

4-H Spirit



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

April 2010

Teens' Night Set for May 14th



**Spring is
here, enjoy!**

Hi 4-H invites all 4-Her's 7th grade and up to Teen Night!! There will be lots of fun. Dinner, games and other activities 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 May 10th! More details will be in the May 4-H Spirit.

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

“Up” is the Movie for Kid's Night Slated for April 9th

This event is for 4-H members in kindergarten through 6th grade. There is no cost. The evening activities will be dinner, games, movie and more! The event will take place at the Grace Church off of Woodland Drive from 5p-9:30p. Registration forms available at <http://calendar.ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?caleventnum=76930&group=1412> or at the office.

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Have your registration form into the office by April 2. Come enjoy the fun!

Attention Animal Project Members and Leaders **New 4-H Council policy, especially for poultry members**

Members entering a market animal at any Fair must exhibit that species in a showmanship class in order to be eligible to sell at the auction. (Council rule-revised Feb. 23, 2010)

Examples: if a turkey and breed chickens were entered for fair– the turkey would be the showmanship bird, OR if a duck, goose, or turkey entered as meat class, then one of these can be the showmanship bird.

New Rule– The Mariposa Fair Board voted in a new rule for 4-H youth– youth can show an animal at the Mariposa Fair if they live in another county but they must be enrolled in a Mariposa County School.

The old rule was youth must be a resident of Mariposa County to show.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
APRIL 18-24, 2010**

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 4-H YDP has 64 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!!



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.

Merced County Hosts Regional Presentation Day

Merced County 4-H will be hosting the Sub-Regional Presentation Day on Saturday, April 17 at Tenaya Middle School in Merced. 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.

On-Line Survey

4-H Council and Staff would like your input for the upcoming 2010-11 program year. What 4-H projects and activities do you, the stake holders, want out of the 4-H program.

The on-line survey will be available to complete after May 15, 2010. More details will be at May club meetings and in the 4-H Spirit.

Presentation /Favorite Foods Day Results

Thanks to our committee, Hi 4-H, for making the 2010 Presentation/Favorite Foods Day a fun event. There were demonstrations, illustrated talks, and interpretive readings. Gold medals, blue and red seals were awarded to enthusiastic 4-H participants. Judges' awards went to skillful speakers or demonstrators. Several presenters presented their presentations again before the awards ceremony.

We want to thank the judges Cathi & Mitch Boze, Niarja Marchand, Ruth Catalan, Noma Moore, Tony & Gueryn LeCesne, Codie Hart, Carol Suggs, and Adrienne O'Brien for attending. We also thank the 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 the Sub-Regional Presentation Day, April 17th at Tenaya Middle School in Merced. At this event, 4-H members from Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, & Tuolumne 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 May 29 at 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis.

Demonstration-

Reannon Broomfield– Gold medal/seal

Raegan Broomfield– Blue seal

Maria Loya/Shelby Mandeville-Gold medal/seal

Josh Mandeville/Wyatt Estep-Gold medal/seal

Shawnee Metcalf-Gold medal/seal

Illustrated Talks-

Elseana Skowronski-Blue seal

Wyatt Harrison-Gold medal/seal & Judge's Award

Emily Metcalf-Gold medal/seal

Interpretive Reading-

Sage Hart–Gold medal/seal

Claire Gorham– Gold medal/seal & Judge's Award

Clancy Kramer-Gold medal/seal



Favorite Foods-

Bobbie Edwards– Bronze medal

Clancy Kramer-Silver medal & Judge's Award

Shawnee Metcalf-Bronze medal

Emily Metcalf-Silver medal

CONGRATUALIONS TO ALL!!!

START PLANNING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD DISH

AND PRESENTATIONS FOR THE 2010/11 PRESENTATION/FAVORITE FOODS DAY.

4-H COUNCIL, CLUB & PROJECT NEWS

Fresno Poultry Show

Maria Loya went to the Fresno Poultry Show and did showmanship. She was judged by Francine Bradley, UC Poultry Specialist. Maria got 6th out of 13 competitors in her class. Congratulations Maria!



4-H Rabbit Project News

The Mariposa 4-H Rabbit Project attended the 2010 California State Rabbit & Cavy Association Show in Turlock on Feb. 28.

In photo left to right– Alicia-teen leader, Kristin-leader, Chelsea, Haley, Anya, Chad and Taden.



Hi 4-H Fundraisers

On Friday, April 9 at the VFW Hall, Hi 4-H will be having their Taco Salad Fundraiser from 11a-2p. The cost is \$6. They are taking pre-orders through April 5.

The group will also have a car wash on Saturday, May 1 at the parking lot of Westamerica Bank from 9a-1p.

Please help support the Hi 4-H group!

Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H Club Rabbits at California State Rabbit Show

By Emily Metcalf, reporter

The rabbit group gave a great showing at the California State Convention. Primary member, Nicholas Crockett, received three 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and a 4th from 2 rabbits shown in all three shows and a 1st in the all Havana show. Regular members Annie Jonson received a 1st, 3rd, and 5th in the three shows with her one rabbit. Emily Metcalf received five 1sts, five 2nds, 3rd, and a 5th from 5 rabbits in the three shows and a 3rd, three 4ths in the all Havana show. Alyssa Pierson received 1st, three 3rds, 4th and 7th in the three shows and a 5th and 9th in the all Havana show.

The next show we will be attending will be in Stockton on April 3, 2010.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates

Bootjack Club- April meeting remains the same, April 8th.

Catheys Valley– April meeting remains the same and June meeting will be held on June 16.

Don Pedro– no changes at this time

Triangle Club- will meet April 1 at 7p and the June meeting will be held June 3 at 6p.

Important Message From Our 4-H Council President

My name is Codie Hart, and I am the President of Mariposa County 4-H Council. Having been associated with the 4-H program for almost two decades, I have seen a great many things. I have seen 4-H as a strong vital organization, and I have been in the ranks of those fighting to keep the program alive when money and enrollment were tight. I have seen times when individual clubs were more than a hundred youth strong, and times when we lost whole clubs due to poor enrollment.

Always there have been a core group of volunteers determined to make the best of whatever situation 4-H was in. Today, Mariposa County 4-H is at a crisis. Today, we are in need of your help. Mariposa County 4-H is in need of adult volunteers to help rebuild that strong core. Many of our “go to” adults are cycling out of the program as their kids grow up, and it is becoming ever more difficult to provide the wide range of activities for our youth because we have no adult chair people to oversee these events.

As our offerings decline, so too does the youth interest in participation. When our adults appear apathetic to the program, that apathy is reflected in our youth. Of the many important life skills 4-H teaches, perhaps one of the most important is the ability to speak comfortably and knowledgeably to a group. One of our premiere events has always been County Presentation Day, yet for the past several years, participation in this vital event has declined steadily. We as adults should be encouraging our youth to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to acquire and hone a skill that will serve our kids well for the rest of their lives, personally and professionally.

4-H offers many such opportunities, available as projects and as County Events. We need very much to encourage our youth to sample the diversity of the program. It may surprise some of you to learn that there are many such avenues. In projects alone this year there were offerings of: citizenship, leadership, self defense, public speaking, vegetable gardening, cake decorating, jewelry making and shooting sports, to name just a few.

Council offers events like Presentation Day mentioned above, Favorite Foods, Judging Day, Pancake Breakfast, dances and more.

Another way we are in crisis is in the 4-H financial outlook. It may surprise you to know that it takes about \$10,000 to provide for the 4-H year for our kids. For many years we have been relying on savings the program has maintained from better times. That surplus is dwindling and the time has come for us to aggressively raise money to ensure there is a 4-H for our kids here in Mariposa County. We have some opportunities, and it is essential that we do not waste them. Adults are needed desperately to coordinate our efforts, and to participate in the administration of fundraising, and to chair the associated events. If you are new to the program, don't despair. The fact is, most of the adult chairperson jobs are not difficult, and there are many of us to guide you through your first attempt.

We, as adults, need to set the example of interest, participation and involvement. It is key that we come together to encourage our youth to take advantage of what is probably the single most complete youth organization in the world – 4-H. If we fail in this task, it is possible that there may come a day when 4-H is not available for our youth. I invite you to find your enthusiasm for this wonderful program, and to share it with your kids. Encourage them to try ALL aspects of the program. I think they will be pleasantly surprised at how much fun they have, and how much there is to do. I also invite each of you to join us at the next Council meeting. Join us, and help us put strength back into Mariposa County 4-H.

If you have questions, you may contact me at hart@sti.net, or at 209-966-6637.

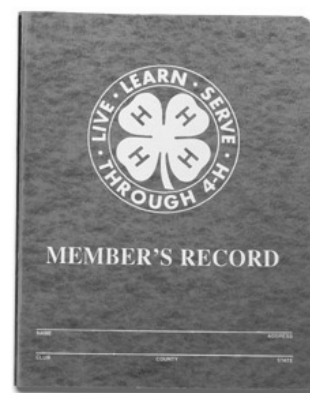
Record Books - Purpose

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.



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.

*****A RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD APRIL 27 AT 4P AT THE UCCE OFFICE. CALL DONNA BY APRIL 22 IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING.**

State 4-H News

California 4-H Photography Contest

Any regular 4-H member, age 9-19, is welcome to participate. Members do not need to be enrolled in a photography project to participate. There are no prior requirements to enter at this State level competition. Online registration is due by May 7, 2010. No late entries will be accepted. Entries can be dropped off from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at the 2010 State Field Day on May 29th. Registration go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/#photography>

California 4-H Film Festival

If you have a love for video production, join us at this year's State 4-H Field Day for the first annual California 4-H Film Festival. The theme of this year's film festival is, "What Does 4-H Mean To You?" On May 29, 2010, videos entered by 4-H members from across the state will be played throughout the day. 4-H members ages 9-19 are allowed to participate and one grand prize for each category will be awarded. Videos must be postmarked by May 7, 2010. For registration go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/#photography>

StateField Day

The **2010 State 4-H Field Day** is scheduled for May 29, 2010. The event will include a variety of activities including state presentation day, state fashion revue, a plant science contest, and interview contest, amongst many others. If you are interested in exhibiting at this annual event, click here <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf> for an application. Applications are due by **April 2, 2010**.

Golden Clover Awards

The **4-H Golden Clover Awards** recognize outstanding achievements of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff, and other 4-H YDP groups. Applicants may apply or be nominated in any applicable category. Recipients are awarded \$500 to be used at their discretion, a medallion, lapel pin, and recognition on the State 4-H website. Recipients will also be recognized at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and State 4-H Leaders' Forum. **Applications are due postmarked by May 31, 2010**. For forms and information, please visit <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/>.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Nominate a young environmental hero for a \$2,500 award! The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** honors young people (ages 8-18) who have made a significant positive impact on others and our environment. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Half the winners are chosen for their environmental work, and half are chosen for general leadership and community service. For more information, visit <http://barronprize.org>.

Rifle Discipline in Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, July 31, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as 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 and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu. For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://www.5dogsrangle.com>

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4-H Coordinator



April Important Dates

- 1** Triangle 4-H Club meeting– 7:00p
- 2** Sectional Scholarships due
- 5** Hi 4-H Meeting-4p at office
Camp Counselor meeting-5:30p
- 8** Bootjack 49ers 4-H meeting-6:30p
- 9** Hi 4-H Taco Salad Fundraiser-VFW Hall
Kid’s Night-5p Grace Church
- 12** Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H meeting– 6:30p
4-H Council Scholarships due
- 14** Catheys Valley 4-H Club meeting–7:00p
- 17** Sub-Regional Presentation Day-Merced
- 27** 4-H Council meeting-6p
Record book workshop-4p office

May

- 8/9** Pow Wow-fairgrounds
- 14** Teen Night-Mariposa Park
- 15/16** Relay for Life– fairgrounds
- 21** 4-H Camp Tweety registrations due
- 25** 4-H Council– 6p
Expansion/Review committee-4:30p
- 29** State 4-H Field Day-UC Davis

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.

Also need to have 80% attendance of project and club meetings, complete project forms and PDR to complete the year.