Must be a current high school student in Feb '19



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APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 27, 2018



Sunday, April 8, 2018

Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Strathearn Pavilion

Win Prizes • Food Available • Have Fun

Learn Important Skills • Beginner & Advance Sessions

Beef • Sheep • Swine • Meat Goats • Poultry • Small Animals

Nutrition • Selection & Evaluation • Fitting • Showmanship

FREE Admission

Presented by: Merced Jr. College For more information Call:

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4-H Fashion Revue/Style Show Scheduled for April 28

Mariposa County 4-H Fashion Revue and Style Show is slated for Saturday, April 28 location TBA.

Fashion Revue is an event for our 4-H members in the sewing project. They model their garments in front of judges and are interviewed. The top winner(s) have the opportunity to attend the State 4-H Fashion Revue (Registration closes at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 14, 2018).

The Style Show portion of this event is where all of our 4-H members, both boys & girls, can model a purchased, borrowed from a store, or home-sewn selection. They are also judged but not interviewed. We would like to see many of our 4-Hers enter this event.

Categories for Fashion Revue are:

Traditional - features garments the participant has constructed, showcasing sewing skills and the ability to coordinate an outfit. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project. The outfit must contain at least one constructed garment; participants are encouraged to construct additional garments to complete the outfit.

<u>Traditional scorecard 2017</u> (no change for 2018)

Consumer Science Purchased, \$40.00 Limit for the entire outfit, includes shoes but not sales tax. Receipts from the current 4-H year are required for any item that is visible. Gifts, prior purchases, and items without receipts are not eligible for this category. Receipts from yard sales, etc. may be hand written. The member should consider value vs. cost, versatility, the shopping experience, and coordination of the outfit within the cost limit. There is no 4-H project requirement; any 4-H member may enter this category.

CSP scorecard 2017 (no change for 2018)

Upcycled – take one or more existing garments and turn them into a new, different, and wearable garment. Additional fabrics, trim and supplies may be used during the construction process. The upcycled garment must be sewn by the member as part of the 4-H Clothing & Textiles project. Additional upcycled and/or sewn garments are encouraged to complete the outfit. A "before" photograph showing the original garment(s) is required. This is not an alteration - such as a large dress taken in to fit a smaller person that still retains the same lines. It is where the garment has been cut apart and remade into a new garment that looks different. The emphasis is on the transition of the garment. The outfit entered in the Upcycled category must include an accessory of your choice, handmade by the participant. <u>Upcycled scorecard 2017</u> (no change for 2018)

Retro/Vintage Inspired Challenge- Create an outfit that is inspired by a vintage design using new fabric and notions. Vintage is 20-100 years old, so use an inspiration that is from 1900-2000. The entry must state the year or period of the design and include a drawing, photo, or description of the design that inspires your outfit. At least one garment must be handmade by the member. Other garments and accessories can be handmade or purchased but must be representational of the same era. There is no 4-H project requirement; any 4-H member may enter this category.

Ideas for sources of inspiration include but aren't limited to: a sewing pattern that belonged to your parent, an outfit worn by your parent or grandparent in their youth, an iconic outfit worn by someone famous like Lucille Ball, Nancy Reagan, John Wayne, or James Dean, or use one of the new sewing patterns labeled Retro.

See It, Sew It Challenge Have you found an outfit online or in a magazine that you would love to copy for yourself? This category is perfect for you! Start with a picture of a new garment or outfit from a current magazine, catalog, store display, or website. List the retail price if you were to purchase the garment or outfit. Then get creative and copy it. Include the cost of your sewn garment/outfit. Use of a commercial or hand-drawn pattern is your choice (the original picture cannot be from the pattern envelope.) The garment must be made in the Clothing and Textiles project. The focus of this category is copying a new garment and making it fit you. The entry should only be modified for fit, type of fabric, or color/print of fabric, keeping it as close to the original as possible. Copying a vintage Lucille Ball dress, for example, would be in the Retro Challenge.

Go to http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/ to get ideas by eras and also 2018 SERVICE PROJECTS.

Age divisions (As of 12/31/2017)

- Junior age 9-10
- Intermediate age 11-13
- Senior age 14-18

Entries for both events, the Fashion Revue and Style Show, will be available at the office and on-line in the calendar section at http://cemariposa.ucanr.edu/?calitem=361259&g=37458 and are due into office by April 13, 2018.

Attention Livestock/Poultry Members Per 4-H Council Procedure:

Members may not be away from their ongoing livestock project for more than a continuous 14 day period prior to fair; ownership days are 120 days for beef & horses, 60 days for sheep & swine, and 30 days for rabbits & poultry so as to have adequate management time with the project.

ARE YOU A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER?

If you are, then you should be experiencing the time of your life working with younger members, providing project materials for your members, doing presentations, and helping your project leader in many other ways.

As a Junior or Teen Leader you are never permitted to work with a project group without an adult project leader present. Teen Leaders are not covered by UC liability when driving during, to, or from any 4-H event or activity. There is no longer liability coverage for anyone under the age of 18. The University of California extends liability coverage to volunteers and the 4-H program defines volunteers as those being adults 18 years of age or older.

Remember, that you and your project leader must have filled out your goals and planned activities on the Leadership Plan and Report Form at the beginning of the project year. You should get together at mid-year to review the goals, and at the end-of-year to see if you attained them. The project leader must evaluate the junior or teen leader to see if the member will receive their junior or teen leader patch or pin.

4-H Motto"To Make the Best Better"

PDR CORNER

This is the way members earn Star Ranks. 4-H Events & Sections—If you have attended one or more of these events, enter on the New PDR.

Presentation Day— attended in 4-H uniform attended-participant medalist— Gold committee member Judges' Award Room Monitor Command Performance	3 6 7 4 7 4 6
Regional Presentation Day-	2
Attended in 4-H uniform	3
Attended-participant	6
medalist– Gold	7
Room Monitor	4
Command Performance	6
Camp Tweety- Committee member/teen counselor	4
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Kid's Night-	4
Chair/committee member	4
Attended	3
Decorated/clean-up	4
Poultry or Rabbit Shows-	
Attended	3
Exhibited animal	3 2 2
Showmanship	2
Demonstrated skills	6
Farm Bureau Rib Dinner-	
Served or clean-up	5
Winter Fun Day-Ice Skating Attended	3
Junior Livestock Day-	
Attended	3
Committee member	4
Judging Day	
Attended	3
High Point Winner	7
Medalist	7
Committee Chair or member	4
Committee Chair of Incinion	•

4-H Presentation/Favorite Food/4-H Creed Day Results

Presentation Day was held March 10 at the New Life Christian Fellowship. The Illustrated talk Gold Medal winner, Laurel Wagner and demo winner, Westley Takahashi now have the opportunity to attend the Sub-Regional Presentation Day, April 7th in Madera County. At this event, 4-H members from Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, & San Joaquin counties will present their gold medal presentations. Gold medal winners on this day will have the opportunity to attend State 4-H Presentation Day on June 2 at 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis.

We thank the following for judges—Karen Cutter, Nick & Kitty Nasarow, Niarja Marchand, Kiersten Leventhal and Melissa Takahashi. We also thank all the helpers, tally crew, and the room emcees and the All-Stars.

Favorite Foods-

Addyson McCaig- Gold medal Dulcie McGrath- Silver medal Shelby Graziose- Gold medal and Judges' award Alyssa Leventhal- Gold medal



Illustrated talks

Laurel Wagner- Gold medal & Judges award

Demonstration-

Westley Takahashi- Gold medal

4-H Creed

Westley Takashashi- Gold medal

Other Presentation Participants-

Emma Nielsen Lia Tilton

Merced 4-H Mechanical Skills Day

Please join us for Mechanical Skills Day on May 12th, 2018 at Merced Community College - CTE Department

3600 M St, Merced (Use parking lot M on University Dr., enter from west side either from Yosemite Ave. or "M" St. as University Dr is blocked mid campus)

Registration check-in and Truck Tours at 8:00, Sessions 9:15-1:00

Open to ALL 4-H members, Mini Members and Non 4-H friends

Various Sessions to attend with topics in Robotics, Solar Power, Wood Working, Quad Copters, Rocketry, Tractor GPS/GIS, Welding

Snacks will be provided for all attendees

Truck Tours - see what is in those trucks! Up close and personal with a Tool Truck, a HAZMAT/ EMT vehicle, a Tow Truck, a tractor service Truck, a Cement Mixer Truck, and others. Visit them all...

Morning Sessions 1- 4 -select something to learn in one of the hands on workshops on woodworking, Rocketry, Robotics, Welding, GPS, or others. Sessions are repeated - indicate your first choice in each option, availability of workshops may vary - some are participant limited for safety.

To Register go to http://ucanr.edu/mechskills2018

State 4-H News

State 4-H Advisory Committees -Applications are open until May 31.

The State 4-H Advisory Committees provide leadership and offer insight, review and input to the Statewide 4-H Director for the operation and management of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Youth and adult volunteers are encouraged to apply! Learn more on the State Advisory Committee page, http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/?calitem=369255&g=86992

Shotgun Leader Workshop

If you have an interest in sharing your shotgun skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shotgun adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Shotgun leader certification training offered in April 2018. This class will be Saturday April 21st 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, April 22nd, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Shotgun at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a Power-Point lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast and refreshments. You need to bring your own lunch. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shotgun adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at $\underline{\text{http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html}}$. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form A \$35 check payable to "Merced County 4-H Council" and the above mentioned forms need to be mailed to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, April 4th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu.

2018 State Leadership Conference

July 26-29, 2018 at UC Davis.

The annual California 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together youth (ages 13-19) from across California for leadership training, networking, and a memorable learning experience.

- Advanced leadership training
- Network and share ideas with other 4-H'ers from across the state.
- **Experiential education** on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.
- **Experience a slice of college life**: live in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, and participate in educational sessions, many of which are taught by University of California faculty and staff.

Go to http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/ for more details.



Bootjack 49ers News





The Bootjack 49ers has been really busy this month! The club projects have been busy, too. Recently the Foods Project made and decorated shaped-cakes. Also, the Clothing Project made baby blankets for the NICU. The Rocketry Project completed their rockets and will be launching them at the

end of the month. One f the rockets was launched in a demonstration at Presentation Day. Some other things coming up are the Drive Thru Dinner fundraiser on April 18th and the Outdoor Adventures Campout at the Coast, which will be during Easter Break. For more information, please contact the Bootjack 49ers Club.

By Nina Sharrar, Club Reporter

Clover Pioneers 4-H

The Clover Pioneers have had the pleasure of hosting three different speakers. In January we had a representative from Cal Fire. She spoke about what it is like to fight fires. In February we had two speakers from the County Sheriffs Department and the female sheriff brought in her K-9 assistant. She explained how the dog has a number of uses including search and rescue, searching out illegal drugs and bringing suspects in. The team showed how the dog can attack when necessary. In March the speakers were members of Search and Rescue. They spoke about various missions in which they had taken part, their training and they had brought their packs and belts which also carries tools and equipment needed.

Triangle 4-H Club

On Friday, March 16, Triangle 4-H Club chaired Kid's Night at the Grace Community Church. There were twenty-three K-6th grade members participating in games, crafts, dinner, and watched the movie "Secret Life of Pets". Thank you to Seth Goodman, Haley Shelton, Raegan Broomfield, Reannon Broomfield and Beth Broomfield, club leader, for helping with the evening activities.





Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H Club

On Saturday, March 17 the club had their corned beef and cabbage dinner fundraiser at the Don Pedro Elementary School. The trail ride had to be cancelled due to the rain. They also had a silent auction fundraiser.

Swain as our little Leprechaun

El Portal Afterschool SPIN Club

During the past several months, the 20 students have been learning how to cut veggies, cook, and learning nutritional facts by 4-H food & nutrition leader, Niarja Marchand and Donna Wice, 4-H Coordinator. In the spring students will be working in the school's garden repairing the raised beds and planting seeds in small pots to put in their new greenhouse. They hope to grow enough plants to share with the community.

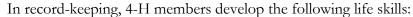
Record Books - Purpose

The California 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of record-keeping for 4-H members. In early 4-H history, Record Books focused on project profit and loss and other necessities for agricultural work. As 4-H moved from a primarily agricultural focus to encompassing suburban and urban clubs, the Record Book format changed. In the late 80's, the state level Record Book was reformatted to conform to national achievement (which was then eliminated in the early 90's) and the core values of the 4-H Youth Development Program. However, this left the California 4-H YDP with two different Record Book formats - local and state.

The Statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee has combined the local Record Book format (Personal Development Report) and the state level Project Competition format into an integrated California 4-H Record Book system. In the 21st century, practices must transform to meet the needs of a changing society: industrial agricultural practices have moved to computerized systems, and record-keeping has become streamlined. In order for the 4-H Record Book process to pilot youth into prepared and engaged partners within their communities, it needs to become modernized, streamlined, and relevant.

The Purpose of Record Books:

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. While society has changed, so have the goals of 4-H record-keeping. 4-H Record Books allow 4-H members to reflect on their yearly work completed as well as maintain records of project and club work. 4-H members demonstrate growth and measure achievements across their years in 4-H.



- Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work and school and community activities
- Keeping personal and business records
- Improving communication with other people
- Learning time management and organizational skills
- Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

4-H Record Books are an educational component of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

In Mariposa County 4-H YDP -

4-H Annual project form or required market animal project form are required to complete each project and to receive the year stripe and pin. Each project report must be current by July 15 to attend fair and to receive participation awards such as star ranking. In many clubs, counties and at state, 4-H members receive medals or pins for 4-H Record Book achievements.

Members must turn in their Record Books at the September club meetings or by the date specified by the 4-H Staff. The Community Club leader and committee review the books and the members receiving a Gold Seal will receive a medal. Members with gold seal books who want to go on for County Record Book Judging will be turned in by club leader by a certain date. Members wanting to go for a County Project Award needs to complete the "4-H RECORD BOOK PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR COUNTY PROJECT AWARDS" form and place in book. These members will go through the interview process on each of their project. The winners of this county judging are then recognized at the annual Achievement Night.

If you have questions on the Record Books, please contact the 4-H Office at 966-4829 or ask your club leader.



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April Important Dates

- 6 4-H Council Scholarships due by 5p
- 7 Sub-Regional Presentation Day- Madera
- 8 Hornitos 4-H Club meeting-12:30p at fair grounds— Strathern Pavilion
 - Junior Livestock Day- 1-5p
- Catheys Valley 4-H Club meeting—6:00p Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H meeting—6:30
- 10 Bootjack 49ers 4-H meeting- 6:30p
- 12 Triangle 4-H Club meeting- 6:00p
- 16 4-H Council meeting-6p- Don Pedro
- 19 Clover Pioneers 4-H meeting- 6p
- 27 Early bird registrations due for Camp
- 28 Fashion Revue & Style Show
- 29 MS Bike-a-thon

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12/13 Pow Wow-fairgrounds

- 21 4-H Council- 6p
- 25 Camp Tweety registrations due
- 28 Office closed-Memorial Day



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