



# 4-H Spirit



## Teens' Night Now Slated for May 2nd



**Enjoy your Spring!!**

All 4-Her's ages 13-19 or 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to the Teen Scavenger Hunt!! There will be lots of fun. A BBQ and games will take place at the Mariposa Park! Meet at the Mariposa Park at 4p.



Registration forms will be available at the April Club meetings. They are due into the office by April 25!

4-H leaders are needed to help chaperone and for transportation through the town of Mariposa and help with the BBQ. Let the office know if you can assist.



### Attention All 4-H Members & Project Leaders

Just a reminder that members in your projects need to present a demonstration in front of your project members at one of your meetings. These presentations must be related to your project. These presentations must take place by July 15 for fair eligibility.

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### 4-H Scholarships Due Dates

South Central Section Council Scholarships are due into the UCCE Stanislaus Office by April 1.

Mariposa County 4-H Council scholarships due Friday, April 11 by 5p. The reference names due Friday, April 4 by 5p. **Note Date Change for Interviews: April 17 at 6:00p. at the office.**

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**  
**APRIL 28-May 2, 2008**

**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 and 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 contests, 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 YDP has 65 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!!



**LEADERS' DINNER & TRAINING IN FEBRUARY**  
Receiving new club & council charters PLUS just having a good time!



**Photos From Other 4-H Events**



**Ag Day at  
Woodland  
School**



**Presentation &  
Favorite Foods Day**



**4-H Valentine  
Pancake Breakfast**



## 4-H Camp Tweety



May 30-June 1 will be 4-H Camp Tweety. This camp is for 4th-8th grade 4-H members and non-members in Mariposa and surrounding counties. Camp will be held at Lions Camp Pacifica in Ahwahnee.

**Cost- \$55 for 4-Hers  
\$63 for non-4-Hers  
(must be postmarked by May 2)**

After May 2nd an additional \$5 will be added on. Registration forms are available at 4-H clubs, UCCE office, and schools. Registration fee includes (2) nights lodging, (6) meals, materials, & souvenir.

**We still need a camp nurse, several more youth counselors, and male/female chaperones. If interested call the 4-H Office at 966-4829.**

Activities will include swimming (weather permitting), crafts, orienteering, games, and more. Bring your friends to Camp Tweety! For more details, call Donna at 966-4829.

**COME JOIN THE FUN AND BRING A FRIEND!**

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### **"Children Learn What They Live"**

**by Dorothy Law Nolte**

**If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.  
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.  
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.  
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.  
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.  
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.  
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.  
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.  
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.  
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.  
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.  
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.  
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.  
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.  
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.  
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.  
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.**

Excerpted from the book [CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE](#)

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The poem "Children Learn What They Live"

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## 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.

### **Madera County Hosts Regional Presentation Day**

Madera County 4-H will be hosting the Regional Presentation Day on Saturday, April 12 at Madera High School. The Gold medal winners from Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties along with Mariposa County 4-H members will present their demonstrations, illustrated talks, speeches, interpretive reading, educational displays, audio visual presentations, share the fun, and cultural arts.

Room emcees, door monitors, judges and help with the tally crew are needed. If you are interested on helping in some way, please call Donna at 966-4829 ASAP.

## ***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.

### **INCOME TAX AND 4-H**

**Some 4-H related expenses can be deducted from your income taxes. For the most thorough information, log on to [http://www.4h-usa.org/4h\\_tax.htm](http://www.4h-usa.org/4h_tax.htm). Choose the Word or PDF format and open it. Go to Section IV of the document and the heading, “Out of pocket Expenses for 4-H Volunteers.”**

## **Presentation /Favorite Foods Day A Big Success**

Thanks to the All-Star team, Rachele Broomfield and Phil Vigil, and their committee for making the 2008 Presentation/ Favorite Foods Day a fun event. There were educational displays, demonstrations, illustrated talks, a prepared speech, interpretive readings, and an impromptu speech. Gold medals, blue and red seals were awarded to enthusiastic 4-H participants. Judges' awards went to skillful speakers or demonstrators. Several presenters volunteered to present their presentations again before the awards ceremony.

The Favorite Foods category had 6 participants. The judges enjoyed tasting the following foods: cream brulee, broccoli wild rice soup, cake frosting, homemade chips and salsa, homemade pizza, and cinnamon rolls.

We want to thank the judges, participants, kitchen help, tally crew, and all the many helpers who made this event fun and educational.

The Presentation Gold Medal winners have the opportunity to attend Regional Presentation Day, April 12th at Madera High School in Madera County. **The Gold medal winners need to let Donna know if they are attending NO LATER than Monday, March 31st.**

### **Demonstration-**

Madison Meade– Gold Medal

Elsseana Skowronski– Gold Medal

Shelby Mandeville– Blue Seal

Ellery Meade-Primary member

### **Educational Display-**

Emily Anderson– Primary member

### **Prepared Speech-**

Philip Fuller-Gold Medal

### **Illustrated Talks-**

Philip Fuller– Gold Medal

Mikaela Williams– Gold Medal

Ross Williams– Gold Medal

Melissa Caputo– Gold Medal

Elseana Skowronski-Blue Seal

Timmy Andre-Gold Medal/Judges' Award

Bobbie Edwards-Blue Seal

### **Impromptu Speech-**

Timmy Andre– Gold Medal/Judges' Award

### **Interpretive Reading-**

Bob Robinson– Primary member

Clancy Kramer– Gold Medal

Sage Hart– Gold Medal/Judges' Award

Krystal Robinson– Gold Medal

### **Favorite Foods-**

Bobbie Edwards– Silver Medal

Melissa Caputo– Gold Medal-Judges' Award

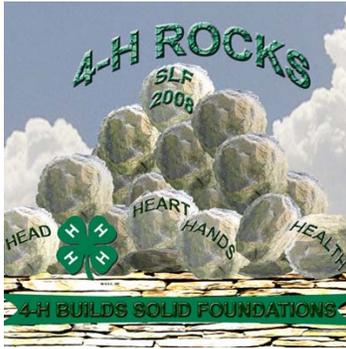
Kristen Montgomery– Silver Medal

Adam Cardoso– Primary member

Bailey Edmundson– Silver

Bobbi Edmundson– Silver

**CONGRATUALIONS TO ALL!!!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**



**Get ready to rock the second weekend in November at California State 4-H Leaders' Forum.** The 2008 Forum will be November 7-9 at beautiful Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, hosted by the South Central Section. The theme is "4-H Rocks." Volunteer leaders and staff will be "Building Solid Foundations" together for the 4-H youth development program.

**Workshop Proposals - Due June 27, 2008 - ([PDF](#))**  
Workshops are being sought for the 2008 State Leaders Forum, held at the Asilomar Conference Facility on November 7-9, 2008. The theme this year is 4-H Rocks: 4-H Builds Solid Foundations. Volunteers, youth, community members and agency employees are all encouraged to apply for this event. For your convenience we have streamlined the proposal request process and you can now apply online at <http://ucanr.org/slfworkshop>. You are welcome to pass this invitation on to those whom you think might have some insight, activity or knowledge to share with us. The deadline to apply is June 27, 2008 and you will be notified if your proposal has been accepted no later than August 18, 2008.

Conference registration will be a two-part process this year. Lodging and meal reservations will be made through Asilomar and the conference registration will be handled separately through the Stanislaus County UCCE office. Asilomar reservations made after September 5th will be on a space-available basis, so get your roommates together to register early. Conference materials including the forms for lodging reservations and conference registration will be posted in March to the California 4-H website and mailed to County Leaders Council Presidents. We will rock you!

Hosted by the South Central Sectional 4-H Leaders Council Chairperson: [Merrielee Merritt](#) & Co-Chair, [Donna Wice](#).

FOR REGISTRATION FORM AND OTHER INFORMATION GO TO :  
<http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/index.asp>

## JOIN 4-H COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AT SAFE AT HOME

Melissa Caputo and Philip Fuller, co-chairs for our 4-H Council booth, will be having a crafts activity and game for the many youth that attend Safe at Home. Other 4-H groups will have an activity at Safe at Home, Saturday, April 19 at Mariposa Elementary School. If you would like to help Melissa & Philip, please contact the office at 966-4829. This event is from 10a to 1:30p.

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**



### **Junior Livestock Auction Committee Meeting**

**Date: April 15th**

**Time: 5:30p.m.**

**Where: Fairgrounds Boardroom**

**2007-08 4-H representatives will be Debbie Andre and Jennifer Fuller along with Donna Wice, 4-H Coordinator.**

### **4-H ALUMNI SING COUNTRY**

National 4-H Council and EMI Music have produced a country music CD called *Clover Country, Songs From Famous 4-H Alumni*. It includes 11 hit songs from 4-H alumni who are all country music stars including Alabama, Luke Bryan, Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash, Vince Gill, Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire, Dolly Parton, Sugarland, and Hillary Lindsey. The CD was released March 25 and will be available in select retail outlets and the "Purchase Now" button on [www.clovercountrycd.com](http://www.clovercountrycd.com). If you purchase a CD from the website, 10% is refunded to California 4-H.

## 4-H COUNCIL, CLUB & PROJECT NEWS

### SOS: KIDS UPDATE

By: Philip Fuller

Thank you to all the clubs for donating clothing during the month of February, I shipped 212 pounds of clothing on 3/3/08 to two different medic units in Iraq. Catheys Valley, you donated the most, giving 55 pounds of clothing! An extra Thank You to Evergreen Swine for helping me box the donations.

A big thank you to Nelson Landscaping, Villot Creative Services, Mr. Metzler, Jeske Homes, Mariposa Rotary, Lions Club, VFW Post 6042, Kiwanis, and Golden Oak Lions Club for donating financially to Operation SOS: KIDS. Together these Clubs have donated over \$1000 to cover shipping costs.

Next month I am collecting hygiene products, and in May I am collecting small toys. Be sure look at the flier for specifics.

I received an e-mail from one of the medic units in Iraq that the clothes went to. Here is what the Captain there had to say: "Hope you are well. We recently received all your wonderful donations that you sent for the Iraqi people especially the children. We were pleasantly surprised that a young man of your age is doing all this good work and this gives us the added motivation to carry on in Iraq and other countries. Thank you for everything you have sent us and for all your wishes, prayers and thoughts." Sayed Ali

### Hi 4-H



Storytelling Festival was a lot of work for the Hi 4-H members. They served sandwiches, taco salads, and more to the attendees on Friday and Saturday, March 7 & 8. The proceeds will go towards their college trip, end-of-year trip and community service projects.



The group is still collecting new & nearly new coats and books for their community service projects. Drop off locations are the Mariposa UC Office and the Mariposa Coffee Co.

### Cloverbuds



Thank you to Kristin and Alicia Stoesser, rabbit leaders, for sharing their bunnies with the Cloverbuds in March. Alicia showed them how to show a rabbit, what their diet is, and more. The Cloverbuds loved it!



### 4-H Council BBQ Fundraiser at the Civil War Re-enactment

On April 26 & 27, 4-H Council will have a BBQ fundraiser at the Civil War Re-enactment on Frank Long's property. We will need leaders, parents, and members to assist with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. Council is requesting at least two adults from each club to help. Set-up will take place on Friday, April 25 after 3p. Cooks will need to be at the location around 7:30a to start preparing the food on April 26 & 27. The menu is tri-tip and chicken meals and tri-tip sandwiches. If you want to help, please contact Codie Hart, 4-H President, your club leader, or the office as soon as possible .



## 4-H Horse Event

**What:** 4-H Gymkhana  
**Date:** Saturday May 24, 2008  
**Where:** Central Valley Saddle Club  
21245 E. Manning Ave  
Reedley, CA 93654  
**Time:** 8:00 am



**Events:** 1)Barrels, 2)Poles, 3)Speed Barrels, 4)Single Stake, 5)Birangle,6)Quadrangle, with Walk/Trot classes Buckle awards for high point winners in three age divisions.

**Contacts:** Andria Fike 559-904-3372, [cfike@kings.k12.ca.us](mailto:cfike@kings.k12.ca.us)  
Steve Engbrecht 559-836-8085, [sengbrec@kings.k12.ca.us](mailto:sengbrec@kings.k12.ca.us)

### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Muzzle Loading Discipline Lake County, CA

**Saturday - May 31, 2008/8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. &  
Sunday – June 1, 2008/8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cost \$25**

A Muzzle Loading Trainer course will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 31 & June 1, 2008 in Lake County, CA. To receive certification you must attend both days. Upon successful completion of the course the participants will be certified as Muzzle Loading Trainers and will be able to conduct leader trainings as well as lead club projects. Cost for the course is \$25 and includes meals and class materials. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. You must be an appointed 4-H leader to attend. Teen Leaders are encouraged to attend, with an adult, at no cost. Though Teen Leaders can not lead a project, they will benefit from the experience and training regarding the shooting sports project. Please send the Application for Certification (found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shooting/sports/index.asp>) and fees payable to “Lake County 4-H Council” to UCCE Lake County, 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453.

For more registration information contact Julie Frazell at (707) 263-6838 ex. 119 or [jfrazell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfrazell@ucdavis.edu). If you have questions about the course, contact the instructor, John Borba at [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) or call (661) 868-6216.

### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Archery Discipline Bakersfield, CA

**Saturday, April 5, 2008 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 6, 2008 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the archery 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 an archery volunteer and can lead an archery project at the club level or at summer camp. The cost for the course is \$20 and includes Saturday lunch, snacks, and course materials. For more information contact Robert Claffy at 661-829-1658 or email: [relaffy656@aol.com](mailto:relaffy656@aol.com)

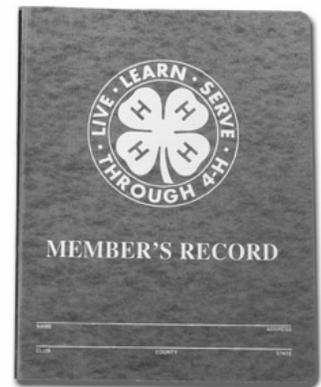
# Record Books - Purpose

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



In record-keeping, 4-H members develop the following life skills:

- 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 Record Books are required to complete a program year and to receive the year stripe and pin. Each project report must be current and a demonstration must be done for each project a member is in 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 Office. The Community Club leader and committee review the books and the members receiving a Gold Seal can go onto County Record Book Judging. The winners of this county judging is then recognized at the annual Achievement Night.

If you have questions on the Record Books, please contact the 4-H Office at 966-4829.

## RANKING SYSTEM: STAR AWARDS

Part of the 4-H fun of learning is measuring your progress. The Star Awards in 4-H are designed to help you plan attainable objectives and to measure the progress you are making toward those objectives. The Star Award is a program unique to California. Bronze, Silver, Gold, Emerald, Platinum, and All-Stars are awarded at the county level to 4-H members in recognition of their achievements. There is no time limit for achieving a star rank, and there is no limit to the number of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Emerald, Platinum, or All-Stars a county can award.



Star ranks are based on individual member's participation. The member sets goals each year to try to accomplish this set goal. Some members earn their Bronze star in their first year, and others may take a couple of years. Star Ranks are designed to encourage members to participate in a wide variety of activities over a number of years. Stars provide 4-H members opportunities to accomplish goals. Each star level takes an average of two years to complete.

**At the State Level,** State Ambassadors are awarded for outstanding achievement and leadership in 4-H.

4-H State Ambassador are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the California State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador Advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere. The term is a 14 month commitment from July to August and may only serve a term.

### Eligibility Requirements for 4-H State Ambassador:

Youth: 4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of January 1 of the program year yet no older than 18 as of December 31.



## 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.**

### Pancake Breakfast–

Attended in 4-H uniform	3
committee member	4
Served	4
Decorated/clean-up	4
Baked items for bake sale	5
Sold tickets to others than immediate family	4

### Presentation Day–

attended in 4-H uniform	3
attended-participant	6
medalist– Gold	7
committee member	4
Judges' Award	7
MC	6
Room Monitor	4

### Camp Tweety-

Committee member/teen counselor	4
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### 4-H Avian Science Day-

Attended	3
Exhibited poultry	2
Showmanship	2

### 4-H Goat Field Day-

Attended	3
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### Kid's Night–

Chair/committee member	4
Attended	3
Decorated/clean-up	4

### Horse Show Field day-

Attended	3
Exhibited animal	2
Showmanship	2
Demonstrated skills	6

## State 4-H News

- ◆ Because of the potential risk to 4-H project animals, as well as a national emphasis on bio-security, the State 4-H Office and several county programs have been working closely with Veterinary Medicine Extension on the UC-Davis campus on innovative initiatives to address this critical issue. California 4-H has a robust Animal Science Program and our goal is to strengthen it and protect it from disease. An **on-line survey for youth who raise market animals** has been designed that can help provide researchers with the data necessary to help develop a new disease spread model. We are asking 4-H youth to take this voluntary survey. There is a link on the California 4-H home page at: <http://www.ca4h.org/>. If you have questions, please contact Martin Smith at [mhsmith@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mhsmith@ucdavis.edu).
  - You are invited to read about activities at the **2008 National 4-H Conference** through the California Delegation's blog, located at <http://ca4hnationalconference2008.blogspot.com/>. The conference will take place March 29 - April 5 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. California 4-H is sending eight representatives to the conference:
    - Carolyn Abrams, Sacramento County
    - Ashlyn Aiu, Solano County
    - Ryan Cleland, Butte County
    - Dee Anne Keese, 4-H Volunteer in Los Angeles County
    - Jenny Lyons, Mariposa County
    - Brittany Newton, Santa Cruz County
    - Kelsie Pombo, San Joaquin County
    - Matthew Portillo, 4-H Advisor in Butte County
- The 4-H California Camping Task Force invites 4-H volunteers, staff and youth to explore new ideas, build enthusiasm for their programs and expand their camping tool kit at the **2008 4-H Camping Conference, April 18-20, 2008** at the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School in Fish Camp. This year's program includes a component on staff development, and participants will leave with knowledge and materials to assist them in training camp staff members. All adults and youth involved in camp administration-including day, resident, and special interest camps-are invited to attend. Cost is \$120 for the weekend. The conference brochure and registration form can be downloaded at: [http://groups.ucanr.org/\\_4Hbaseca/files/45639.pdf](http://groups.ucanr.org/_4Hbaseca/files/45639.pdf). Registration is due by **April 4**.
- The California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management will be holding the **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Range and National Resources Camp** on June 15-20, 2008 at Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay, California. This is an opportunity for students, 15-18 years of age, to experience the benefits of our natural resources through interactive learning with resource professionals. Brochures and applications are available at: [www.casrm.org](http://www.casrm.org). Applications are due **May 10**, 2008.
- The **4-H Golden Clover Awards** recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff and groups within the 4-H YDP. Applications are now being accepted until **May 31**, 2008. Nominate someone or apply yourself! More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/index.asp>
- The State 4-H Office is recruiting county 4-H staff, volunteers and members to serve on our **Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees**. Available committees include the Program, Policy, Incentives and Recognition, Citizenship/Service Learning, International Exchange, Camping, Animal Science Education, and Equine Education Advisory Committees. Applications are due postmarked **May 31**, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/advisory.asp>
- The **State 4-H Horse Classic - Championship Horse Show** will be **June 26-29**, 2008 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Entries are due **June 1**. Classes being offered are Western, Gymkhana, English Flat, and Over Fences, and Miniature Horses. There is no qualifying to participate; it is recommended 4-Hers have shown locally at horse shows. Information and rules, entry forms, and much more are now available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>.
- This year's **4-H State Leadership Conference** will be held July 31 - August 3, 2008 at UC Davis. Registration materials will be available in April and due **June 13**, 2008. More information about the Conference is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/index.asp>

## More 4-H Statewide News

- Get ready to rock the second weekend in November at **California State 4-H Leaders' Forum**. The 2008 Forum will be November 7-9 at beautiful Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, hosted by the South Central Section. The theme is "4-H Rocks." Volunteer leaders and staff will be "Building Solid Foundations" together for the 4-H youth development program. Workshop proposals are due by June 27. Conference registration will be a two-part process this year. Lodging and meal reservations will be made through Asilomar and the conference registration will be handled separately through the Stanislaus County UCCE office. Asilomar reservations made after September 7th will be on a space-available basis, so get your roommates together to register early. Conference materials including the forms for lodging reservations and conference registration will be posted in March to the California 4-H website and mailed to County Leaders Council Presidents. We will rock you!
- **National Directory of 4-H Educational Materials** is now available. This directory is a searchable national database of 4-H educational materials currently available through the Cooperative Extension System. It will include National 4-H curriculum, state curriculum, supplementary materials and guides all created within the land grant university system and intended either for a youth audience or for adults working with youth. The directory is online in its initial launch state and can be accessed at [www.4-hdirectory.org](http://www.4-hdirectory.org). The goal is to have it fully launched with materials from individual states by **April 1, 2008**.  
**New 4-H Record Book** information is now available on-line at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/index.asp>. 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 by documenting 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 and develop plans to meet those goals. 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 an industry-standard practice of identifying, creating, classifying, archiving and preserving records. The 4-H Record Book teaches 4-H members these skills through a standard format.
- **Operation: Military Kids** (OMK) is offering funding opportunities for up to \$500.00 to encourage 4-H clubs, groups and counties to reach out to local military youth. Many families in California are being affected by the deployment of their loved ones overseas. Providing services to military families in their local communities is crucial. Not sure how to connect with military youth in your area? We can help. Applications and information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/omk/>. **Applications must be received no later than April 1, 2008. Questions - contact Sylena Wise at [smwise@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smwise@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8518.**
- **Need Money for College?** Over \$10,000 in higher education scholarships are available through the State 4-H Office to help 4-H youth attend a two or four-year college or university. We wish to thank to the many individuals and organizations who donated funds to the California 4-H Foundation to make these scholarships possible. Applications are due postmarked by **April 30, 2008**. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/index.asp>.
- Nominate a young hero for the Barron Prize! The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** seeks nominations for its 2008 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment. Nomination deadline is **April 30, 2008**. For more information and to nominate, visit: <http://www.barronprize.org/>.



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## April Important Dates

- 1** Sectional Scholarships due
- 4** Council Scholarship References Name due by 5p
- 8** Evergreen 4-H Meeting– 7:00p
- 9** Catheys Valley 4-H Club meeting–7:00p
- 10** Triangle 4-H Club meeting– 7:00p
- 11** Council Scholarships Due by 5p
- 12** Regional Presentation Day-Madera High School
- 14** Bootjack 49ers 4-H meeting-6:p  
Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H meeting– 6:30p
- 17** Scholarship interviews-6p at the office
- 22** 4-H Council meeting-6p
- 24** Cloverbuds meeting-4:30p office
- 26/27** Civil War Re-enactment  
Weekend in the Country

## May

- 2** 4-H Camp Tweety registrations due
- 10/11** Pow Wow-fairgrounds
- 17/18** Relay for Life– fairgrounds
- 27** 4-H Council– 6p
- 30-June 1** 4-H Camp Tweety

## Attention Livestock/Poultry Members

### Per 4-H Council Policy:

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