

4-H Spirit

Motto-
"To Make the Best Better"



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

September 2011

**NEW 4-H PROGRAM
YEAR BEGINS
OCTOBER 1!**

**JOIN TODAY!
YOUR FRIENDS TOO!**

4-H is for all
youth who
like action,
learning, and
FUN!

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REMINDERS FOR LEADERS AND MEMBERS

Attention All Treasurers!

Peer reviews and on-line financial reports must be completed by September 15th & binder with report turned into the office by September 30th.

4-H RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS MAILED

Members and leaders who plan on re-enrolling for the 2011-12 4-H year will need to re-enroll at the UCCE office or postmarked by October 1st or sooner. New members postmarked by November 1st.

Members, enroll into projects that you are interested in by the enrollment deadline date of December 15. This is the deadline date for all 2012 fairs.

2011-12 enrollment fees are
\$20.00 for ALL members
\$10.00 for ALL volunteer leaders.

Remember to make checks payable to "UC Regents".

**RETURN FORMS BY
SEPTEMBER 15 OR NO LATER
THAN OCTOBER 1ST SO A
PRINTED ROSTER CAN BE
GIVEN TO THE CCLS FOR
OCTOBER MEETINGS.**

National 4-H Week

"Join the Revolution of Responsibility" October 2-8 is National 4-H Week. We are asking clubs and projects to promote Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Program by making and displaying posters throughout our town, doing presentations (*in your 4-H uniform*) at local schools or at Back to School Night or service clubs, having displays in local businesses, inviting a friend to a 4-H meeting, wearing your uniform to church or have a community service day during this week. If you would like to attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting on October 4, please contact Donna at 966-4829 or be there at 9a. in your 4-H uniform.

National 4-H Week Club Window Display Contest

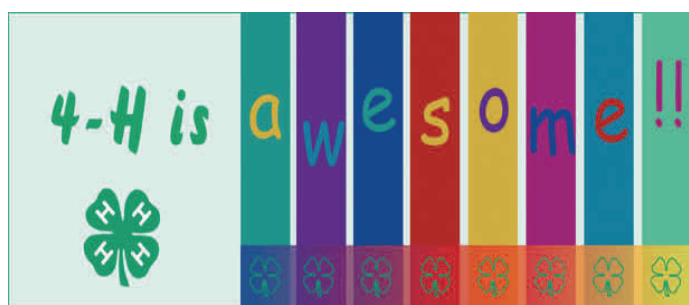
Once again during 4-H Week there will be a contest for the best window display. The display should promote 4-H and your club. They must be set-up by October 1.

Please let Donna know where your club's display will be by September 27 with viewing hours. Judging will be based on creativity, informational/educational value, and accessibility to general public and overall look of the display. Winner will be

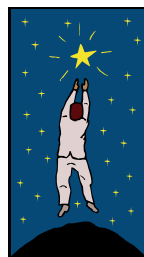
2012 National 4-H Conference

The **2012 National 4-H Conference** will be held **March 24-29, 2012** at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, volunteers and staff may apply to join the California delegation. Applications are now available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/> or at the office. Must be age 15 as of Dec. 31 and a 4-H member.

For more information please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu



For Future All-Star & Emerald Star Applicants



For interested 4-H members 9th grade & up with their gold star and progressing towards their platinum star and three years of 4-H experience, All-Star applications will be available in mid-September. Applications will be due by November 15th.

Emerald Star applications are also available to 7th grade & up members who have their Bronze star and have been Junior/Teen Leader. 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 applications are also due November 15th.

Application available at the office or on-line http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/posa_County_Project_Forms_and_more/



September Club Officer Training

For those executive club officers and the other officers that did not attend the August training, you will need to attend the Officer Training slated for September 27 at 4:30p at the 4-H Office. If you are attending, please let Donna know by September 22 at 966-4829.

LCORT 2012

Theme- "Reeling in Success Through 4-H"

Date- January 27-29, 2012

Where- Wonder Valley Ranch

Cost- \$140 per delegate (includes t-shirt, 2 nights lodging, 4 meals beginning Saturday morning, snacks, materials and recreation)

Who Can Attend- 7th-9th graders
10th-12th graders presenting the workshops.

Registrations forms will be available in September and due along with fee by November 16, 2011. A late registration fee of \$10/person will apply after December 1.

4-H NEWS FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR!

- ◆ ALL NEWLY ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS NAMES AND OFFICE HELD NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE UCCE 4-H OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1.
- ◆ CLUB BUDGETS AND PROGRAM PLANNING FORMS FOR THE NEW YEAR MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE 4-H COORDINATOR BY NOVEMBER 15TH OR SOONER FOR APPROVAL.
- ◆ 4-H STATE AND LOCAL UCCE OFFICES WILL HAVE REQUIRED COMMUNITY CLUB AND PROJECT LEADER TRAININGS DURING THE PROGRAM YEAR. A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE FOR ALL PROJECT AND COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS. WATCH FOR THE DATE IN THE SPIRIT OR CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- ◆ ALL FUNDRAISING FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE UCCE 4-H OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY DIRECTORS APPROVAL AT LEAST A MONTH PRIOR TO THE FUNDRAISER.
- ◆ ALL CLUBS MUST BE CHARTERED TO USE THE 4-H EMBLEM, AND IS A PREREQUISITE FOR RECEIVING FUNDS FROM FUND-RAISING ENTERPRISES, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL MEMBERS, OR DONATIONS AND REQUESTS FROM OTHER SOURCES (PER STATE 4-H POLICY).
- ◆ TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FAIRS, THE LAST DAY TO RE-ENROLL IN MARIPOSA COUNTY 4-H IS OCTOBER 1 OR FOR NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER 1. MEMBERS CAN ADD OR CHANGE PROJECTS UNTIL DECEMBER 15. YOUTH MAY ENROLL AFTER THESE DATES DURING THE 4-H YEAR, BUT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAIR OR RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR.
- ◆ COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS ALL-REASONABLE EFFORT FORMS ARE DUE INTO THE OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2011. HAVE FLYERS, NEWS ARTICLES, ETC. ATTACHED TO FORM.
- ◆ NOTE: TO QUALIFY FOR UCS SECONDARY AUTO COVERAGE 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS MUST MAINTAIN \$50,000 PERSONAL/PROPERTY AND \$100,000 INJURY OR DEATH INSURANCE COVERAGE. IF LESS, THE VOLUNTEER LEADER IS LIABLE FOR THE DIFFERENCE.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE ITEMS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. COMMUNICATION WILL BE THE KEY ELEMENT AS CLUB CHARTERS WILL BE CONTINUED ONLY IF THE ABOVE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ARE RECEIVED COMPLETE AND ON TIME.

THE UCCE 4-H STAFF WILL BE OBSERVING ALL STATE 4-H AND UC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FROM THE STATE 4-H POLICY HANDBOOK. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE 4-H SPIRIT NEWSLETTERS.

4-H is a **community** of **young people**
 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.

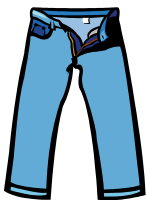
LIST OF 4-H PROJECTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2011-12 PROGRAM YEAR AS OF AUGUST 25TH

For regular members- Hi 4-H (7th grades & up), Junior Master Gardeners, Horses & Ponies (Carol Suggs leader), Guide Dogs, Goats, Rocketry, Archery, Poultry, Photography, Rabbits/Cavies, Self-defense, Beef, Sheep (CV), Small Engines, Cake Decorating-limit 12, Swine (Triangle), Hiking and **NEW this year Leadership (grades 9 & up) and scrapbooking for Bootjack members only.**

For primary members- Cloverbuds, Junior Master Gardeners, Poultry, Rocketry, Rabbits/Cavies, and Photography.

For Don Pedro Club- Rabbits/Cavies, Food & Nutrition, Sewing, Archery, Swine, Goats, Woodworking (need sheep and photography leaders)

Also wishing for: robotics, shooting sports, sewing, quilting, arts/crafts, welding, scrapbooking, wood-working, automotive, or any other specialty project leaders. If interested, contact Donna ASAP. New leader orientations are scheduled for September 13 at 5:30p and October 3 at 5:30p, both at the UCCE



Recycle Your Blue Jeans and White Shirts

Does your 4-Her have dark blue jeans and white shirts that they have out grown and in good condition that you would like to donate to 4-H? If so, just bring them clean to the 4-H office and we will put them in storage for future 4-Hers use.

PDR CORNER

COUNTY FAIR COUNTS AS ONLY ONE EXHIBIT PER YEAR.

BEST EXHIBITOR-	7
ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP-	2
4-H CHAMPION ANIMAL-	7
ROUND ROBIN WINNER-	7
BEST BARN AWARD-	7
(First place winners only)	
BEST OF SHOW	7
COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR FAIR BOOTH	4
PROJECT EXHIBIT- EXAMPLE: SEWING	2
COUNTY FUN DAY-	
ATTENDED	3
COMMITTEE MEMBER	4
STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	
ATTENDED	3
PRESENTATION	6 or 4
CLUB OFFICER TRAINING	3
STATE FAIR STAFFER	4
4-H JUDGING COMPETITION-FAIR	
MEDALLIST	7
ATTENDED	3
HIGH POINT WINNER	7



Project Leaders

Your completed project roster needs to be to the OFFICE by September 9th.

Community Club Leaders

Completed club rosters, achievement night list, record book list, Gold Seal books along with club scrapbooks need to be into the UCCE Office by September 27th.

New Leader Orientations

**September 13 at 5:30p
October 3 at 5:30p
Both at the UCCE Office**



Club Year Ends– Record Books Due

The 2010-11 4-H club year will come to an end on September 30th. Each member who wishes to complete the 4-H year **must** submit a completed project record book and PDR to their community club leader at their September club meetings or no later than September 20th. It is encouraged for all 4-H members to use pen, especially if going for a county award.

When submitting your record book to your CCL, it should be in the following order:

1. Personal Development Report Form (or Primary Member PDR)
2. Project Report Forms (one per project)-
3. Junior/Teen Leaders Leadership Forms goes behind that project that you were a leader for.
4. Past years records

All 4-H records should be kept in some type of a **green** folder, not binders. 4-H book covers are available at the UCCE 4-H Office.

A project record form must be completed for each project. One page of photos or drawings may follow the project form (one side only and optional). When opening your record book, the current year's PDR & project records must be on top, followed by your previous years and so on.

Record book seal- Your CCL and committee are responsible for evaluating each completed record book and awarding a gold, silver, blue or green seal. Books are judged on format, PDR, project records, 4-H story, and the member's personal growth and leadership.

County Medal Awards Program- if you are interested in earning a county winner or medalist award pin for your hat, you must apply. Award application forms are available at the UCCE 4-H Office or with your CCL and **must** be completed by the 4-H member. These forms are placed loosely in the record book before turning your book over to your CCL. ***Members can apply for three categories including the Achievement Award, but can possibly win only two categories. If you want to apply for the Achievement Award, the form is now available at the UCCE Office. This form is placed loosely in your record book.***

County Record book judging will take place Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the UCCE Office. Mark your calendars!

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT WILL BE HELD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd
AT THE NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Theme "Under the Big Top"

4-H Council, Club & Project News

Hi 4-H Wants You!

By Donna Wice & Beth Broomfield, leaders

This project is for members in 7th-12th grades. Meetings take place at the UCCE Office on the first Monday of each month at 4:00p. This group has career guest speakers, does community service projects, goes on college fieldtrips, has fundraisers, and takes an end-of-year trip.

If this sounds fun to you, just put Hi 4-H down in the project area on your enrollment form. The first meeting will take place October 3 at 4p. And the first Hi 4-H event will be serving cakes at the Farm Bureau Dinner, October 8. Come join the fun!!

Primary Members

Primary 4-H members are ages 5-8. These members can only enroll in a few projects such as rabbits, poultry, rock-etry, gardening, Cloverbuds, and possibly a few others if the project leader lets them.

Cloverbuds is a project that introduces the younger member into the 4-H program. Project meetings are held at 5p at the meeting room at the 4-H office. If your child is interested, add this project to their enrollment form.

Japanese Exchange Student Visits Mariposa

The Will Wight Family hosted a Japanese Exchange student July-August. Her name is Kanon Ukai from the city of Hokkaido through the 4-H Exchange program. She was taken to Yosemite, San Francisco, went to a Hi 4-H meeting, camping, and more. We hope she had a great time! Thank you to The Wight Family for hosting.



4-H Junior Master Gardeners Project

The Junior Master Gardener's had a very busy second year. This is an ongoing learning project and this year we had five youths. Chad Ryan was with us last year; you'll remember Chad because he won several firsts' and Best of Show last year at our fair.

The JMG's worked in the garden at Manna House, planting vegetable seeds and marigolds. The Manna House Garden Project is the group's ongoing community service project.

We took part in Earth Day at the landfill. Chad, Laci and Ryan had a table where they showed folks how to plant seeds. We also got strawberry plants to plant in our gardens. Posters were made to show how important it is to recycle.

One of the favorite topics was soil: We got to make our own soil and eat it!

The folks from the Upper Merced River Watershed Council joined us for a very interesting class. The youth can tell you exactly what a watershed is and why they are important to us.

We made a trip to the Children's Garden at the Garden of the Sun in Fresno which is cared for by the Master Gardeners in Fresno County.

A very good year and we're not finished yet. All the students are entering in the fair. And the weekend of September 24-25 we will be located up at the park taking part in the Weekend in the Country Tomato Festival. The JMG's will show you how to make your own soil and eat it, you will be able to make a pumpkin pie in a bag and you will even be able to make your own seed mosaic. So come join us for some fun in September and consider joining us for the next year.



4-H STATE NEWS

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Rifle Discipline Fortuna, CA – Humboldt County

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Fortuna Pistol Club in Fortuna. The facility is located in Rohner Park behind the rodeo grandstands. 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: jab-orba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties).

Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program – The deadline to apply is October 31, 2011. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/elis5T>. Individuals and groups working to make repairs and improvements housing and community facilities in their neighborhood, as well as developing local parks and making greener spaces in the community are encouraged to apply for this funding opportunity. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, and services.

Get ready for the Revolution of Responsibility! 4-H'ers are changing the world and improving their communities today. In support of this community development work, the State 4-H Office will consolidate the Requests for Funding (RFP) for Service-Learning, Healthy Living, SET, and Legacy into one application. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding up to \$1,000 to support service-learning projects related to their club or project activities. As of July, an on-line application will be available and applications are due October 15. Projects must have a service-learning emphasis and can be related to 4-H SET, Healthy Living, Citizenship, Leadership or project work with the goal of creating positive change in the community and increasing the visibility of 4-H. Contact Pat English for more information, pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

Captain Planet Foundation: The Captain Planet Foundation is funding grants to schools and community-based organizations that encourage hands-on projects to improve the environment. Up to \$2,500 in funding is available for projects that will inspire youth to become active in environmental stewardship and community service activities. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2011. For more information, visit <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>.

“Save the Date!” - The **2012 California 4-H Camping Conference** will be held March 23 – 25th, 2012 at Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA. There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs. More details will follow in the next edition of Updates

2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference:

When: August 9 - 12, 2012

Where: University of California, San Diego

Theme: California Dreamin', California Leadin'

Mark your calendars!

Give A Demonstration At The Ironstone Concours! Give A Presentation At The Ironstone Concours!

The Ironstone Concours Foundation has requested 4-H members come to the 4-H Concours d'Elegance to perform presentations and show their displays between 10 am – 2 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books! The event will be held on **September 24th** at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

Admission and lunch is free for 4-H members giving presentations. Each participating **4-H member** will receive a free lunch ticket at the 4-H check-in tent. Siblings, parents, and other volunteers will be able to purchase lunch at different areas. No coolers, please (this is an Ironstone request). If you are bringing a display, large items for your demonstration, or large animal, please be set up & in place by **9:30 am**. Presentations will be held between 11 am – 2 pm. **One** parent or adult escort driver from each family will receive a free entry wristband at the 4-H check-in tent. Admission is \$20 per adult or \$35 per couple or a family (a family is considered 2 adults and 2 children); children under 14 admitted free. Discount coupons available online <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/index2.php>.

If your child is bringing a display, please bring a card table or appropriate set up as table space is not guaranteed and may be limited! You may also bring a chair. If you would like to give a presentation at the Concours, please fill out the form below and either drop by, fax or mail to the 4-H office by **September 9th**

Our address is:

4-H Office
5009 Fairgrounds Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338
Fax: 966-5321

4-H Member Name: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian Attending: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____

Phone Number: _____

() Demonstration () Display () Illustrated Talk () Other _____

Give approximate length of non-display presentation: _____ minutes

Are you bringing a live animal? If so, what? _____

Preferred time of presentation (must be between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm):

_____ (please note that schedule may change or you may be asked to give your presentation more than once). We cannot guarantee the exact starting time of your presentation, but will do our best to schedule you at your preferred time.

The Ironstone Foundation is requesting 4-H members to be in their county 4-H uniform. No shorts! Please wear your 4-H hat, white shirt, scarf or tie, and dark blue jeans.

Due into the office by September 9th!

MOST DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING NEW LEADER AWARD NOMINATIONS

At the end of each 4-H program year, two special volunteer leaders get selected for Most Dedicated Leader and Most Outstanding New Leader. These awards are given out at the annual Achievement Night. Please take a few minutes to nominate your favorite volunteer project leader. **Nominations are due into the UCCE Office by September 15th.**

Why do you think this volunteer leader should be considered for this award:

- Special things the project leader did with the project.
- Helpful attitude (helped with record books, PDR, assisted you with project).
- A friend that you could talk with.
- Knowledge of the subject matter and willingness to train.
- Enthusiasm, patience, and understanding.
- A commitment to the 4-H Youth Development Program and core values.

Please write in the space below why you are nominating this project leader.

LEADER'S NAME _____ **PROJECT** _____

YEARS IN 4-H _____ **CLUB** _____

MOST DEDICATED LEADER _____ **(MUST HAVE BEEN A VOLUNTEER LEADER FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS)**

OUTSTANDING NEW LEADER _____ **(MUST HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR OF LEADERSHIP)**

Use other side if needed.

University of California Cooperative Extension

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Articles or photographs for the 4-H Spirit are due into the UCCE Office by the **15th** of each month prior of next issue.

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State 4-H website:

www.ca4h.org

E-mail- dswice@ucdavis.edu

Donna Wice
4-H Coordinator



September Dates

Sept. 2-5	Mariposa Fair
5	Labor Day– Office Closed
9	Project leaders' rosters due to office
12	Lake Don Pedro Club meeting-6:30p
14	Catheys Valley Club meeting– 7p
15	Bootjack 49ers – 6:30p
	Triangle Club meeting– 6:30p
20	RECORD BOOKS DUE TO CCL by 5:00p.m.
24	Ironstone Concours d'Elegance
24/25	Tomato Fest
27	CCLs club rosters due to UCCE Office
	Gold Seal records due to UCCE Office
	Club scrapbooks due to office
	4-H Council meeting-6p
30	Record Book judging begins-also on Oct. 1

October Dates

	New 4-H Year Begins
1	Re-enrollment deadline by 5p
1	County Record Book Judging
2-8	National 4-H Week
10	Office Closed-Columbus Day
23	Achievement Night-
25	4-H Council meeting-6p
	November 1 is the new member enrollment deadline!

NEW MEMBER CLUB COMPETITION

MEMBERS AND LEADERS, DO YOU KNOW A YOUTH OR ADULT THAT WANTS TO JOIN 4-H OR LEAD A 4-H PROJECT? THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CLUB COMPETITION FOR NEW MEMBERS OR LEADERS. THE CLUB WITH THE MOST NEW MEMBERS WILL GET SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR CLUB. ENROLLMENT DEADLINES ARE OCTOBER 1 FOR RE-ENROLLING MEMBERS AND NOVEMBER 1 FOR NEW MEMBERS.

SO GET YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES, OR GRANDPARENTS TO JOIN 4-H TODAY! GET ENROLLMENT FORMS AT THE OFFICE OR ONLINE AT <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu>

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