



# 4-H Achievement Night

Mark your calendars for the annual 4-H Achievement Night slated for Sunday, October 23 with ceremonies beginning at 3p at the New Life Christian Fellowship Gym. The Achievement Night committee, Catheys Valley 4-H Club, is planning a great evening. The theme is “4-H Under the Big Top.” Clubs are asked to bring desserts to share with others and families to bring their own place settings & utensils. **All clubs help with clean-up.**

Clubs, don’t forget the Table Decorating Contest! Club tables can be set-up between the hours of 1:00-2:30p Tables must be finished by 3p.

Here is the criteria:

- ◆ No adults working on table-members only
- ◆ Only use current year 2010-11 achievements
- ◆ Incorporate theme of Achievement Night
- ◆ To be finished within 30 minutes before Achievement Night ceremony begins
- ◆ Limited to one table

Again there will be a great Silent Auction!! If you know of anyone that would like to donate something, drop by the office for a donation slip. Ask your friends and relatives to come and bid on the silent auction items and to watch the ceremony. Remember, this is a fundraiser for our 4-H Council!!

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## 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 present the workshops.

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

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**HAPPY FALL!**

## Animal Loans

4-H Council has animal loans available to help purchase your first animal. A member may receive a livestock loan one time only.

If you need monies for your first animal, applications for this loan will be available at the Mariposa UCCE Office October 13 and will be due into the office by November 15, 2011.

## New Leader Orientation

Scheduled for October 3 at 5:30p will be the new leader orientation. This training will be at the UCCE Office. If you are a new leader, please RSVP by September 29. The orientation takes approximately two hours.

All new leaders must attend this orientation, be fingerprinted, and be approved by the County Director before having any project meetings

## 4-H SUPPLIES

The UCCE Office has 4-H supplies. The cost for the various items are:

Scarf	\$13.00
Scarf kit	7.00
Hat	12.50
Tie	10.50
Chevron	1.50
Binder	4.00
Gate Sign	3.50

## Mariposa County 4-H Policies

- ◆ The 4-H club year in Mariposa is October 1-Sept. 30
- ◆ Members may transfer clubs only once during the program year
- ◆ Re-enrolled members must be enrolled in a project by October 1 and new members by November 1 for 2012 fairs. Can change or add projects by December 15.
- ◆ Each club must send the Community Club Leader and project leaders to the CCL /Project leader Workshops
- ◆ New leaders must attend an orientation, be fingerprinted and be approved by County Director before having project meetings
- ◆ Section 800 'Child Safety Policy' – all projects Must have two certified volunteer leaders or either one certified volunteer leader and a parent at each project meeting.
- ◆ There must be a minimum of six one hour meetings with a minimum of 10 hours of instruction for all projects during the program year
- ◆ Clubs must submit budget/planning & constitution/by-laws by November 15 to the UCCE Office for approval
- ◆ Clubs Community Club Leader must submit an All Reasonable Efforts form along with flyers, photos, etc. by September 30 to the office.
- ◆ Members must maintain 80% attendance requirement at club & project meetings, do a presentation in front of their project group by July 15 & have their project record form & PDR current to show at fair. Completed record books due to CCL at their September club meeting or required date.
- ◆ A member may visit another club only twice during the program year. The member must have the 'interclub slip' signed by visiting Community Club Leader and taken to own CCL to receive credit for that meeting
- ◆ Uniform to be worn at 4-H events and fairs is *Dark* blue jeans, white blouse/shirt with sleeves and tucked in, 4-H hat, scarf or tie. For competition, a belt matching the color of shoes is encouraged.
- ◆ If members decide to transfer from 4-H to either independent or FFA, they **MUST complete the "Livestock Project Transfer Form" & turn into the UCCE office 60 or more days before fair for all projects or 120 days for beef. This is a requirement to sell at 2012 fairs.**
- ◆ Copy of the CDFA Agreement between 4-H, FFA, Grange and Fairs available at the office.

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H offers many projects from livestock, science & technology, family & consumer sciences and plant science and more. We hope members from these projects will look into future careers. To help out, the 4-H Spirit will be sharing information about various careers.

## Aerial Applicator-

### A partner in agriculture

Aerial application plays an important part in today's agriculture aiding farmers in achieving high yield harvests and sustainability through crop protection.

There is a need of Aerial Applicators in California for there are only about 350 left with an average age of 58.

If interested in flying and want to make a difference in a career that is exciting, challenging, and rewarding, visit the NAAA website for more information and the 4-H Office has information for members to check out.

## FORESTRY

Imagine managing and conserving forests, being involved in environmental education, policy, research, business development, and computer technology. There are many ways a forester makes a difference and many of these professionals are not called "foresters." They have titles like forest pathologist, soil scientist, forestry consultant, recreation coordinator, forest supervisor, wood chemist, wilderness and trails specialist, wildlife biologist and habitat specialist, education specialist, and timberland investor. Foresters and natural resource professionals are everywhere -- enjoying the outdoors, working in a lab or classroom, using technology, talking with local communities and landowners, and speaking in public. The exciting profession of forestry means you have many career paths in natural resources.

Visit

<http://www.calforestfoundation.org/Students-And-Teachers/Students/Careers.htm>

## Park Ranger

Park Rangers perform a wide variety of duties in managing parks, historical sites, and recreational areas. Many wear a prescribed uniform.

Park Rangers supervise, manage and perform work in the conservation and use of resources in national parks and other federally-managed areas. Park Rangers carry out various tasks associated with forest or structural fire control; protection of property; gathering and dissemination of natural, historical, or scientific information; development of interpretive material for the natural, historical, or cultural features of an era; demonstration of folk art and crafts; enforcement of laws and regulations; investigation of violations, complaints, trespass/encroachment, and accidents; search and rescue; and management of historical, cultural, and natural resources, such as wildlife, forests, lake-shores, seashores, historic buildings, battlefields, archaeological properties, and recreation areas. They also operate campgrounds, including such tasks as assigning sites, replenishing firewood, performing safety inspections, providing information to visitors, and leading guided tours. Differences in the exact nature of duties depend on the grade of position, the site's size and specific needs.

## Wool Contest

The CA Make It With Wool Competition Date is November 5, in Hollister, San Benito County. This is a sewing competition to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns. State winners go to the National MIWW Competition in Scottsdale AZ. Anyone can enter. For more information and entry forms contact Robin Sando at [robin@sandofamily.com](mailto:robin@sandofamily.com)



Happy Halloween

## Leaders Save the Date!

On Saturday, November 5 at the McCay Hall in Catheys Valley there will be a dinner for all of our Mariposa 4-H project leaders to show our appreciation.

More information will be in the mail.

Mark your calendars.

## 4-H Projects Criteria

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In the next few months the 4-H Spirit will offer 4-H leader's criteria for their projects such as leaders names, meeting location, needs for project etc. to help members and parents get started.

**Besides the project criteria, all members must have 80% attendance at club and project meetings, must complete project record form and Personal Development Form (PDR) , and do a project presentation per project that member is in. These records are to be current and up-to-date by July 15 for fair purposes and then completed and turned in at the September club meeting or by the required date set by 4-H Staff.**

### County-Wide

#### Horse & Pony Project...

##### What's it all about?

**Leader:** Carol Suggs

You can expect to learn about sportsmanship, horsemanship, safety and basic horse handling skills and have fun!

This project does not teach any specific discipline of riding. It doesn't matter which style of riding that you do. Instead we focus on the fundamentals of horsemanship, safety and sportsmanship in all disciplines of riding.

When we are not riding we are learning about horse related subjects. We set goals at the beginning of the year and will work with you to achieve those goals.

Don't have a horse? That is ok. Many of our members lease or borrow horses. Although there is not a requirement to have a horse for this project there is some riding and horse handling skill requirements and you will need to speak to the leader to see if she has an appropriate horse for you to borrow for practice and for your skills testing.

Although we may only have 7 required meetings a year we offer upwards of 15 meetings a year for members. We also attend local horse shows and 4-H events and take field trips when possible.

Meetings without our horses are typically held at the 4-H office while meetings that involve riding or horse handling are held at Silver Valley Ranch, which is an approved 4-H facility with UC Davis.

Helmets and appropriate riding attire are always required when riding at a 4-H meeting or at a sanctioned 4-H event. Helmets to borrow are available at the 4-H office.

Besides normal county requirements for passing a project we have a few special requirements for our project. A level riding and written test is to be passed with an 80% scoring or better

along with at least 3 hours of volunteerism at an approved horse related event. First year members are to watch a safety video and a showmanship video.

### Cake Decorating

**Leader-**Karen Cutter

This project is county-wide and is for regular members only and limited to 12 members.

There will be 6 regular meetings and 2 to 3 elective meetings held either at the 4-H office or at the leader's home. Members will learn how to frost and border a cake, learn how to decorate cakes for various occasions. Members will be required to bring a cake and frosting to each meeting and also required to purchase 2 different cake pans, as well as some cake decorating supplies.

### Hi 4-H

**Leaders-**Beth Broomfield & Donna Wice

This project is for 7th-12th grade members and held the first Monday of each month at 4p at the 4-H Office.

Members do community service, have guest speakers, fundraisers, visit colleges, and go on end-of-year trip.

Requirements are members to participate 80% of Hi 4-H activities, fundraisers to attend the end-of-year trip.

## STATE 4-H NEWS

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- ◆ National 4-H Council has announced the annual **Youth in Action awards** opportunity. If you know of a 4-H youth between the ages of 14-19 who has made a significant impact in their community, consider nominating him or her today. A youth who is nominated will also need to apply for the award at <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/> by November 1, 2011. An application and more information is available at: <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/2011/>.
- ◆ “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.
- ◆ The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee announces categories and service projects for 2012! Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with \$100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. The \$15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the \$19.99 Challenge for 2012. It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don't count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to \$19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>
- ◆ The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults develop recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Canadian provinces.
- ◆ Applications are now available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>
- ◆ For more information please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu)
- ◆ Important dates to remember:
  - ◆ 2012 National 4-H Conference
  - ◆ March 24 – March 29, 2012
  - ◆ October 31, 2011 Applications due
  - ◆ November 14, Notifications out to applicants
  - ◆ December 10, Team Meeting State Office
  - ◆ February 11, Team Meeting State Office



## 4-H Projects As of 9/22

## PDR Corner

### For Regular Members- age 9 (by Dec. 31) & up-

Beef  
Guide Dogs/Service Animals  
Horses & Ponies  
Sheep (Catheys Valley)  
Goats- meat, dairy, pygmy  
Rabbit/Cavies  
Swine (Triangle)  
Poultry  
Archery  
Cake Decorating- **limit 12**  
Small Engines  
Scrapbooking- **Bootjack only**  
Leadership (grades 9 & up)  
Hiking  
Junior Master Gardeners (grades 2 & up)  
Self-Defense-**limit 12**  
Photography  
Hi 4-H- 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up  
Rocketry  
Theatre Arts  
Food & Nutrition  
Arts & Crafts-Catheys Valley member only

### For Primary members- ages 5-8 (must be 5 by Dec. 31)

Clover buds (Beginning 4-H)  
Photography  
Poultry  
Theatre Arts  
Rabbits/Cavies  
Rocketry  
Junior Master Gardeners (grades 2 & up)

### DON PEDRO RATTLERS-

#### Regular members

Rabbits/Cavies  
Food & Nutrition  
Archery  
Poultry  
Sewing

#### Primary members

Rabbit/Cavies  
Food & Nutrition  
Poultry  
Sewing

Goats  
Swine  
Woodworking

The 2010-11 year has ended and all record books should have been turned in to your Community Club Leaders. All record books should have been handed in to your CCL by September 20 to be eligible for county awards. **All records books must be turned in by September 30th to complete this project year and to receive your stripe and year pin and to be eligible for 2012 fairs.**

The new program year will begin October 1st and it is time once again to keep track of your 4-H activities. The easiest way to keep track is using a calendar. Place a calendar in your bedroom and every time you attend a 4-H activity, go to a project meeting, etc., write it down on your calendar and then transfer it over to your PDR as the year goes on. Don't wait to do your project record forms and PDR at the last minute. If you plan on trying to earn a county award, remember to use ink or type your forms.

**All Mariposa County project record forms are available on our county website-**

**[http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/](http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/)**



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*... to my club, my community,  
my country, and the world.*

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**All articles and/or photos must be into  
the office by the 15th of each month.**

**4-H Motto:  
"Make the Best Better"**

**We are on the Web!**  
**[http://  
cemariposa.ucdavis.edu](http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu)**  
**Or <http://ca4h.org>**

**Remember 4-H Achievement Night**  
**Sunday-October 23**  
**Time- 3p**  
**Location-New Life Christian**  
**Fellowship on Cole Rd. off of**  
**Darrah Rd.**

**October 2011**

- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 County Record book judging
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 3 Hi 4-H Meeting- 4:00p at office
- 10 Columbus Day- Office Closed
- Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H Club meeting-6:30p
- 12 Catheys Valley 4-H Club Meeting-7p
- 13 Bootjack 49ers 4-H Club Meeting-6:30p
- Triangle 4-H Club Meeting-6:30p
- 23 4-H Achievement Night-3:00p
- 25 4-H Council Meeting- 6:00p
- 31 Halloween- HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

**November 2011**

- 1 NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
- 5 4-H Leader's Dinner- McCay Hall
- 7 Hi 4-H meeting- 4:00p UCCE office
- 9 Catheys Valley 4-H Club meeting- 7p
- 10 Bootjack 49ers 4-H Club meeting- 6:30p
- Triangle 4-H Club Meeting-6:30p
- 11 Office closed-Veterans Day
- 14 Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H Club meeting- 6:30p
- 16 LCORT registrations & fees due
- 4-H Council meeting- 6p
- 24-25 Office closed-Thanksgiving

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